



Health Forward
FOUNDATION

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CONSULTATION SERVICES



REQUEST OVERVIEW

This request for qualifications will help Health Forward identify potential partners that can provide consultation services to develop policy briefs, white papers, research, and impact assessments to support the work of the foundation to realize its purpose.

HEALTH FORWARD FOUNDATION'S PURPOSE STATEMENT

Every day we work to support and build inclusive, powerful, and healthy communities characterized by racial equity and economically just systems. Healthy people need healthy communities.

ABOUT HEALTH FORWARD FOUNDATION

Health Forward's service area encompasses Kansas City, Missouri, and Jackson, Cass, and Lafayette counties in Missouri, and Johnson, Wyandotte, and Allen counties in Kansas.

Health Forward is committed to the process and the outcome of equity, inclusion, and anti-racism in its investments in services and systems change, employment practices, talent management, investments, vendor selection, and governance. Health Forward views equity as a fundamental element of social justice and integral in our purpose and to our mission.

To guide Health Forward in its work, and to help its partners better understand its priorities, the foundation is focusing its work within four purpose areas: People, Power, Place, and Platform. Learn more about these purpose areas [on our website](#).

BACKGROUND

As Health Forward's work develops, the foundation is seeking to deepen its understanding about, and share learning with, our partners and communities around these issues of focus:

- Rural and urban housing
- Models that build and foster pathways into the health sciences for Black and Latino students



**OUR
PURPOSE**

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- Health implications from, and potential solutions for, the digital divide
- Policy analysis around community health work
- Current state of health for Black, Latino, and rural communities
- Additional policy briefs that inform our policy efforts across our purpose areas

The geographic scope for this work includes Health Forward's service area: Allen, Johnson, and Wyandotte counties in Kansas; Cass, Jackson, and Lafayette counties in Missouri; and Kansas City, Missouri (including portions of Clay and Platte counties).

CONSULTANT CAPACITIES AND ACTIVITIES

We are seeking more information from consultants with one or more of the following capacities and experiences:

- Experience with investigating critical priorities, emerging practices, and policy efforts that centers economic justice and racial equity
- Research and data analysis related to our purpose areas
- Experience in policy analysis of local and state policies that impact civic engagement, housing, economic stability and growth, equity-centered innovation across the health ecosystem, whole-person care, and food is medicine
- Partnering with the public, nonprofit, and philanthropic sector
- Conducting state and local landscape analyses to increase our understanding of complex issues such as housing and economic well-being
- Assessing philanthropic investment tools from a broad perspective to include not only grantmaking but also purpose driven investing, communications, and policy
- Providing recommendations for strategic implementation of solutions that address barriers to (and leverage community assets) racial justice and economically just systems
- Conducting feasibility studies on potential philanthropic innovations

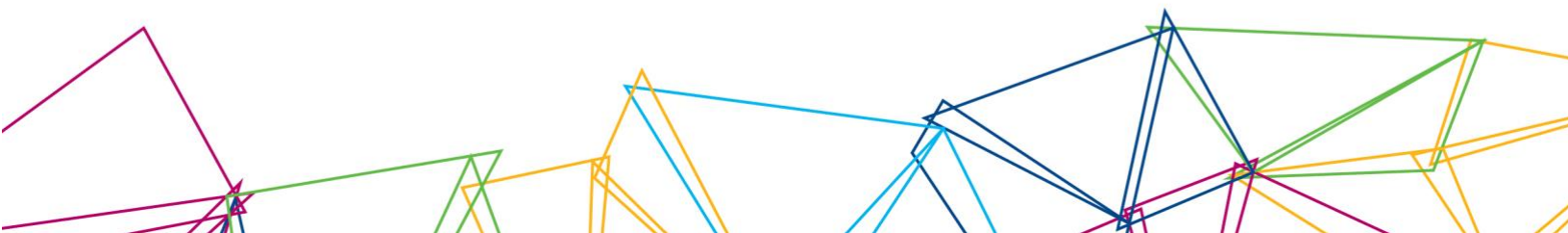


RESPONDING TO THIS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Interested parties should forward the following information to jmoss@healthforward.org:

1. A cover letter (not to exceed four pages) describing your areas of expertise, prior experience relevant to the work described in this request for qualification, and approach to the scope of work.
2. Resumes or CV of key staff
3. Demographic information on leadership and key staff
4. At least two references from similar projects
5. Relevant samples of your work
6. Examples of your commitment to equity, inclusion, and anti-racism.

Information will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. As much of our work is still in the emergent phase, we will keep your information on file and share RFPs for learning and research related work. Black and Latino led consultancies are highly recommended to apply.





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