



Somerville Health Foundation



The Somerville Health Foundation (SHF) was established on June 26, 1996 in the Affiliation Agreement executed by Somerville Hospital and the Cambridge Hospital when those hospitals merged. Under the terms of the Agreement, Somerville Hospital incorporated a new nonprofit corporation known as the Somerville Health Foundation, Inc. Somerville resident Margaret Hutchinson left the endowment that has funded the Foundation.

The SHF has two main purposes. It is the Foundation's goal to provide financial resources for projects or activities which will enable it to fulfill these purposes:

- to promote and support the provision of primary care and preventive health services accessible to the residents of the City of Somerville, Massachusetts
- to promote and support educational, research and outreach programs that will improve the delivery and accessibility of primary care and preventive health services to the residents of the City of Somerville, Massachusetts.

SHF PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2021-2022 FUNDING

The Foundation invites proposals for projects that relate to its major purposes as stated above. The current priorities for funding support are programs/projects **with a prime emphasis on root causes of disease, health equity and/or health disparities, systemic racism and serving vulnerable populations across all ages among Somerville residents.** Projects that also address the following preventative health priorities will receive extra consideration.

1. Protective factors to reduce substance use disorder and/or decrease violence;
2. Mental and emotional health promotion and/or stress prevention;
3. Physical activity and food/nutrition programming, infrastructure and/or policy work related to obesity prevention and reduction of diabetes and/or cardiovascular disease;
4. Chronic disease prevention and disability prevention, based on Somerville health outcomes indicating respiratory disease (asthma and COPD), digestive diseases, cancer, living with a disability, and dental health factors impacting the health of residents;
5. Impacts of Covid-19, health access/health literacy, vaccine access.

For data to inform proposals, explore the most recent [Somerville Community Data Profile](#). Projects that align with multiple priorities and/or issues raised in the [Wellbeing of Somerville 2017 Report](#) are strongly encouraged. Collaborative approaches will receive priority consideration. Awards limited to less than \$5K.

12pm August 13th, 2021 deadline

Request for Proposals (RFP) Guidelines available [here](#) and at:

<https://www.challiance.org/community-health/health-improvement-team>

For more information or to discuss potential proposals, contact:

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