



Welcome to the 2019 Healthy Community Champions Recognition Program application. Recognized applicants will receive a two-year designation with opportunities to receive technical assistance to further the adoption and implementation of health in all policies. State partners include the Florida Department of Transportation, Department of Economic Opportunity, the Department of Environmental Protection, and others.

Please complete the following required fields:

Contact Name

Contact Email

Contact Phone

Jurisdiction

Instructions & Eligibility

Applicants are required to complete the first three sections of the submission form, plus one optional section of their choosing.

- Health Promotion and Continuous Improvement - Narrative*
- Physical Activity*
- Food access/Nutrition*
- One additional best practices section of your choice also must be completed*

Choose from one of the following: Community Preparedness, Employee Wellness, Community Outreach and Engagement, Leadership and Innovation, Other Awards & Recognition

Completion of additional best practice sections is optional.

Additional notes:

- Please do not submit your application until it is fully completed.
- Email completed applications to tiaboyd@usf.edu
- Only one application per jurisdiction may be submitted, and submissions must be made by a municipal or county official or designated employee. Your application packet includes a sample community proclamation/resolution that may be signed by a mayor, city council or county commission. Including a proclamation with your submission is strictly optional.
- If your community was recognized in 2018, you do not need to reapply during the 2019 application period.

Timeline:

June 10, 2019: Submission Window Opens

August 15, 2019: Submission Window Closes

November 1, 2019: Best Practices Posted and Communities Recognized

Click [here](#) for additional resources and links.

Click [here](#) to download the Guidance & Resources document.

Health Promotion and Continuous Improvement Narrative Responses [Required]

1.1. How does your community demonstrate a Health in All Policies approach to comprehensive planning? Include specific examples and highlights of community initiatives/projects focused on health in the built environment, emphasizing policies and best practices designed to increase physical activity and improve nutrition/access to healthy foods.

Email a PDF of your response (maximum 1 page) to tiaboyd@usf.edu or answer the narrative section here (maximum 500 words).

1.2. Identify at least one (1) activity, program or policy you will be or would like to be working on within the next year. No more than 150 words.

Physical Activity [Required]

2.1. Does your jurisdiction have a community and/or roadway design-related policy work group(s) that includes input from the local county health department, local emergency services, school district, community leaders, businesses, or community organizations (including faith-based organizations and those representing low income or under-served populations and persons with disabilities)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide the name of this group, list of members and affiliations, a brief description of this group's goals and activities and a URL link to this group if applicable.

2.2. Does your jurisdiction have a process for engaging communities experiencing health inequities in planning efforts related to community development and transportation projects (e.g., Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE EH) or Health Impact Assessments (HIA)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.3. Has your jurisdiction adopted a Complete Streets policy?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a URL link to your plan and the page number(s).

2.3.a. If your jurisdiction has adopted a Complete Streets policy, has a design manual, guidelines, or handbook been created?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

If yes, provide a URL link.

2.3.b. If your jurisdiction does not have a Complete Streets policy in place, is it implementing street design standards that include users of all abilities and ages and are designed to slow traffic and improve safety around school zones and residential areas, including in under-served or low-income communities? Examples can be found in the Florida Complete Streets Handbook and Design Manual including road diets, narrowing road lanes, central islands, roundabouts, speed bumps, lowered speed limits, sidewalks and bus stops separated from traffic.

Yes

No

Not Applicable

2.4. Does your jurisdiction's comprehensive plan or land development code (LDC) include a bicycle and/or pedestrian master plan?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a URL link to your plan and the page number(s).

2.5. Has your jurisdiction adopted an ordinance, comprehensive plan or land development code (LCD) guidance that addresses increasing access to physical activity opportunities for all persons regardless of age or physical ability, including in low income or under-served areas?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a URL link to your plan and the page number(s).

2.6. Does your jurisdiction require bike facilities (e.g., bike boulevards, bike lanes, bike ways, multi-use paths, bicycle lockers, bicycle racks) be provided in parks and on new or reconstructed roadways?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.7. Does your jurisdiction prioritize the provision and maintenance of walking and/or biking trails or routes, including those in low income or under-served areas? This could include establishment of a program to identify and fill connection gaps and make repairs in the system of sidewalks and/or trails.

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.8. Does your jurisdiction support and maintain a network of bicycling routes that are connected and lead to destinations, such as markets, commercial businesses, and residential areas, including under-served or low-income communities?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.9. Does your jurisdiction maintain a system of parks (e.g., programs to repair, maintain, and upgrade existing parks)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description including the number and types of parks within your jurisdiction and their proximity to low-income neighborhoods, and the number of parks that provide physical activity facilities like ball fields, exercise equipment, pools and playgrounds.

2.10. Does your jurisdiction maintain and provide access to a system of open spaces, such as access to trails, a body of water or a state or national park?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.11. Does your jurisdiction's land development code (LCD) allow or require mixed land uses to support active transportation options?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.12. Does your jurisdiction provide incentive programs (e.g., expedited permit processes, reduced permit fees, or tax breaks) for businesses and organizations that display physical activity promotional materials, run physical activity-related advertisements or work to provide physical activity opportunities to the community?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.13. Does your jurisdiction provide incentive programs (e.g., expedited permit processes, reduced permit fees, or tax breaks) for businesses and organizations that include active transportation designs into new facility development or redevelopment?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.14. Does your jurisdiction have a program or policy to provide continuous, unobstructed pedestrian and bicycle access to public transportation facilities (e.g., stops or station areas), consistent with ADA standards? In a rural context, this includes park and ride facilities, van pool and car pool activities?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.15. Does your jurisdiction currently have a mobile application (for mobile devices) that displays transit schedules, routes and/or arrival times?

