



SCREEN

Screening for Cancer, Reducing inequity, and Engaging our Asian Neighborhoods

REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PARTNER APPLICATIONS

BACKGROUND

The *SCREEN - Screening for Cancer, Reducing inequity, and Engaging our Asian Neighborhoods* campaign aims to reduce disparities in breast and cervical cancer rates among Filipina, Chinese, and Korean women within Chicago/Chicagoland. Through this program, we will increase breast and cervical cancer education, awareness, screening, and linkage-to-care opportunities for these at-risk communities at risk for breast and cervical cancer. The selected community partners will provide community health worker-led education about breast and cervical cancer to motivate Filipina, Chinese, and Korean women to learn their risk and connect with healthcare in their communities. Utilizing Community Health Workers, SCREEN will work to eliminate this disparity through the creation of culturally and linguistically tailored outreach and education materials for the target populations. In addition to increasing awareness and knowledge, we will create community-clinic linkages utilizing and expanding the Illinois Care Continuum Portal (ICCP) that streamlines the linkage to care and referral processes for primary and specialty care, facilitates linkage between systems, and ensures timely completion of screening tests among vulnerable populations. Apply to the RFA at this link here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCREEN_FY24_RFA

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

With generous support from our healthcare partners, including Blue Cross and Blue Shield Illinois, the Asian Health Coalition, is selecting 3 community partners to activate our 2023-24 *SCREEN* breast/cervical program. Each partner will receive up to \$15,000, along with ongoing technical assistance, capacity building, and programmatic support, to engage 500 community members through virtual and in-person outreach, hold listening sessions with the community, collect 100 completed knowledge assessments, and provide healthcare navigation for screenings to at least 50 community members.

COMMITMENT BY COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Working alone, or within a neighborhood collaborative, selected partners will commit to the following activities from October 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024:

- Participate in three Asian Health Coalition trainings on health education, patient navigation, and strategies for connecting individuals to healthcare;
- Participate in monthly group or individual programmatic and technical assistance meetings on health education, recruitment best practices, process and outcome evaluation, and additional relevant trainings;
- Provide feedback on Asian Health Coalition resources by reviewing language, cultural appropriateness, and content of educational materials, resources, and handouts for community participants such as PowerPoint presentations, pre/post surveys, and posters;



- Conduct listening sessions among Filipino, Chinese, and Korean women
- Share breast/cervical cancer educational outreach materials with at least 500 community members through social media, canvassing, and other outreach strategies;
- Using our educational resources, lead culturally and linguistically competent health education sessions for at least 100 individuals that raise awareness and improve knowledge about breast/cervical cancer, and increase motivation to access preventive care

Refer at least 50 individuals for breast and/or cervical screenings to local healthcare providers or through agency-sponsored community screening events;

- Participate in process and outcome evaluation by collecting completed intake forms, surveys, and other items, such as our demographic form, pre/post surveys and healthcare connect forms; and
- Complete all reporting requirements, such as monthly reports, call logs, and other paperwork, requested by Asian Health Coalition

OUR COMMITMENT

Asian Health Coalition, will expand the capacity of community health workers (CHWs) within our partner organizations to educate, navigate, and provide patient support. Through bidirectional trainings, we will educate CHWs and connect them to healthcare providers, frontline clinic staff, and others to facilitate community-clinic connections. We will train CHWs to offer educational programming on breast/cervical cancer that will increase community members’ ability to act on health information, such as health risk, screening guidelines, and healthcare navigation. Between October 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024, we will provide technical assistance, expertise, and programmatic support, including:

- Trainings on health education, patient navigation, and strategies for connecting individuals to healthcare;
- In language, culturally tailored educational materials, resources, and handouts for community participants such as PowerPoint presentations, pre/post surveys, and posters;
- Ongoing technical assistance, expertise, and programmatic support by Asian Health Coalition staff to assist with implementing breast/cervical cancer workshops, patient navigation, and process and outcome evaluation.

TIMELINE

Date	Event
September 4, 2023	Release of <i>SCREEN</i> request for applications
September 18, 2023	Deadline to submit <i>SCREEN</i> community partner online application
September 27, 2023	Notification of community partner selections

October 2, 2023	SCREEN launch meeting with selected community partners.
Last Business Day of Month	Submission of monthly reports detailing outreach, education, and navigation activities

ELIGIBILITY AND REVIEW CRITERIA

This opportunity is limited to Illinois-based non-profit organizations or clinic-community collaborations that are reaching Asian American and/or Asian immigrant or refugee communities. Asian Health Coalition will make the final determination of funding for all community partners based on the following criteria:

- Compliance with all application guidelines
- Strong alignment with our grant goals and community priorities
- Experience with community health worker-led health education that meets the cultural and linguistic needs of your communities
- Experience with referring community members to local healthcare providers
- Capacity to fulfill all grant requirements including participation at coalition meetings, monthly reports, and evaluation requirements

Please note that submission does not guarantee funding.

TO APPLY

Submit your application online at: [SCREEN FY24 Application Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com)

Questions? Please contact Program Coordinator, Stacie Ko at stacie@asianhealth.org