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**Health Department to Host ‘Virtual Office Hour’ for
COVID Community Recovery Grant Applicants**
Applications for \$1 million grant program due April 30

INDIANAPOLIS – Today, the Marion County Public Health Department announced ‘virtual office hours’ for community-based organizations seeking to apply for the COVID Community Recovery Grant program. Individuals are invited to drop in any time during the one-hour sessions to ask questions about the grant application and process. The COVID Community Recovery Grant program will award a total of \$1 million to Marion County community organizations working to address disparities in health and economic wellbeing that have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The virtual office hour will be held on Thursday, April 29 from 12:00 – 1:00pm. Sign up for the session at: <https://forms.gle/7Mx7CcJ7vczqtWvt5>

Community-based organizations have until 11:59pm on April 30, 2021 to submit applications for projects that promote wellness and recovery among the minority communities that have been hardest hit by the COVID-19 virus and its economic impacts. Projects that are eligible for funding may include, but are not limited to, campaigns to increase education about COVID-19, mental health services such as counseling or community discussions, efforts to address vaccine hesitancy, outreach activities to disseminate or gather information, and wrap-around services to support recovery from the financial or health impacts of the pandemic.

To apply, community-based organizations can visit marionhealth.org/communityrecoverygrant to fill out a simple online form that outlines details such as the COVID-19-related need, key activities planned to address that need, and how the requested funds will be used. Directions for other ways to submit an application can also be found on the website. A recording of the virtual grant applicant orientation held at the beginning of the month can be found here: <https://fb.watch/51sxVg1YJk/>

Priority shall be given to applications submitted by community-based organizations which are representative of the population to be served by the project. An applicant shall be deemed to be such an organization if the organization serves groups that have not traditionally been served in disease response measures. Project proposals will be reviewed by a diverse Advisory Committee, comprising experts in public health, education, housing and urban development, and community engagement who are experienced working within Marion County. Award decisions are expected to be announced May 14.

The funding for the COVID Community Recovery Grant Program is made possible through a partnership between the City of Indianapolis, the Marion County Public Health Department, and Resolve to Save Lives.

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ABOUT RESOLVE TO SAVE LIVES:

Resolve to Save Lives is an initiative of the global health organization Vital Strategies focused on preventing 100 million deaths from heart disease and making the world safer from epidemics. It is led by Dr. Tom Frieden, former director of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. To find out more visit: <https://www.resolvetosavelives.org> or Twitter @ResolveTSL.