

# Leveraging COVID-19 Relief Funding to Advance Sustainable Data-Sharing Policies for Improving Health, Equity and Well-Being

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# Agenda



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- II. LAPP Initiative: Leveraging COVID-19 Relief Funding to Advance Sustainable Data-Sharing Policies for Improving Health, Equity and Well-Being
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# Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH)



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# Our View of Multi-Sector Collaboration



# DASH Focus and Strategies



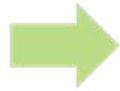
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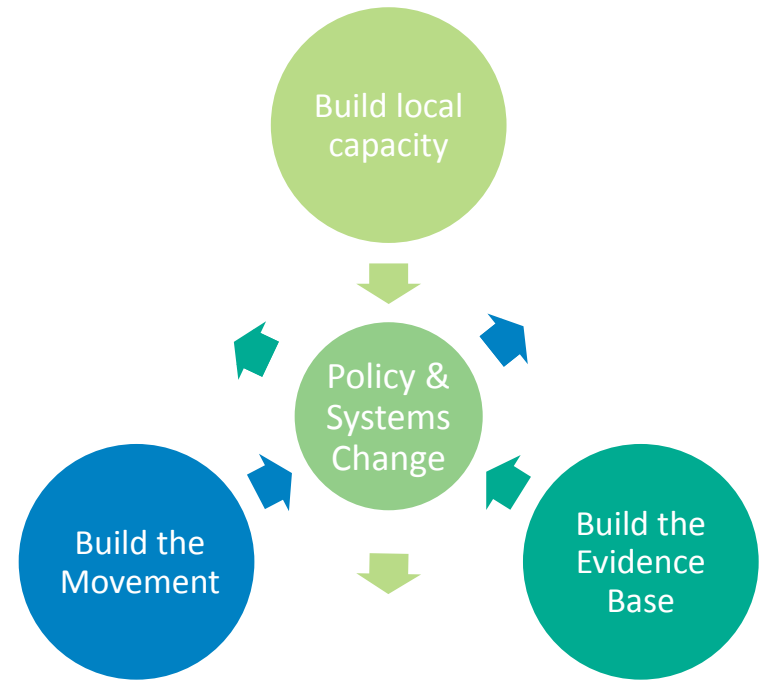
Multi-sector Partners



Collaborative Effort



Improved Capacity to Improve Community Health, Well-being and Equity



# Center for Health Care Strategies

Dedicated to strengthening the U.S. health care system to ensure better, more equitable outcomes, particularly for people served by Medicaid.

Together with our partners, our work advances:



**Effective models for prevention and care delivery** that harness the field's best thinking and practices to meet critical needs



**Efficient solutions for policies and programs** that extend the finite resources available to improve the delivery of vital services and ensure that payment is tied to value.



**Equitable outcomes for people** that improve the overall wellbeing of populations facing the greatest needs and health disparities.



# DASH Strategies in Action



- We support local collaborations to help align public health, health care, and social services to improve health, well-being, and equity
- We fund communities to build data-sharing capacity
- We support and monitor communities, collect stories and lessons, and disseminate widely
- We build relationships with and connect community leaders through the All In network
- We support learning cohorts among community practitioners with shared challenges and opportunities
- We hold national, subject-specific virtual and in-person meetings
- We network relentlessly and support other local and national initiatives



# All In: Data for Community Health



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## Current Partners:



BUILD  
Health  
Challenge



Data Across  
Sectors for  
Health



Network for  
Public Health  
Law



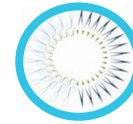
New Jersey  
Health  
Initiatives



Public Health  
National  
Center for  
Innovations



Population  
Health  
Innovation  
Lab



Pew Charitable  
Trusts  
Health Impact  
Project

Past Partners: Community Health Peer Learning Program, Connecting Communities and Care

# All In Learning Collaboration



Publications



Online Platform



Peer Site Visits



Webinars



National & Regional Meetings and Workshops



# LAPP Program: Current Context & Opportunity



COVID-19 relief funds provide an opportunity to accelerate investments into shared data systems that support communities to address health equity.

- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)

Need for support to navigate challenges in planning and implementing shared data systems.

- Nurturing shared vision and trust
- Engaging community members throughout the work
- Understanding the existing data ecosystem
- Overcoming technical challenges and navigating the vendor landscape
- Accessing data and negotiating legal agreements
- Attention to unequal power and data capacity across collaborations
- Implementing systems change

Action is often needed at the state level

- For instance, to adopt policy, establish standards, or align incentives)

# LAPP Program: Purpose



- This second phase of LAPP aims to support coordinated state or local or state government and community partnerships as they:
  - ✓ leverage COVID- 19 relief funds to advance policies for data-sharing and data-integration efforts,
  - ✓ improve a culture of health and advance equity, and
  - ✓ inform state policy development.

