



Community Award Program- Frequently Asked Questions

What is the role of Morgan CARES as it relates to my Community Award Project?

The Morgan CARES Team will support partners with the following:

- Connecting to other potential partners
- Planning and delivering training sessions, workshops and other seminars
- Assisting with the coordination and logistics of project activities
- Assisting with scheduling and access to Community Center spaces
- Consulting with project teams to address conflicts and challenges that may arise

What is the role of a community lead?

Community Lead's determine the topic of focus by drawing upon their experience and expertise working in communities.

What is the role of an academic co-lead?

To support the Community Lead in developing a project to address the topic or problem of focus, by lending content expertise and familiarity with the research process and approaches.

Can a student be my Academic Co-Lead?

Yes, BUT undergraduate students and master's students MUST have a faculty advisor. Doctoral students on the other hand, can participate as an academic co-lead independently.

How do I find a partner if I do not have one?

- Complete the Partner Form and provide us with information related to your interests, skills, and project ideas. Based on this information, the Morgan CARES team will assist with connecting you to potential partners.
- The Morgan CARES Network will also be hosting a variety of learning opportunities and networking events, which can be an opportunity for you to connect with others with similar interests and complementary skills.
- Faculty research focuses and contact information are also available on the Morgan State web pages for various schools. We encourage you to reach out to potential partners, should you identify a potentially good fit.
 - School of Community Health & Policy
 - School of Education & Urban Studies
 - School of Architecture & Planning
 - School of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences
 - School of Social Work
 - College of Liberal Arts
 - School of Business & Management
 - School of Engineering
 - School of Global Journalism & Communication

How do I pick a project topic?

Projects should focus on a health issue being experienced by some focal group in a Baltimore City community. Engaging directly with community residents is a great place to start. Find out what their health experiences and challenges are, and think about what you and your partner might propose to



address them. Please also see the “Project Examples” Doc provided on the website under the “Community Award Program” section.

If awarded, who will own (and have access) to the data that my partner and I collect throughout the duration of the project?

You and your partner will determine who has access and how your data will be shared. Based upon the principles of community-based participatory research, community-driven projects highlight the importance of community input and involvement at each stage of the research process, including dissemination. It will be the responsibility of each project team to translate findings and disseminate them back to the focal community. This may include the data that was collected. In terms of reporting requirements, we do not request for access to any data that is collected throughout the duration of your project, rather we will ask for summaries of what was done, and the outcomes you produced.

What is the maximum amount available for this award?

\$2,000, however additional funding may be used to support the project so long as the activities funded by the Community Award are not already funded by other sources.

If I am awarded, how long do I have to complete my project?

One year after the date of acceptance.

Can I reapply for future award cycles?

Yes, however, projects that were funded previously should be altered or adapted in some way based upon the findings from the previous implementation. Essentially, you cannot propose the exact same project, if it has already been funded previously.

Do I have to have a partner before I can apply?

Yes. The proposal is meant to be co-developed by both partners.