



## SCORCH invites proposals for Community Implementation Pilot Project Awards

Up to \$25,000 will be provided for community-based projects

**Due by Friday, October 25, 2024, 11:59PM MST**

*(Awards will be funded from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)*

The [Southwest Center for Resilience in Climate Change and Health \(SCORCH\)](#) is pleased to announce a call for proposals from community organizations to pilot projects implementing solutions that may mitigate the challenges posed by climate change and its impact on health in arid lands. Understanding and addressing health inequities experienced by under-resourced and underserved communities in arid lands in the US Southwest and abroad is critical to the SCORCH mission.

### **Objectives of the Community Pilot Project Award Initiative:**

- Support the development and implementation of strategies to mitigate the health impacts of climate change in arid regions.
- Promote equity, social justice, and community engagement in addressing climate change-related health challenges.

**Priority areas** for this funding include projects emphasizing a) capacity building activities such as workshops and trainings; b) growing community resilience to the health impacts of climate change; and c) implementation of place-based, community intervention activities to address health impacts of climate change. Proposal examples include but are not limited to the following:

- Integrating climate and health resilience into existing plans or needs assessments
- Developing materials (e.g., media campaign, video, toolkit) to address climate and health misinformation
- Implementing a community outreach and education campaign
- Training and education on climate and health impacts and action (e.g., training for healthcare providers)
- Implementing interventions with environment and health co-benefits

### **Eligibility:**

Eligible applicants include Arizona-based community or civic non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status, faith-based organizations, and public health and healthcare organizations.

### **Deliverables:**

If awarded, the project lead will:

- Present an overview of progress to date at a SCORCH forum in Spring 2025 with SCORCH investigators, community advisory board members, and internal advisory board members.
- Attend quarterly SCORCH led workshops tailored to the technical assistance needs of awardees.
- Submit a written final report detailing the project outcomes and impact, due January 31, 2026.

### **Awardee Reporting Requirements:**

Awardees through this call for proposals are subject to the National Institutes of Science (NIH) and the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health reporting guidelines.

### **Proposal Submission Process:**

See next section for guidance on submitting a proposal.



# COMMUNITY PILOT PROJECT AWARD SUBMISSION GUIDE

**Submission Deadline: Friday, October 25, 2024, 11:59PM MST**

## Application Components:

Proposals are submitted via an [online application](#) that replicates the fields listed below. It is recommended that applicants first complete the sections in this document from which responses can be copied and pasted into the [online application](#). Note that the timeline and budget sections are to be submitted using the provided Microsoft Excel spreadsheet template, uploading them to the online application. Please first access this XLSX document [here](#) before proceeding with the online proposal submission, accessed via this [link](#).

For any questions about the call for proposals or submission process, please contact Laura Schweers ([SCORCH-@arizona.edu](mailto:SCORCH-@arizona.edu); 520-621-6587).

To access the online application, click [here](#).

### A) PROJECT TITLE

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### B) APPLICANT

<b>1. Project Lead</b>	
Name	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
<b>2. Organization (Lead)</b>	
Name	
Address	
City/Town	
ZIP/Postal Code	
County	
Website	
<b>3. Other Key Project Team Member</b>	
Name	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
Organization (if different from lead)	
<b>4. Additional Funding</b>	
<i>Will this proposed project be supported by another funding source? If yes, please describe.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Funding Source Description	

**C) PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**1. Background and Context** (max 300 words)

*Describe your organization and its mission; provide a rationale for your proposed project based on your organization's mission, values, and capacity.*

**2. Significance** (max 300 words)

*Describe the topic your project proposes to address including how it aligns with the SCORCH mission and priority areas described in the call for proposals?*

**3. Outcomes/Results** (max 200 words)

*State the specific outcomes to be achieved by the project including short-term and long-term results.*

**4. Impact** (max 200 words)

*Describe how project outcomes/results will impact the communities served by this project?*

**5. Evaluation Plan** (max 300 words)

*Describe how you will evaluate the effectiveness of this project including the metrics that will be captured to demonstrate project success.*

**6. Implementation Plan** (max 300 words)

*Describe your teams' strategies, assets, knowledge, and experience that will be employed to implement the project.*

**7. Timeline** ([download and complete the XLSX template](#))

*Provide an itemized list of project milestones and deliverables. For each item indicate the anticipated completion date.*

**8. Budget Justification** ([Note: The Timeline and Budget Justification are combined into one XLSX document.](#))

*Provide a detailed budget outlining how the funds will be used, with justification for each expense. Note that the budget may not include faculty salaries; it may include salaries for non-faculty members.*

**9. Sustainability Plan** (max 200 words)

*Outline a plan for sustaining the project beyond the pilot phase and identify potential future funding sources. How will you leverage the project outcomes to build climate resilience?*

**10. Technical Assistance Request** (max 300 words)

*Describe any technical assistance that you would like to receive from the SCORCH team to support your proposals. Examples may include guidance on conducting a needs assessment, program evaluation, health literacy, data collection, data analysis or management, and evaluation.*

**Additional Information:**

**Evaluation Criteria:**

- Priority: Extent to which the proposal addresses a community priority concern(s).
- Impact: Potential for positive impact on community health and climate resilience.
- Feasibility: Feasibility of the implementation plan given the 12-month timeline and the level of funding requested.
- Sustainability: The potential for the project to be sustained and expanded upon, including identification of potential future funding.

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**Thank you for your interest! We look forward to receiving innovative proposals that will help build climate resilience and improve health outcomes in our communities.**