# DASH will support the cohort of awardees to:



Support community engagement state or local COVID-19 relief investment planning efforts.

Increase communities' capacity to collaborate across diverse actors for the deployment of COVID-19 funds to address racial inequities through shared data.

Identify roles and opportunities for state policy to promote sustainable data-sharing to improve health and equity.

Identify, develop, or advance new policies and practices that center equity and the voice of community members in cross-sector data-sharing and data-integration efforts to improve health and advance equity.

Learn from a community of peers' methods for addressing common data-sharing challenges.

Collectively learn from one another about what is needed to address a specific, equity-related priority through data-sharing and integration.

# Potential grant activities:



- DASH intends to make five awards of up to \$80,000 each for 7 months
  - January through July 2022
- Grantees may engage in the following types of activities\*
  - ✓ Map the state and/or community data ecosystem to identify data-sharing opportunities for health, equity and well-being initiatives.
  - ✓ Identify and/or advance policy opportunities to help cross-sector data-sharing efforts between/among health care, social services, and public health to improve health and advance equity.
  - ✓ Build capacity to engage community members beyond COVID-relief focused conversations in an ongoing, sustainable manner to inform and guide data-integration/data-sharing efforts.
  - ✓ Develop data use cases (e.g., your key multi-sector data projects or priorities for the year ahead).
  - ✓ Engage community members and other key stakeholders

# LAPP Eligibility Criteria



## Applicant organizations must be:

- Public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and must not be private foundations
- Based in the United States or its territories
- A member of the All In online community
  - Join Here! <https://community.allindata.org/home>

# LAPP Eligibility Criteria (cont'd)



## Applications must include a:

- Description of the process for decision-making about the use of local or state ARPA and/or CARES Act funding, and evidence that the applicant and/or their partners are engaged in that process.
- Clearly defined health equity goal that requires shared multi-sector data to achieve
- Description of how the lead applicant is engaged in collaborative efforts (e.g., among health care, public health, and a community-based social services sector partner) around an existing or planned data-sharing or data-integration effort to improve health, reduce health disparities, and promote health equity.
- Focus on building the capacity of community collaborations to access, use, and integrate multi-sector data to improve health, well-being, and equity outcomes.
- Specific community engagement process for involving persons with lived experience or community-based organizations.
- Letters of support from the local or state agency committing to participate in the LAPP grant-funded activities.



# DASH Selection Criteria



## **Current Activities**

- The applicant's description of how COVID-19 relief funding decisions are being made; description of their existing collaborative activities to promote health improvement and data sharing, existing partnerships including relationships between community collaborations and local or state government clearly defined; and experience with multi-sector data sharing.

## **Proposed Approach**

- The applicant's proposed work under the LAPP initiative (i.e., expressed motivation for engaging in this work; articulation of the outcomes and implementation strategies that will advance the efforts to leverage COVID- 19 relief funds towards data-sharing and/or data integration efforts; and a clear rationale for the proposed work).

## **Leadership and Partnership Commitment**

- The strength of the applicant's demonstrated leadership and partner commitment (i.e., the proposal should demonstrate a high degree of commitment and engagement by the applicant's leadership and other key stakeholders/project partners — as well as how community members will be meaningfully incorporated in shared decision-making throughout the design and implementation of project activities).

# DASH Selection Criteria (cont'd)



## **Role of Multisector Data Sharing**

- The applicant's demonstrated understanding of how they would leverage the LAPP program award to advance data-sharing or data-integration policies and activities as part of COVID-19 relief-funded efforts. (i.e., a clear description of the role of data sharing in its project goals, objectives, and strategies).

## **Organizational Capacity**

- The capacity of the project team to implement the proposed strategies and participate in project activities (i.e., experience, proposed roles, and allocations of project staff and partners; and their ability to complete project activities within the seven-month award period).

## **Budget and Project Timeline**

- The feasibility of achieving project aims within the estimated timeline and budget (i.e., whether the proposal includes a reasonable timeline for completing proposed project activities; and appropriateness of the proposed use of funds).

# LAPP Program Support



## DASH and CHCS will offer awardees:

- Access to **financial support** (\$80,000 grants to five sites for seven months)
- A **learning community** for awarded sites to facilitate peer exchange on planning, coordination, and community engagement around COVID-19 relief fund planning and investments.
- **Technical assistance** to support:
  - effective community engagement practices that inform decision-making; and
  - decision-making on strategic investment of COVID-19 relief funds
- **Project management support** for sites (e.g., developing action plans; tracking milestones, etc.).
- **Resources** to share and leverage including relevant articles, materials, tools, and learnings through the *All In* network.
- Inclusion in DASH and **CHCS research, evaluation, and dissemination activities**, including sharing information on projects on DASH websites, in DASH publications, and in other dissemination and learning strategies.

