



# Hancock Health Improvement Partnership

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## **2021 REACH & HHIP Mini-grant Initiative with Faith-Based Organizations to Increase COVID-19 and Influenza Coverage in Hancock County**

**October 1, 2021 – January 15, 2022**

Hancock Health Improvement Partnership (HHIP) was formed in 2017 with the mission of working together to become the "Healthiest County in Georgia." The Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) program was introduced to Hancock County in 2018. REACH is a national program administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities.

REACH works with HHIP to implement strategies and activities to reduce health disparities among the County's African American population.

Hancock County has been significantly impacted by COVID-19. In late May 2020, this County was identified as the "latest COVID-19 hotspot in Georgia" in state and national media. With 54 COVID-19 deaths reported as of February 23, 2021, Hancock County had the highest COVID-19 death rate of all 159 counties at 69 deaths per 100,000 population.

REACH received a supplement to focus work on COVID-19 vaccine awareness, access and confidence activities as well as flu vaccine activities tailored to racial and ethnic minority groups experiencing disparities, through the 2021-2022 flu season.

REACH recognizes how important churches are to the fabric of this community and invites their participation in this vital health initiative. We welcome applications that offer collaboration between churches or between churches and community-based groups.

Given the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertainty around planning for in-person events soon, organizations applying for mini grants are encouraged to consider this in their proposed projects.

### **Funding Amounts:**

The total amount budgeted for the mini-grant initiative is \$15,000. The maximum amount awarded per mini grant will be \$1,500. Ten churches will be selected to participate, based on the applications.

### **Eligibility:**

The mini-grant initiative is open to predominantly African American churches in Hancock County. Only one application will be accepted per church. To be eligible for funding, churches must agree to the brief terms and conditions outlined to address vaccination education and uptake.

### **How to Apply:**



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Completed applications should be submitted to Tamaya Browder, REACH, in-person at the HHIP/REACH office at 365 Spring Street, Suite B, Sparta; by mail: REACH, P.O. Box 700, Sparta, GA 31087; or by email [HancockHIP@gmail.com](mailto:HancockHIP@gmail.com) no later than 3PM on September 22, 2021.

### Timeline

Application distribution	September 6, 2021
Application due date (by 3PM)	September 22, 2021
Tentative award notification	September 30, 2021
Grant Project Period	October 1, 2021 – January 15, 2022
Final Project Report Due	January 30, 2022

### Application Review Process:

(Proposed) The grant application review team including HHIP executive committee members and staff will evaluate the mini-grant applications and will make funding recommendations. The grant application review team will consider these questions in their evaluation:

- Is the application complete?
- Does the application provide a compelling statement that reflects purpose and passion?
- Does the application describe three potential ideas for vaccination education and uptake?
- Does the application clearly describe the COVID-19 church/community event?
- Does the project include collaboration between more than one church? (Not required but encouraged.)

### Mini-Grantee Requirements:

Organizations receiving mini grants will be required to:

- Actively participate in the REACH faith-based workgroup.
- Hold one COVID-19 event (education, awareness, vaccination).
- Provide verbal updates on progress at grantee meetings.
- Join the Hancock Health Improvement Partnership coalition.
- Submit final report.

### Questions:

If you have questions, please contact: Tamaya Browder, Community Outreach Specialist

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