



## Morgridge Center for Public Service

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

### Community-Based Research Grant Proposal Overview 2026-27

The Morgridge Center for Public Service is pleased to offer a funding opportunity to advance the high-impact practice of community-based research at UW-Madison. This grant provides up to \$5,000 to a faculty member, staff member, or graduate student to design and implement a new community-based research (CBR) project, add a CBR component to an existing project, or, in limited circumstances, continue an ongoing CBR project.

This grant is intended to support projects in any discipline and at all levels that engage with community organizations, public sector entities, or grassroots groups. Proposals are required to detail how the CBR project will meet community-identified priorities.

Proposals should:

- Address a community-identified priority and/or question (ideally, this should come from one or more community partners independently or in collaboration with a UW-Madison partner)
- Demonstrate clear value for all community partners
- Demonstrate clear community collaboration at all stages of the research process, based on community capacity and interest
- Demonstrate a plan to build community capacity and sustained, positive impact on community priorities
- Demonstrate a plan to contribute to social change and justice

CBR projects can be funded at any stage of development. This funding can be used to develop a CBR project, support implementation of a project, or, in limited cases, provide bridge funding for an existing project. This funding cannot be used for faculty member salary, but may pay staff members, undergraduate and graduate student employees, or community partners, in addition to project supplies. Proposals that use a portion of funding for community partner expenses will be given extra weight.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible for funding, proposed projects must align with Morgridge Center [Guidelines for Community-Based Research](#). Funding may be requested by faculty, staff, and/or graduate students. All proposals must include a specific, named community partner.

#### **Application Fields**

##### **Research Team Information**

- Project lead name
- Project lead department/unit

- Project lead title
- Project lead email address
- Project lead cell phone number
- Other university members of the research team (name, title, department, email)
- Community partner(s) name
- Community partner(s) location
- Other community members of the research team (name, title, organization, email)

### **Project Information**

- Project title
- Geographic location(s)
- The proposed project
  - Is new
  - Adds a CBR component to an existing project
  - Sustains an ongoing CBR project

### **Financial Information**

- Financial administrator name
- Financial administrator email
- Funding string to be used for the transfer of funds

### **Project Overview**

- Provide a description/abstract of the proposed project.

### **Project Rationale**

- Provide a rationale for the project: why do you believe the project is needed on campus and in the community?

### **Partnership**

Please share about the following aspects of your partnership:

- What community partners will the research team be working with? What roles will community members have in the project?
- Describe the research team's relationship with the project's community partner(s) and how the team will create and sustain equitable partnerships.

### **Project Details and Evaluation**

- What are the project's goals? Please include all key objectives for the project (the goals and purposes of the project), including all community outcomes (products of the project and evidence that some progress on goals was made).
- How will the research team evaluate whether the project's objectives and outcomes are met?

### **Impacts and Dissemination**

- What are the anticipated community impacts of the project? Please include information about how this project may contribute to building community capacity and working towards social change, and how the research team will know progress is being made towards those goals.
- How will the findings/outcomes be shared with both the non-academic community and the academic community?

### **Project Sustainability**

- How will project relationships, activities, and impacts be sustained beyond the use of grant funds?

### **Other Information**

- Is there anything else you'd like to share about your project? (Optional)
- Please attach any other necessary additional information or files. (Optional)

### **Budget**

Provide summary budget information below. You may also attach a more detailed budget and/or budget narrative if you wish.

**Maximum Funding Available = \$5,000**

#### **Budget Categories:**

1. Staff members (list hourly rate and hours for each category):
    - Undergraduate students \$ \_\_\_\_\_
    - Graduate students \$ \_\_\_\_\_
    - Community members \$ \_\_\_\_\_
    - UW staff \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Supplies and equipment (please itemize): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Miscellaneous other (please itemize): \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Community-based Research Grant Request:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_