

The Orange County Department of Health's Healthy Orange Program is looking for proposals from schools, worksites, community groups and organizations that would like to participate in Healthy Orange interventions. The proposals are intended to act as a catalyst for the development and implementation of community action plan objectives that will lead to policy, system, or environmental changes in representative sectors of Orange County: community based institutions, worksites, schools, health care facilities and the community at large.

The following are suggestions for project types which are eligible for 2015 Healthy Orange intervention awards include:

- Public or privately owned concession stands offering healthier food and beverage options
- Cafeteria "*Make-over*" which can include but is not limited to improving food choices, signage, enhanced environmental aesthetics, or additional equipment purchases.
- Creating new community or school garden sites
- Increase the opportunity for physical activity before, during and after the school day. This may include but is not limited to activity equipment, appropriate curriculum/training, bike racks, walking programs and signage.
- Implementing a Farm to School program /curriculum.
- Implementing a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) or Farm 2 Community program (farm 2 worksite, hospital, food pantry, etc.)
- Creation of a safe, sanitary and private place for breastfeeding mothers to nurse or pump at worksites, community locations.
- Increase the opportunity for physical activity before, during and after the school day or work day. This may include but is not limited to activity equipment appropriate curriculum/training, bike racks, walking programs and signage.
- Create a walking path or trail or establish fitness room.
- Create Joint-use policies for running track, walking paths, fitness rooms, pools, etc.
- Implement Street Calming Measures (traffic lights, pedestrian crossings, etc)
- Materials and activities related to "complete streets" resolutions or policies
- Creation and implementation of a 24/7 Smoke Free Outdoor policy at worksites.

Note: Organizational policy changes must accompany interventions. All projects must affect Healthy Orange goals of more physical activity, better nutrition choices and a tobacco free lifestyle. Programs will be assessed based on the largest number of community members reached.

Grant Awards:

Grants are available in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Each proposal should include a detailed budget in the format provided in this application packet. Award money cannot be used to pay salary of staff, mileage or any other accrued personnel costs. Money can only be applied to completed intervention projects on a reimbursement basis.

Eligible Applicants:

Applicants must be partners who have participated in Healthy Orange interventions and coalition activities or those who are interested in participating in those activities. Active participation in one of these activities will be required as a condition of the grant agreement.

Healthy Orange Interventions vary by grant year. Please contact the Senior Public Health Educator identified below for the most recent list of program interventions.

The Healthy Orange Team is the leadership branch of the Healthy Orange coalition. This coalition meets annually in Goshen to identify and plan chronic disease prevention related interventions in and around Orange County. Healthy Orange also has other branch meetings in Newburgh, Middletown and Port Jervis. These team branches meet quarterly.

For more information on participating in any of the above activities contact:
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