DON’T LET HEPATITIS B WIN
REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PARTNER APPLICATIONS

BACKGROUND

The Don’t Let Hepatitis B Win campaign is a public/private collaboration that brings together the Asian and African immigrant and refugee communities, health care systems, policymakers, and general public to increase hepatitis B awareness within Chicago’s diverse immigrant communities. Through this program, we will increase hepatitis B education, awareness, screening, and linkage-to-care opportunities for Asian and African immigrant and refugee communities at risk for hepatitis B. The selected community partners will provide community health worker-led education about viral hepatitis to motivate Asian, African, and other immigrant groups to learn their hepatitis B status and connect with healthcare in their communities. These targeted educational programs around viral hepatitis will be followed by referrals to community screenings, navigation to primary care, and collaborative programming with federally qualified health centers, clinics, and hospitals.

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

With generous support from our healthcare partners, including the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Asian Health Coalition, is selecting five community partners to activate our 2023-24 Don’t Let Hepatitis B Win campaign. Each partner will receive up to $15,000, along with ongoing technical assistance, capacity building, and programmatic support, to engage 1,200 community members through virtual and in-person outreach, collect 100 completed knowledge assessments, and provide healthcare navigation to at least 35 community members.

COMMITMENT BY COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Working alone, or within a neighborhood collaborative, selected partners will commit to the following activities from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 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;

☐ Share hepatitis B educational outreach materials with at least 1,200 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 viral
hepatitis, and increase motivation to access preventive care;

- Refer 35 individuals for hepatitis B 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 or Illinois Department of Public Health

**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 viral hepatitis that will increase community members’ ability to act on health information, such as health risk, screening guidelines, and disease management. Between July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, we will provide technical assistance, expertise, and programmatic support, including:

- Three 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 viral hepatitis workshops, patient navigation, and process and outcome evaluation.

**TIMELINE**

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<td>May 31, 2023</td>
<td>Deadline to submit <em>Don’t Let Hepatitis B Win</em> community partner online application</td>
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<td>June 19, 2023</td>
<td>Notification of community partner selections</td>
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<td>July 3, 2023</td>
<td><em>Don’t Let Hepatitis B Win</em> launch meeting with selected community partners.</td>
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<td>Last Business Day of Month</td>
<td>Submission of monthly reports detailing outreach, education, and navigation activities</td>
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<td>Mid-February 2024</td>
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**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 African 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: [https://redcap.link/HepBApplication_FY24](https://redcap.link/HepBApplication_FY24)

Questions? Please contact Program Manager, MaryGrace Sharp at marygrace@asianhealth.org or call (847)-363-2114.