REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
UK-CARES COMMUNITY GRANTS

Introduction

The mission of the University of Kentucky Center for Appalachian Research in Environmental Sciences (UK-CARES) is to enhance research capacity focused on the major environmental health impacts (e.g., air water, pesticides) that have been implicated in chronic diseases such as heart and lung disease, cancer, diabetes, and child health and early life exposures. UK-CARES supports community residents and organizations in Southeastern Kentucky communities to grow partnerships with UK faculty to engage in citizen science by exploring how nature, particularly air and water, affect health, and collaborate with UK scientists to take part in studies related to the prevention and treatment of environmentally-induced diseases.

Award Description

UK CARES is requesting applications from community partner organizations for funding ranging from $5,000 to $10,000 to support community-based environmental research projects. Up to five applications will be funded in 2019. Projects must be conducted in collaboration with at least one UK faculty member and must be implemented and completed between June 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020. Requests for funds may not exceed $10,000. Applications must address the award priorities described below.

Award Priorities

Award priorities are consistent with the mission of UK CARES to contribute to the science of the prevention and treatment of environmentally-induced diseases in the Big Sandy, Kentucky River, and Cumberland Valley Area Development Districts. Priority areas considered for funding include community-academic research projects that address:

- Access to the safe and quality river ways
- Air quality (e.g., fine particulates, quarry dust)
- Hazard and disaster planning
- Environmental indicators and impacts on heart and lung disease, cancer, diabetes, child health and early life exposures, and substance abuse
- Exposure to metals (soil, water)
- Radon exposure
- Environmental risk communication and health literacy
- Water quality (i.e., surface and/or tap testing)
- Youth engagement in citizen science

Key Dates

RFA Release Date: April 22, 2019
Applications due: May 20, 2019
Applicants Notified: June 3, 2019
Project Implementation Period: July 1, 2019

Who Should Apply?

Community organizations, local health departments, healthcare entities, non-profit agencies, and schools (K-12, community and technical colleges, and universities) located within the 21-county area: Big Sandy (Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties), Kentucky River (Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie

Letcher, Owsley, Perry and Wolfe counties) and Cumberland Valley (Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle and Whitley counties) Area Development Districts. Applicants must have at least one University of Kentucky faculty collaborator on the proposed project.

Funding Details
Successful applicants will receive up to $10,000 to cover a portion of personnel's salaries to complete the proposed project. The participant's organization must have 501c3 status or a designated lead fiscal agency (health agency or non-profit) to receive and manage the grant award. Grantees will be required to complete the following paperwork with UK-CARES:

1) Invoice on fiscal agent's letterhead for payment
2) W-9 Tax Form on behalf of the agency
3) Memorandum of agreement to fulfill project requirements as described below

Proposed costs should be commensurate with the work. Sufficient justification and detail should be provided to validate the costs.

Allowable Costs

- Funds are to be used for the conduct of the project.

- Successful applicants can receive up to $10,000 to cover a portion of personnel's salaries to complete the proposed project.

Project Requirements
Successful applicants agree to complete the project requirements as a condition of funding:
1) Develop and implement a project that contributes to environmental health science
2) Coordinate with at least one faculty investigator at the University of Kentucky
3) Provide a brief end-of-project progress report
4) Share the outcomes of the project at a statewide or national meeting (e.g., UK-CARES annual meeting; Center for Clinical and Translational Science poster session, Appalachian Research Day, Partnerships in Environmental Public Health annual meeting)

For questions regarding this funding opportunity, contact: Monica Mundy, MPH, Program Coordinator, UK-CARES Community Engagement Core.

Application instructions/link

https://redcap.uky.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=9KC9KMRJTE

Name of Grant Application and Checklist

Applicant Checklist:
- ☐ Completed Application
- ☐ Completed Budget Form
- ☐ Professional Resume or Biosketch
- ☐ Two Letters of Support
- ☐ Documentation of Proof of 501c3 Status

Application Instructions:
1. Please limit the application form to two pages. This does not include the attachments of a resume/Biosketch, support letters, or budget.
2. Use the checklist above to confirm that all materials have been completed.
3. **All applications** **must be received by** **May 20, 2019**
4. Please submit all materials electronically at the following link: https://redcap.uky.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=9KC9KMRJTE

For Questions and more information:
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Name:	_____	Title:	_____
Organization:	_____	Address:	_____
Email:	_____		_____
Phone (primary):	_____	Phone (secondary):	_____

Using the guide below, please provide a detailed description of a community-based environmental research project that you could develop and implement with the UK-CARES grant. Specifically include the following:

Title of Project:	
Target Population:	

Project Aims:	
Approach & Need for the Project:	

Evaluation Plan:	
Budget :	*Please describe how you would spend your grant award (up to $10,000) and complete the attached budget form provided as part of this application.*

6. Budget – Specify amount of funds requested for personnel salaries (and percent effort). Include total amount of in-kind contributions, if any.

Budget Categories	Justification	Requested Funds	In-Kind Contributions (include UK faculty time)	Total Funds for this category
Personnel Name and job title (percent effort on the project)				
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS (10% of total funding request or a maximum $250 in administrative fees for a total budget of $2,500).				
TOTALS				