

Request for Letters of Interest

Advancing Equitable Obesity Care through Collaborative Regional Program Delivery

The American College of Physicians (ACP) is focused on addressing the critical public health condition of obesity, which also presents a significant health equity challenge. As part of this focus, ACP is proud to announce a regional action grant program aimed at fostering innovative projects that can improve access to equitable obesity care. This grant initiative is an effort to further leverage our grassroots innovation and creativity of members across the country to fill knowledge gaps and inspire advancements in care for those with obesity.

General Guidelines

Who can submit an application?

Applications can be submitted by either an ACP chapter or an ACP member leading a collaborative regional effort in the US. Project leaders of any proposed project **must** be a current ACP member. Potential grantees are encouraged to partner with local healthcare systems, multidisciplinary care teams, and/or community organizations to develop impactful proposals that cater to their local population's unique opportunities.

What kinds of projects could be funded?

ACP seeks to fund projects that do one or more of the following:

- Fill knowledge and skills gaps regarding obesity among medical students, physicians, and other clinical staff
- Alleviate stigma encountered by people with obesity, in healthcare settings
- Counter misinformation re: the causes and treatment of obesity for patients and public
- Enhance care management for people with obesity

What are the evaluation criteria?

Submissions will be evaluated based on the following:

- Approaches to engage populations impacted by social and healthcare inequities.
- Novelty and innovativeness of the proposed intervention
- The project lead must be an ACP member
- Leveraging of existing resources
 - [Education from ACP](#) and other credible sources
 - Interprofessional teams
 - Collaborative relationships with community-based organizations.
- Feasibility and potential impact, and description of the approach that will be used to evaluate impact. Replicability and scalability
- Funding options and support requirements

Note: Grantees will receive advice and assistance through a kickoff summit at ACP Headquarters, as well as individual and group consultations from a quality improvement and implementation expert as needed.

Funding Use and Availability

ACP intends to fund 13 projects at \$20,000 each.

Allowed/Desired:

- ✓ 3 grants related to Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic syndrome
- ✓ 10 grants to address physician education gaps and equity challenges for obesity care

- ✓ Leverage existing CME and other resources
- ✓ Projects completed within 10-12 months

Not Allowed:

Funds may not be used for the following:

- CME-accredited program
- physician/clinician travel, transportation, or lodging
- to make payments of any type to physicians/clinicians.

Process

Interested applicants should submit a 1–2-page Letter of Interest (LOI) to Tess Bradstock (tbradstock@acponline.org) by 1/20/2025. The LOI must indicate the project's alignment with the ACP's focus to advance obesity care management by addressing stigma and bias, multidisciplinary care teams, and/or physician education.

Letter of Interest Template for ACP's Advancing Equitable Obesity Care through Regional Action Grants

No more than two pages

Project Title
 Applicant Name(s)
 Chapter/Organization (entity receiving grant)
 Submission Date

1. Proposed Description and Purpose of Project

Please provide a detailed description of how the project will work, including clearly marked sub-sections that describe:

- a. Goals
- b. Outcomes
- c. Partners

2. Project Team and Audience

Describe the background and relevant experience of the project leader and other team members, and their expected roles in the project.

3. Proposed Use of Funds/Budget

An ACP advisory will review the submitted LOIs and invite formal proposals from selected applicants.

Timeline

Week of Dec 11, 2024	RFA issued
Jan 20, 2025	Letters of Interest submission deadline
Feb 6, 2025	Selected applicants invited to submit full proposals.
Feb 28, 2025	Deadline for full grant proposal submissions
March 12, 2025	Final grant recipients announced
March 26, 2025	Preliminary Educational Workshop held for project team leaders
March '25 – Feb '26	Projects are implemented; regular check-ins to track progress
April 2026	Post-project summit to share learnings; wider dissemination of learnings through ACP chapter meetings and ACP's national communication channels and meetings