**Application of Interest**

 **Community Health Worker Clinic Teams**

**Overview**

The Kansas Healthcare Collaborative (KHC), in partnership with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), is soliciting applications from clinics interested in embedding teams of Community Health Workers (CHW) at clinics in Brown, Crawford, Johnson, Finney, Wyandotte, Sedgwick, Thomas, and Mitchell Counties.

**Background**

Recent research shows employing CHWs can:

1. Improve health outcomes,
2. Increase patient satisfaction,
3. Reduce costs, and
4. Reduce health disparities.

CHW teams will work to provide greater access to COVID-19 prevention and response while addressing chronic diseases and access to social determinants of health that exacerbate COVID-19.

**Eligibility**The ideal clinic will have an innovative spirit. Having a National Diabetes Prevention Program in place is preferrable but not necessary.

### Clinic Benefits

* 2 years of funding for 5 full-time staff positions dedicated 100% to the team
	+ One Program Director, Health Navigator, Home Health Nurse
	+ Two Community Health Workers
* Funding to cover necessary supplies, training, and travel for staff
* Technical support from KHC and KDHE staff to establish clinic workflow, data collection, and supplemental training
* Training to support CHWs, delivery of National Diabetes Prevention and Self-Monitored Blood Pressure Programs
* Access to Social Services Referral System
* Sustainability planning and support

### Clinic Responsibility

* Integration of the CHW team into the clinic workflow
* Participation in COVID-19 prevention and response events in the community
* Implementation of National Diabetes Prevention Program and Self-Monitored Blood Pressure Program
* Space for team to meet with patients and conduct classes
* Completion of necessary data reporting and success stories collection including requested demographic information on program participants
* Regular meetings with KHC and KDHE staff for ongoing technical assistance and quality improvement

**APPLICATION**

### Proposed Project Timeline

### Clinics will be expected to begin setting up CHW team immediately upon acceptance of offer. KDHE and KHC staff will be available for technical support throughout the project. Staff training will be scheduled for CHWs as soon as possible after hire.

**Application Period**
To express interest please contact:

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 **Application deadline is October 15, 2021**