# Awardee Expectations



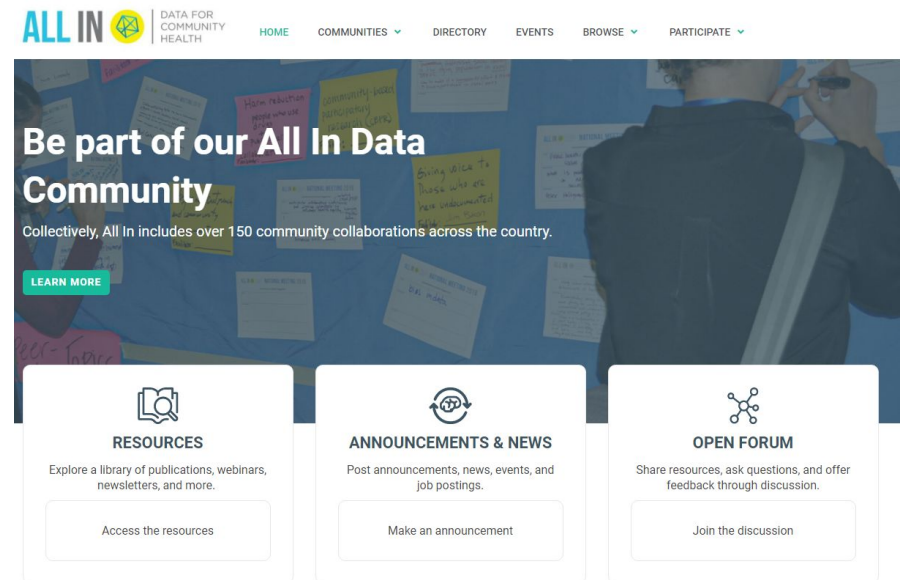
## **Awardees will be expected to:**

- Create or update their profile on the *All In* online community platform upon start of the award, complete the *All In* Capacity Assessment, and participate on the platform related to their funded project
- Participate in short recurring check-in calls with the DASH team. .
- Share their learnings and work with peers either during or after the award through online webinars and/or in a sharable format
- Host an in-person or virtual meeting with DASH program office staff.
- Submit a concluding report, documenting lessons learned and challenges overcome or not overcome that others could benefit from.
- Participate in an exit interview to discuss their successes and challenges

# How to Join *All In* Community



- Individual stakeholders register and create profiles at [community.allindata.org](https://community.allindata.org) (Be sure that everyone in your group enters the same “collaborative/project name”)
- The project will receive a questionnaire to fill out details for the Project group snapshot
- Members will complete the Capacity Assessment



# How to Apply!



Link to the RWJF Online Application System is on the LAPP Homepage.

<https://dashconnect.org/lapp/>

## Application Requirements

Key Contacts

Applicant Organization

Project Summary

Eligibility Criteria

Project Information Questions

Budget Worksheet and Budget Questions

Support Documents (CV, Letters of Support, Financial statement, Work Plan, Optional documents)

# LAPP Awards



- Up to 5 awardees
- Up to \$80,000 per award
- 7-month project duration

## Timeline



# Eight Tips for a Successful Application Submission



1. Carefully note the deadline date, time and *time zone*:  
**November 12, 2021, 3:30 pm Eastern Time**
2. When experiencing difficulty with the online application system, which may result in missing the deadline, applicants should contact [info@dashconnect.org](mailto:info@dashconnect.org) *immediately* and include “LAPP Program” in the subject line.
3. Complete your application online instead of offline.
4. Submit your application in advance of the deadline



# Eight Tips for a Successful Application Submission



5. Don't create a duplicate application to replace one you started but can't find.
6. As you enter information in the online application system, use the “Save” button often. When completed, use the “Save, section finished” button located at the bottom of the screen (you will still be able to edit until you submit).
7. Remember to press the “Submit” button when you've completed your application.
8. Have a backup person lined up in advance to step in for you in the event of an emergency.

# Questions?



Please submit questions via email: [info@dashconnect.org](mailto:info@dashconnect.org)

An FAQ will be developed and posted online at:  
[https://dashconnect.org/lapp/.](https://dashconnect.org/lapp/)

# Contact Us



Questions and inquiries about the LAPP program can be sent to [info@dashconnect.org](mailto:info@dashconnect.org) with the subject “LAPP Program.”

Applicant Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) will be posted on [www.dashconnect.org/lapp](http://www.dashconnect.org/lapp)

DASH does not guarantee answers to questions asked after November 1, 2021.

Apply online using the [RWJF Online Application System](#)

