Healthy Neighborhood Initiative
Apply to be our next focus neighborhood!

Applications due by March 1st

The Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative is designed to assist neighborhoods in Yellowstone County to develop a sense of place and identity while also connecting residents to daily needs such as healthy foods, safe parks and sidewalks, schools, jobs, and opportunities for social connections. Applying for the Healthy Neighborhood project means you’d like to partner with us in creating a plan to reach your neighborhood goals!

Overview
By participating in the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative, our Coalition will support you and your partners in:

- Identifying and prioritizing unique health issues and solutions
- Creating a healthy neighborhood plan that outlines what your neighborhood wants to focus on and how you want to act
- Recognizing opportunities for creative and proven community-based initiatives that create long term, positive change. Examples include using public art or welcoming signage to promote safety and calm traffic.
- A toolkit of resources and evaluation tools to help your neighborhood implement your unique plan.

We will also provide your neighborhood with up to $2,000 to support planning meetings and small pilot projects as appropriate.

Project Timeline

Spring 2021
Neighborhood Selected

April 2021
Planning Kick Off Meeting and Partnership Mapping

May 2021
Neighborhood Assessment Begins

Summer 2021
Resident Engagement and Prioritization

Fall 2021
Plan Review and Adoption
Our Role:
- Facilitate neighborhood stakeholder participation throughout the planning process
- Develop a neighborhood profile, which would include health needs, such as:
  - Healthy infrastructure including walkability, safe routes to schools, food access, housing quality, parks, employment, childcare access, etc.
  - Demographic information such as race/ethnicity, age, gender, income, families living in poverty, employment, education, and more.
  - Other information as available and requested that supports making the healthy choice, the easy choice in your neighborhood
- Help neighborhood identify priorities
- Assist in developing partnerships
- Create a healthy neighborhood plan and a toolkit of resources and evaluation tools
- Identify and assist in the acquisition of funding

Your Role:
- Participate in monthly planning meetings through December 2021
- Engage and recruit neighborhood stakeholders in planning meetings
- Maintain relationships with partners
- Implement relevant resources and evaluation tools from the toolkit
- Provide regular updates to the Healthy By Design Coalition

Examples of Potential Priorities and Action Steps:
- Neighborhood Pride: neighborhood branding/signage, public art, sidewalk poetry, and other placemaking activities
- Physical Activity: walkable/bikeable routes, safer routes to schools
- Food Access: community garden, grocery retailers, farmer’s market

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