



Carolinas Collaborative on
Climate, Health, and Equity

A NOAA CAP/RISA team

Small Grants Program: South Carolina Pilot Call for Proposals

Important Dates

- Letter of Intent (LOI) Deadline: April 12, 2024
- Feedback on LOI Provided to Applicant by: May 10, 2024
- Full Application Deadline: June 14, 2024
- Notification of Award: Summer 2024
- Award Period: Fall 2024 - 2026

[The Carolinas Collaborative on Climate, Health, and Equity \(C3HE\)](#), a NOAA Climate Adaptation Partnership (CAP), formerly Regionally Integrated Science Assessment (RISA) Program, is committed to understanding our changing climate and addressing the impacts in a just and equitable way. We work together with communities across the Carolinas to help predict and understand their exposure and vulnerability to climate threats, such as fire, flood, and heat. By integrating social science, physical science, and regional knowledge, the C3HE team and participating groups co-produce solutions that are tailored to meet unique local needs and priorities.

Objectives of the South Carolina Pilot Funding:

We are currently accepting applications to expand our community-centered climate, health, and equity research in South Carolina (SC). This mechanism will provide opportunities for partnerships and aid in the development of community engaged projects through:

- (1) relationship-building activities;
- (2) scoping community priorities and research interests; and
- (3) translating research into policy.

The goal of the pilot funding is to initiate and sustain community partnerships focused on enhancing climate resiliency and health equity in SC. Project proposals are expected to align with our mission to support communities that are disproportionately exposed to climate hazards and other compounding social inequities. We will accept applications that align with our thematic interest areas including:

- (1) **Climate, Health, and Equity**: quantifying inequitable health impacts of the climate crisis in local communities;
- (2) **Compounding and Concurrent Climate Hazards**: advancing the science on multiple climate threats and uncertainties;

(3) **Community-Level Climate Literacy**: developing and implementing climate literacy programs for at-risk communities;

(4) **Knowledge to Action**: using research, community engagement, and communications to inform resilience pathways;

(5) **Community-Owned Resilience Collaborative**: crafting resilience solutions based on community-defined needs and context.

Amount Available:

Grant Type 1. Partnership Development: Up to \$25,000

Supports partnership-building activities for new collaborations between faculty and/or community-based organizations in SC. Potential partnership development activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Developing/establishing research partnership infrastructure (e.g., advisory boards, memoranda of understanding, etc.)
- Facilitating formal or informal meetings for partners to identify shared goals, priorities, and research interest
- Building research capacity for community partners

Grant Type 2. Advancing Collaboration: Up to \$50,000

Supports the strengthening and/or expansion of community engagement activities, including the following activities:

- Supporting investigators and partners in community-engaged research capacity development
- Expanding existing partnership activities to include new/additional community members/organizations
- Developing research questions and/or project design together and submitting for further funding and/or Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval
- Initiating or expanding project/research activities identified through the existing partnership
- Disseminating scientific information together through a jointly developed manuscript or conference presentation or sharing lessons learned with the broader community.

Eligibility:

Researchers at SC based academic institutions or public organizations, such as non-profits or community-based organizations are eligible to apply.

All projects must be designed to be feasible to complete within 24 months.

Individuals already involved in the C3HE program are not eligible to apply for this funding. This grant funding is not available to support advocacy related activities.

Priority will be given to applicants from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and projects that expand upon long standing community partnerships for underserved communities. The grant program

encourages the participation of new and/or junior faculty investigators and the participation and/or training of new or experienced community investigators that work in SC.

Awardee Responsibilities:

The awardee will be considered a part of the C3HE team, and will be expected to:

- Attend meetings twice a year
- Submit monthly progress updates

Application Process:

All applicants are highly encouraged to watch the recorded informational presentation.

All interested applicants are required to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) including:

- Institution/organization's name
- Organization website
- Confirmation of non-profit [501(c)(3)] status
- Contact information
- Project location
- Brief description of problem or topic to be addressed (not to exceed 500 words)
- Desired deliverables
- Estimated total budget

LOI's must be submitted via [this Google Form](#) by **April 12, 2024**. Should your project team have trouble accessing the Google Form, please email C3HE Program Manager, Kalyn Rosenberg, c3he-contact@ncsu.edu.

Feedback on LOI's will be provided to applicants by **May 10**. Invitations to submit a full application will be sent following LOI review and approval. The full application will require a more detailed description of the project (2 pages), including:

- Institution/organization's name and mission
- Description of the problem
- Project objectives
- Project team
- Explanation of how this project serves a frontline community and aligns with the mission of the C3HE
- Expected outcomes
- Timeline
- Budget information and justification (Personnel, Equipment/materials/supplies, Travel, *Indirect costs). *Indirect Costs will be capped at 10%.

Award dependent upon NOAA approval.

Review Criteria:

Reviewers will consider and score applications based on the criteria below.

- **Capacity Building or Community Engagement:** Does the proposed project enhance the capacity of local SC communities to address the climate crisis? Does the proposed project complement the [research portfolio](#) of the C3HE’s current work? Does the proposal demonstrate commitment to co-produce community-centered solutions to enhance climate resilience and health equity?
- **Innovation:** Does the proposed project address an important community need in the context of the climate crisis? Does the proposed work apply novel concepts, participatory methods or technologies or uses existing concepts, methods, technologies in novel ways, to enhance the overall impact of the project?
- **Significance:** Does the proposal demonstrate commitment to co-produce community-centered solutions to enhance climate resilience and health equity?
- **Feasibility:** Does the proposal convey capacity to administer funds and complete the proposed project? Is the proposed approach achievable, including plans to address problems or new challenges that emerge in the work? For proposed studies in which feasibility may be less certain, evaluate whether the uncertainty is balanced by the potential for major advances. Is the plan to recruit and retain an appropriately diverse population of participants within an impacted community in SC feasible?
- **Impact:** Does the proposal include the potential for future grants as well as the potential to increase collaborations between community partners and academic researchers?

Scoring:

Score	Descriptor	Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses
2	Outstanding	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses
3	Excellent	Very strong with only some minor weaknesses
4	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
6	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses
7	Fair	Some strengths but with at least one major weakness
8	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
9	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses
<p>Minor Weakness: Easily addressable weakness(es) that does not substantially lessen impact</p> <p>Moderate Weakness: A weakness that is expected to lessen impact</p>		