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**2021 AHA Dick Davidson NOVA Award Application**

*Collaboration for healthier communities*

The AHA Dick Davidson NOVA Award recognizes the collaborative work of hospitals and community organizations to improve the health status of individuals and communities. Specifically, the award honors AHA members that:

* improve community health status whether through health care, economic or social initiatives, and
* are collaborative, joint efforts among health care systems or hospitals, or among hospitals and other community leaders and organizations.

Awards will be presented during a national AHA event in 2021. Honorees will be featured in an awards publication and offered the opportunity to showcase their AHA Dick Davidson NOVA Award achievements in their community through a local presentation of the award.

**Eligibility and Requirements**

The hospital/health system submitting the application must be an AHA member. Other hospitals/systems and community groups involved in the collaborative program must submit letters of support with the application.

**Evaluation and Judging**

The applications are reviewed by members of the AHA NOVA Award Committee. Winners will be notified in May 2021.

**Submission of Application**

Applications are due **Monday,** **Nov. 23, 2020**, and should be emailed to [**nova@aha.org**](mailto:nova@aha.org). Please **convert your application, including any support letters, into a single PDF file** to ensure all materials are seen by the committee and to minimize the chance of distortion. **The PDF file name must include your organization name.** Applications will be acknowledged within one business day.

**For More Information**

Information on past AHA NOVA Award recipients can be found at [www.aha.org/nova](http://www.aha.org/nova). Please call 312-422-2712 or email [nova@aha.org](mailto:nova@aha.org) with any questions.

The Association for Community Health Improvement (ACHI) is the AHA Dick Davidson NOVA Award’s educational affiliate.

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**Instructions**

Please complete this cover page and attach a manuscript of no more than 13 double-spaced pages to answer the questions on the following page.

**Program name:**

**Organization:**

**Contact:**

**Title:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Address:**

**Participating hospital/systems (include organization name, contact name, email, city and state) (use separate page if necessary):**

As CEO and board chair of the hospital(s)/health care system(s), we are nominating this project for an AHA Dick Davidson NOVA Award.

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| **CEO signature(s):** |  |
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| **Chair signature(s):** |  |
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1. Please describe the program.

A. What are its goals?

B. How does it operate?

C. What population does it reach?

D. How is the program funded? How will it be sustained?

E. Who are the collaborative partners and what are their roles?

2. Please describe the program’s impetus.

A. Why was the program conceived?

B. What leadership promoted the idea?

3. Please describe the program’s outcomes and measures used for evaluation.

A. What are the current efforts and methods being used to evaluate and measure the impact of the program?

B. Please provide documentation of the program’s effectiveness, such as changes in health behavior, health status, access to care, etc. Please use metrics that demonstrate significant value and impact on communities.

4. Please describe the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on this program.

A. How did COVID-19 change the program’s operations?

B. What inequities in your community were revealed or exacerbated by the virus, and how were they addressed through this program?

C. Given the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, how are you preparing to operate your program in 2021 and beyond?

5. What are the unique elements of this program that set it apart or contribute most to its success in your community?

6. What elements are replicable by other communities? What advice would you offer?