



## Award

### Community Partnership Award

## Description

The Community Partnership Award is designed to honor and celebrate exemplary collaborations between Title V entities and community-based organizations. Partnerships provide the maternal and child health workforce with data to identify community needs and the perspectives necessary to promote health service utilization through community-rooted solutions. This award uplifts the importance of sustainable and outcome-focused partnerships in promoting the dignity and overall well-being of communities.

## Criteria for Recognition

1. **Innovative Collaboration:** Recognizing partnerships that demonstrate creativity and innovation in addressing public health challenges. This includes the development of novel programs, initiatives, or interventions that have a measurable and positive impact on community health outcomes.
2. **Equitable Community Engagement:** Acknowledging efforts that actively involve and uplift community members in the decision-making process. Successful partnerships should demonstrate a commitment to inclusivity, cultural sensitivity, and responsiveness to the unique needs of diverse populations.
3. **Effective Resource Utilization:** Highlighting collaborations that recognize barriers to sustainable implementation by optimizing the effective and equitable use of available resources, including financial, human, and technological resources.
4. **Measurable Impact:** Celebrating partnerships that have a proven, tangible impact on short or long-term public health indicators. This may include improvements in health outcomes, increased community awareness, or the successful implementation of preventive measures.
5. **Sustainability and Long-Term Commitment:** Recognizing partnerships that exhibit a commitment to long-term success and sustainability. The award aims to recognize long-term projects that foster enduring relationships for lasting, positive change.

## Nomination and Selection Process

Nominations for the Community Partnership Award are open to governmental public health agencies and community-based organizations. Please note that the application must include representation from **both** the governmental agency and the community-based organization.

The nomination narrative should include the following information:

- The community partner(s) involved in the partnership – please include the name of the organization(s) involved, along with the individuals who were engaged in the partnership.
- The government agency involved in the partnership – please include the government agencies involved, along with the individuals who were engaged in the partnership.
- The purpose of the partnership – please detail the goals of the partnership and information that indicates progress towards achieving these goals.
- How the partnership connects to the Title V ecosystem – the narrative should explicitly state how the partnership is connected to Title V. This may include the use of Title V funding, the relationship between the partnership and Title V performance measures, etc.
- The history of the partnership and existing plans to develop/expand the partnership

- How the partnership advances health equity – please include information/data that demonstrates how the partnership promotes the health of marginalized groups and addresses health disparities.
- How the partnership has benefitted the service population – the application should include information that demonstrates the impact of the partnership on the population/community that it seeks to serve.

Supporting materials should include letters of support from organizations and individuals involved in the partnership.

Applications will be evaluated through a two-phase process beginning with a review of the submitted narrative. Applications will be evaluated based on the degree to which the partnership demonstrates principles of strong community engagement and the health equity impact of the partnership. This includes how practice collaborators/partners are involved in decision making throughout the partnership stages (e.g., project development, implementation, quality improvement, etc.). Information demonstrating the impact of the partnership on health equity can include improvements in measured health outcomes and behaviors among population(s) served, perceptions of the partnership from the perspective of community partners and/or population(s) served, etc. Those who progress past this initial stage will be asked to participate in a subsequent call with AMCHP staff.

### **Special Travel Funding**

If selected, the Title V entity and community-based organization will receive full conference registration of their choosing (in-person or virtual). If a representative of the community-based organization would like to attend the conference in person, reimbursement of up to \$1,800 will be provided for airfare and meals to attend the AMCHP Annual Conference. In addition, AMCHP will provide up to two nights of lodging. Other reasonable accommodations can be provided upon request.

### **Prior Awardees**

2024 The SBX Fatherhood Program | Organizations: Sigma Beta Xi Inc. Youth and Family Services and the Perinatal Equity Initiative, Riverside University Health Systems – Public Health.