SOURCE is proud to announce our 2021-2022 call for Baltimore Action Project proposals, offered exclusively to our SOURCE partnering community-based organizations in Baltimore City.

Baltimore Action Projects are a part of the Bloomberg American Health Initiative, an initiative sparked by a $300 million gift to the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to help reshape the national public health agenda. The Initiative specifically focuses on five critical challenges facing the United States:

- Addiction and Overdose
- Obesity and the Food System
- Violence
- Risks to Adolescent Health
- Environmental Challenges

Additionally, three public health themes crosscut these efforts: 1.) Equity, 2.) Evidence, and 3.) Policy Change. For more details about these areas, click here.

A Baltimore Action Project is a project identified by a SOURCE partnering CBO which directly connects to a Bloomberg American Health Initiative working group. Through the Initiative funding, a Hopkins graduate student will be hired and paid to work approximately 100 hours to complete the Baltimore Action Project in partnership with a CBO during the 2021-2022 academic year (September 2021 – May 2022).

Proposals for Baltimore Action Projects are currently requested from all five critical challenges and all three public health themes. All project proposals must be submitted via online form by Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

NOTE: The list of questions included in the online form for CBO project proposals is included at the end of this document is for informational purposes only. All project proposals must be submitted via the online form.

*Please review the guidance provided below from the various working groups. Each group has listed the types of projects that they are seeking to support.
Five Critical Challenges

Addiction and Overdose

Project proposals may include using evidence-based approaches to any of the following: harm-reduction (e.g., syringe services program scale up, drug checking), stigma reduction, supportive services (e.g., housing or social services for people in recovery), or treatment (e.g., linking patients to medication for addiction treatment or providing it directly).

Environmental Challenges

Project proposals may focus on climate change or designing healthy communities, including urban planning, transportation (including sidewalks, bike paths, public transit, parks and green space, healthy buildings, etc.).

Obesity and the Food System

Project proposals may include developing healthy food retail alternatives, role of transportation planning for food access, or working with school systems to improve food security and nutrition.

Risks to Adolescent Health

Project proposals may focus on efforts to promote youth voice and build community capacity to enhance youth physical and emotional health. We are particularly interested in proposals with potential to reduce youth disconnection from school and the workforce.

Violence

Project proposals can focus on policies or programs known or suspected to impact self-directed violence, community violence or sexual/interpersonal violence. Issues of equity and evidence in implementation of policies and programs will be especially prioritized. Policies and programs that impact more than one type of violence will also be prioritized.
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Three Cross-Cutting Public Health Themes

Equity

Equity is a cross-cutting area. Project proposals may support an equity project in the areas of needs assessment, stakeholder engagement, intervention development, implementation or evaluation. The project should connect to any of the 5 focus areas. It must include a specific emphasis on addressing disparities in health for one or more socially at-risk groups (e.g., ethnic minorities, persona living in poverty, social isolation or from disadvantaged communities, persons with non-normative gender or sexual orientation or having low health literacy).

Evidence

Evidence is a cross-cutting area. Project proposals may support a project focusing on the collection, analysis, and/or use of data related to at least one of the 5 focus areas. Projects that can inform decision-making about a service program are particularly encouraged.

Policy Change

Policy change is a cross-cutting area. Project proposals may support a policy project in the area of policy development, implementation, advocacy, etc. The policy project should connect to any of the 5 focus areas, and an also connect to the social determinants of health as they relate to the 5 focus areas. For example, an intern could look at school policy that relates to adolescent risk factors and health.

Important Update - Flexibility with Work Location

The University is making plans to return to campus in Fall 2021. However, we are not sure what the upcoming academic year will hold. In order to adapt to the potential for some continued remote work and courses, we are asking our community partners to note if their projects could be completed by students either fully remotely, hybrid (some in-person and some virtual), or fully in-person. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding. All JHU students will be required to be vaccinated, and masks and socially distancing will still be required. We anticipate that community engagement activities will return to in-person. However, we must be able to be flexible with work locations in order to meet both University and community partners’ guidelines.
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Process and Timeline

Due June 30
SOURCE has issued a call for project proposals from SOURCE partnering CBOs. Baltimore Action Project proposals must include: clear goals within a focus area, thorough description of student roles and responsibilities, and a dedicated CBO preceptor to mentor the student in completing the project.

Due July 2021
SOURCE will share submitted project proposals from CBOs with working groups, and working groups will review and select project(s) that they wish to support for the 2020-2021 academic year. Working groups may follow-up with CBOs for clarity on project proposals.

Due July 2021
Selected Baltimore Action Projects will move to the student recruitment phase. SOURCE will recruit students to support the project(s) through an application process.

Due August 2021
SOURCE and working groups will review student applications, and select top student applicants to move on to the interview round.

Due August/September 2021
Partner CBOs will interview and rank their top candidates for their Baltimore Action Project.

Due September 2021
SOURCE will confirm final student intern matches.

Due Sept. 2021 - May 2022
Students work on projects in partnership with CBOs and preceptors. SOURCE assists with student oversight, requirements tracking, and collecting final reports/deliverables.

Selected students will earn a $1,750 stipend, and the CBO will receive an additional $500 for support and/or resource needs for the Baltimore Action Project. A short contract and W-9 will need to be completed in order to process the $500 payment.

If you are interested in submitting a project proposal please fill out the online form by Wednesday, June 30. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact SOURCE at SOURCE@jhu.edu or (410) 955-3880.

Continue to the next page to preview all questions included in the CBO project proposal form.
PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM QUESTIONS

Contact Information

• Name/Title/Email/Phone
• Organization Name
• Organization Address
• Organization Website
• Organization Description

Project Proposal

• Project Title/Project Goal(s)/Project Description
• Which Bloomberg American Health Initiative working group does your project proposal support?
• How is this project related to that particular working group?
• How will this project benefit your organization and the Baltimore community?

Student Intern Expectations

• Primary Student Roles and Responsibilities
• Required Skills
• Preferred Skills
• Can this project be completed fully remotely, hybrid, or fully in-person (due to COVID-19 restrictions)? We are asking for flexibility with the work location.
• Is personal transportation required for any in-person work?