



## Flash Funding for Whole Health Research Development

**Award Amount: Up to \$500**

**2-Page Proposal Submission Deadline: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (5 PM)**

**Dates of Spending: April 19<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Purpose:** To support the initial development of potential Whole Health research collaborations resulting in opportunities to explore or cultivate innovative and multidisciplinary community-engaged research inquiries or areas of interest within the [Whole Health Framework](#).

**Who Can Apply:** Eligible teams will be composed of **4 or more participants**, led or co-led by a Virginia Tech faculty member, **AND** include at least one participant from a community organization (defined as a non-academic or non-research organization that provides goods, services, support, resources, or advocacy to members of a defined community) or clinical partner, with a minimum of 2 participants having attended the April 5th Annual Meeting. Membership in the Whole Health Consortium prior to submission of a proposal is a prerequisite for all team members. Faculty may lead/co-lead only one team and faculty/partners may be part of no more than two teams.

**Expectations:** Research teams are expected to commit to meeting at least three times by June 17, 2024, to initiate and refine their research project/question in the context of the Whole Health Framework, assessing its potential for further collaboration, investigation, and future funding.

**Potential Strategies** include working groups dedicated to developing a research project, [community engagement studios](#) (consultation from Center for Public Health Practice & Research available), or speaker/workshop event (developed in collaboration with the Whole Health Consortium). We welcome other strategies that will further the development of whole health research collaborations.

**Funding:** Funds may be allocated toward costs associated with organizing research meetings or conducting community engagement studios, such as room rental fees or for refreshments during meetings, compensation for research participants or community stakeholders; VT student wages, purchase of research-specific materials, acquiring datasets, training courses, or workshops relevant to the research project that aligns with the mission of the Whole Health Consortium. Funds cannot be used for salaries, day-to-day operational expenses and supplies, hardware, software, equipment, or furnishings. All expenditures must adhere to Virginia Tech policies and procedures. Any unallocated funds as of June 17, 2024, are to be returned to the Whole Health Consortium.

**Expectations:** Funded teams are required to provide a brief written report detailing how funds were spent and the successes or lessons learned from their project by June 28, 2024.

**Selection Criteria:** Proposals will be evaluated based on alignment with the Whole Health Framework, innovation, potential impact, and expertise of the collaborative research team.

**How to Submit:** A 2-Page single-spaced proposal including team members' names, titles, affiliations, project goals, a description of the project as it aligns with the mission of the Whole Health Consortium, and a budget with a brief line-item justification **is due on April 12 at 5 PM**. Submissions should be sent as a single PDF file to [wholehealth@vt.edu](mailto:wholehealth@vt.edu). Up to 10 awards will be made.

**Questions:** Please contact Tina Savla, Leadership Council Chair ([JSavla@vt.edu](mailto:JSavla@vt.edu)).