

2021-2022 Vitalyst Grants Information FAQ

General Information:

- Recording: <https://youtu.be/rb7CwILZ300>
- WizeHive - if you have any questions, please email help@vitalysthealth.org
- Over the last 7 years, 50% of Systems Change grants have worked to change state level Policy (legislative) change. 25% have tackled local/regional policy change. 25% are in the relational space of systems change.
- The reflective questions provided on each section of the LOI on are the guiding questions that our reviewers use in their review process.
- While many of these projects touch all Elements of a Healthy Community, successful projects dig in to a connection between 2-3 Elements of a Healthy Community.
- Tribal Wheel: http://vitalysthealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/ITC195-Healthy-Tribal-Community-Brochure_PAGES-2.pdf

Q: Will the slides be shared with this group?

A: Slides & Recording: A pdf of the slides and recording uploaded to YouTube will be uploaded here: <http://vitalysthealth.org/grants/>

Q: How do you receive an invitation to apply for a Sparks Grant?

A: Spark Grants: additional details are available on the website here: <http://vitalysthealth.org/grants/spark-grants/>. The 2022 Spark Grant process will again be by invitation only. Invitations to apply for a Spark Grant will be sent by email no later than Friday, January 28th at 5pm AZ time. Invitations follow talking with a Vitalyst Director or as a recommendation through the Systems Change LOI process to make sure the proposed project is a fit for the Spark Grants. If you are interested and have not had a conversation, you may use this link to schedule one (<https://calendly.com/dmartinez3/vitalyst-grants-q-a>). Spark Grant proposals will be due March 25, 2022.

Q: Can we schedule a Sparks Grant meeting now for after 10/31?

A: Yes, Spark Grant conversations can be scheduled now to talk after 10/31. Spark grants - think of these as investing in the planning stage of systems change. There is a clearly defined problem within a system with key partners in agreement and ready to engage.

Q: Was the date for the Spark Grant submissions 03/2021 or 03/2022?

A: Spark Grant applications are due March 25, 2022. Invitations are sent by January 28, 2022.

Q: We would like to address systems change in the future but aren't quite there yet. Are there other grant resources you can recommend for any of us focused currently on community clinical programs for underserved Arizonans?

A: Spark Grants: If you are not quite at the systems change level, we also have Spark Grants that open in January by invitation each year. Please visit <http://vitalysthealth.org/grants/spark-grants/> to learn more.

Q: With regards to the Lead Organization, would a larger multi-state organization like the American Heart Association, American Lung Association who have offices in each state, etc, be considered an Arizona-based nonprofit?

A: National organizations with local offices/chapters are eligible to apply. All of the funding and work must occur in Arizona, but it is ok to have the national organization be the fiscal sponsor.

Q: Can an organization be on multiple applications as a non-lead?

A: An organization may be a NON-lead partner on multiple LOIs. An organization may NOT be the LEAD on more than one LOI.

Q: Would Vitalyst entertain a grant for a longitudinal study that would inform systems changes to help individuals avoid poverty?

A: Neither the Systems Change nor Spark Grants would fund research or longitudinal studies.

Q: Could you provide some examples of successful system change grantee projects?

A: Previous grantees brief overviews are provided towards the bottom of the www.vitalysthealth.org/grants webpage. Feeding Matters was awarded an Innovation grant in 2016 – which was a previous iteration of the current Systems Change grants. The grant project was to get pediatric feeding disorders recognized as a diagnosis. Prior to their work, the first diagnosis available was failure to thrive which is a serious condition for kiddos younger than 5. They succeed in this during the grant period. Their success continued to national convenings and advocacy that led to the CDC recognizing Pediatric Feeding Disorders and assigning a billing code in October 2020.

Q: Could a county community and workforce development department be a partner?

A: Partners can include: nonprofits, coalitions, for profits, government entities (state, county & local), faith based organizations, etc.

Q: What if it's the expansion of a small pilot project? Or does it have to be entirely new?

A: Systems Change projects are intended to tackle a structural change - policy or practice. It can be difficult

Q: What is the approximate number of Systems Change Grants that are awarded each year?

A: Systems Change grants - typically 3 grants are awarded each year. Spark Grants - typically we fund 10 proposals annually.

Q: Are orgs w/ 501 c4 status able to participate as a partner org along with a nonprofit?

A: 501c4 status is eligible to be a partner.

Q: Can funds be allocated towards paying for a lobbyist at the state level?

A: Funds may be used for a lobbyist as long as the hours are documented and tracked according to IRS and nonprofit standards.