



Communities RISE Partners join together to launch the RISE Fund to Support Communities in Achieving Vaccine Equity and Systemic Change

City of Industry, Calif.- September 14, 2021 -[WE in the World](#) and the [Well Being In the Nation Network](#), in collaboration with [RISE partners](#) and the [Public Health Institute](#), announce the **RISE Fund's Vaccine Equity Challenge**, our first open application offered to community coalitions in: Rural Georgia; Wisconsin; Missouri; California Central Valley; California Inland Empire/San Bernardino area; Dallas, San Antonio, and the panhandle; South Texas; Manchester, New Hampshire; Eastern North Carolina; and central Florida (Orlando, Tampa, surrounding communities).

The Vaccine Equity Challenge, funded by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), is intended to support coalitions of three or more partners who are representative of and have deep trust with marginalized, vaccine hesitant communities—communities of color (Black, Indigenous, Latinx, migrant communities, rural communities, low-income older adults, etc).

“The RISE Vaccine Equity Challenge gives communities that are closest to the ground the opportunity to be leaders and innovators, to demonstrate what they can do as trusted, resourceful community members and leaders to advance health equity. said Somava Saha, Executive Lead of Well-being and Equity (WE) in the World and co-Director of the RISE initiative, “We are delighted to join the CDC in investing in, accompanying, and learning from these communities.”

10 pacesetter community coalitions will be chosen to receive challenge grants of up to \$350,000 and to engage in a 10-month intensive “learning-and-doing” program. Communities will be offered technical assistance and relational accompaniment from RISE partners to develop effective multilevel community interventions as well as gain access to “best in class” hyperlocal data, storytelling platforms, and communication support. The 10-month intensive is designed to assist communities to achieve unprecedented results in:

- Improving the health and well-being of people, populations and the community-at-large
- Closing equity gaps in adult vaccinations
- Building the civic capacity and infrastructure for more systemic change.

“This grant is intended to help community coalitions achieve timely and specific outcomes and impact within a year as part of a long-term goal to achieve systems-based change. Our ultimate goal is that families and the communities where they live are more sustainable and experience a higher quality of life and full participation in decisions that affect them” said Abeni Bloodworth, Co-Founder, Chromatic Black.

TO APPLY:

Applicants should attend one of three information and geographic matchmaking sessions to learn more and connect with partners:

- [September 14th, 5:00 -6:00 PM EST](#)
- [September 17th, 3:00-4:00 PM EST](#)
- [September 21st, 5:00-6:30 ET](#)

Applications are due by 8pm EST on September 30th, 2021.

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://rise4all.org/funding-opportunities/>

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About Communities RISE Together

Communities RISE (Reach, Immunizations, System Change for Equity) Together is an alliance of partners connected to 2400+ organizations across the nation who are deeply rooted in communities, and have deep trust with Black, Native-American, Latinx, Asian-American/Pacific Islander, immigrant/migrant, and low-income older adult populations. RISE partners seek to leverage our collective expertise, capacity, and network of community-based organizations (CBOs) to create a system of coordinated support for a strategic and equitable response to COVID-19 and to raise resources for communities to drive the change.

Communities RISE Together partners include CHROMATIC BLACK, the Center for Popular Democracy (CPD), the Hawai'i Public Health Institute, Latino Health Access (LHA), the Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN), Meals on Wheels America (MOWA), National Councils on Aging (NCOA), U.S. Aging, the Public Health Institute's Center to Advance Community Health and Equity (CACHE), Well-being and Equity (WE) in the World and the Well Being In the Nation (WIN) Network.

Follow #RISE4All on social media to see work as it happens across the country. Find out more about Communities RISE Together [here](#).

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