



Building Connections that Count in Buffalo County

Building Community Connection Questions to Begin Community Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the work that you are lifting up for more community partners to learn about, define the need and resources available. • Who are you partnering with? Who is missing from the table? • What expertise is needed to support this work? What expertise is available to be shared with others? • How will success be measured? • What support are you looking for Buffalo County Community Partners or other community partners to provide? 															
Community Decision Making Factors:				Weighted Decision Criteria									Estimated Rating		
				Challenging				Neutral			Strong				
				0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10
1. Fit with collaborative shared vision. https://bcchp.org/2030vision/				Not aligned				Marginal alignment			Aligns with shared agenda				
2. Fit with collaborative impact statements/shared measurement and/or Backbone Strategic Plan .				No alignment, low priority and low impact				Moderate alignment; related to priority and moderate impact			High alignment: major priority and high impact				
3. Need is clearly documented as a community gap. Listed as a priority in the Community Playbook.				anecdotal, qualitative information				Some data to document need, qualitative			Prioritized in the Community Playbook, presented at Collaborative meetings				



4. Knowledge and use of data to inform the work through community wide health assessments, NE SHARP survey. bcchp.org/assessments	Does not apply or new data needs to be collected	Some data supports need	Data collected supports the work and targets will require updated NE SHARP surveys	
5. Organizational or partner experience and credentials	No experienced in area, no development funding	Some experience in area, related credentials	Extensive experience, exceptional credentials or development funder available	
6. Stakeholder engagement, project will bring in new partners that have typically not been involved in decision making.	Limited identified partners or collaborative agreements	Potential partners or new collaborators identified	Longstanding relationships with partners and collaborators, evidence of new partners, willingness to invite others	
7. Lived experience in co-design and making program decisions	No lived experience, yet looking at training and development	Minimal training and development of co-design	Experience in co-designs with success, potential to create capacity for the community	
8. Aligns to Evidence Based Prevention (EBP) Strategies / Is Evidence based or promising practice / Innovative Design	No Prevention Strategy or Innovative design identified	Prevention strategy identified or innovative design	Evidence Based Prevention (EBP) strategy or innovative design identified	
9. Partnership / Investment will change – behaviors, attitude (RBA Model)	How Much Has Been Done	How Well Are We Doing It	Is Anyone Better Off	
10. Sustainability / Sustained Outcome	Does not generate revenue, no future funding identified	Future sources of funding identified to cover some program cost?	Future sources of funds identified to cover all program cost? Multiyear support or sustained outcomes plan	
Complete following questions below if asking for Community Partner Staff Support				



11. Staff time commitment to project	No time commit, not possible to reassign staff	Some staff time available	Required time commitment can be met by trained staff	
12. Funds to support marketing, communications, data collection and evaluation?	No funds	Partial Funds or Match	Identified Funding Sources and sustainably considered	
13. Organization resources (space, staff, matching funds)	Requires a significant investment of resources, including admin or support staff	Requires some investment of resources	Requires minimal or no match or investment of resources	
14. Capacity to develop a successful proposal for grant funding	Do not have staff time to respond by deadline	Responding requires reallocating staff time but can be accomplished	Adequate staff time is available to develop a competitive proposal	
Community Partner Internal Factors				
15. Operational Infrastructure vs programmatic (Admin fee to support the work)	Provides support only to projects or programs, and no support to general operating processes	Provides a mix of operating and programmatic support	Provides a mix of support and may support organizational advancement	
16. Staff Support Needed	Staff needed, no plan for funding	No Staff Needed	Staff needed, funding available for appropriate level of effort	
17. Does the work align to existing funded prevention strategies.				
Additional costs to the organization (fiscal, audit, marketing, staffing, program oversight, office set up, operating supplies, equipment, etc.)				



Benefit or Risk to Backbone or Collaborative Comments:	Overall recommendation