



Baltimore Action Projects



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SOURCE is proud to announce **our 2025-2026 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**
- **Adolescent Health**
- **Environmental Challenges**
- **Food Systems for Health**
- **Violence**

Additionally, **three public health themes** crosscut these efforts: **1) Equity, 2) Evidence, and 3) Policy**. **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 focus area. 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 2025-2026 academic year (September 2025 – May 2026).

Call for CBO Proposals - **Due Tues, June 17, 2025**

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 Tuesday, June 17, 2025.**

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.



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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).

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.

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.

Food Systems for Health

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.

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, persons 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

Policy 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 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 Note: Flexibility with Student Location

We are asking our community partners to note their preference for how students can work on their projects: fully in-person, or hybrid (some in-person and some virtual). Fully remote requests will need rationale for consideration. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding.



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Process and Timeline

**Due
June 17, 2025**

SOURCE issues 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. Opens in mid-May.

June 2025

SOURCE will share submitted project proposals from CBOs with the Initiative. Initiative leaders then review and select projects to move onto the student recruitment phase.

July 2025

SOURCE will recruit BSPH and JHSON students to support the project(s) through an application process.

August 2025

SOURCE and the Initiative will review student applications, and select top student applicants to move on to the interview round.

**August 18 -
Sept. 3**

Partner CBOs will interview and rank their top student candidates for their Baltimore Action Project.

Sept. 4, 2025

SOURCE will confirm final student intern matches.

**Sept. 2025 -
May 2026**

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 Tuesday, June 17**. 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.



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Project Proposal Form Questions

Contact Information

- Name/Title/Email/Phone - including primary and secondary preceptors
- Organization Name
- Organization Address
- Organization Website
- Organization Description

Project Proposal

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

Student Intern Expectations

- Primary Student Roles and Responsibilities
- Required Skills
- Preferred Skills
- Do you prefer for this project be completed fully in-person or hybrid? Please provide additional rationale for remote projects
- Is personal transportation required for any in-person work?

REMINDER

**This page is for informational purposes only.
All project proposals must be submitted online.**