Yes

No

If yes, provide the URL.

2.16. Does your jurisdiction partner with other agencies, organizations, or groups on physical activity-related events or messaging?

Yes

No

If yes, provide the name of the partner and a brief description of your work together.

2.17. Does your jurisdiction conduct or promote physical activity events in low income or under-served areas?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.18. Are there any other physical activity-related events or programs in your jurisdiction you would like to specifically highlight?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.19. Does your jurisdiction currently implement or plan to implement any other policies or programs not listed above that will promote or support safe and affordable physical activity opportunities for all persons regardless of age, ability or socioeconomic status?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

2.20. Has your jurisdiction received any award, recognition, or designation related to increased physical activity?

Yes

No

If yes, please list them in this section with a brief description.

Food Access/Nutrition [Required]

3.1. Does your jurisdiction have a food access/nutrition related policy work group(s) that includes input from the local county health department, local emergency services, school district, community leaders, businesses or community organizations (including faith-based organizations and those representing low income or under-served populations and persons with disabilities)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide the name of this group, list of members and affiliations, a brief description of this group's goals and activities and a URL link to this group if applicable.

3.2. Does your jurisdiction have a designated food access/nutrition coordinator?

Yes

No

If yes, provide the first and last name, email, and phone number of the person who would be responsible for food access/nutrition.

3.3. Has your jurisdiction adopted strategies that limit fast-food restaurant density?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

3.4. Has your jurisdiction adopted a policy to allow zoning for mobile produce cart vending or sidewalk produce vendors selling fresh fruits and vegetables? This does not include restaurant type food trucks?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a URL link to your policy.

3.5. Has your jurisdiction adopted a policy that allows and encourages community garden initiatives (e.g., grants providing vacant lots or other public lands for use by public or private organizations, supportive zoning, etc.)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a URL link to your policy.

3.6. Does your jurisdiction allow for farmers markets, farm/produce stands and/or mobile markets to accept federal food assistance programs (e.g., Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and/or Fresh Access Bucks (FAB) Benefits)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

3.7. Does your jurisdiction provide any incentive programs (e.g., expedited permit processes, reduced permit fees or tax breaks) for farmers markets that accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and/or Fresh Access Bucks (FAB) Benefits?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

3.8. Does your jurisdiction maintain a network of public transportation stops, bike lanes, trails, greenways and/or sidewalks (accessible to users of all abilities and ages) that connect residents (including those in low-income or under-served areas) with opportunities that provide equitable access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate foods (including food retailers, farmers markets and community gardens)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

3.9. Does your jurisdiction have any current ordinance(s) that address increasing access to nutritious foods?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a URL link to your plan and the page number(s).

3.10. Does your jurisdiction provide incentive programs (e.g., expedited permit processes, reduced permit fees, or tax breaks) for businesses and organizations that display nutrition-related promotional materials, run nutrition-related advertisements or work to provide access to healthy foods in the community?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

3.11. Does your jurisdiction provide incentive programs (e.g., expedited permit processes, reduced permit fees or tax breaks) for convenience stores/corner stores that carry fresh produce and healthy beverages?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

3.12. Does your jurisdiction provide incentive programs (e.g., brownfield redevelopment or other loans or grants to cover start-up and investment costs, economic development programs, supportive zoning) for independent grocery stores, supermarkets, or other locally-owned grocery stores that currently have or plan to establish a location(s) in under-served neighborhoods?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

3.13. Does your jurisdiction provide healthy food and beverage options at government office vending machines and/or at concession stands located at parks and/or recreational facilities?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

3.14. Does your jurisdiction promote and support breastfeeding in public areas?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

3.15. Does your jurisdiction partner with other agencies, organizations, or groups on healthy food access or nutrition-related events or messaging?

Yes

No

If yes, provide the name of the partner and a brief description of your work together.

3.16. Are there any other healthy food access/nutrition-related activities in your jurisdiction that you would like to specifically highlight?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

3.17. Does your jurisdiction currently implement or plan to implement any other policies or programs not listed above that will promote or support access to healthy, affordable, and culturally appropriate foods for all persons regardless of age, ability or socioeconomic status?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

3.18. Has your jurisdiction received any award, recognition, or designation related to improved nutrition?

Yes

No

If yes, please list them in this section with a brief description.

Best Practices

Please complete at least one of the following sections to further highlight your best practices:

Community Preparedness

Employee Wellness

Community Outreach

Leadership & Innovation

Awards

Community Preparedness

(Disaster, Emergency Response, and Infectious Outbreak)

4.1. Does your jurisdiction have an updated evacuation plan for all communities and the school district?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a URL link to your plan and the appropriate page number(s).

4.2. Does your jurisdiction have a community preparedness-related policy work group(s) that includes input from the local county health department, local emergency services, school district, community leaders, businesses and community organizations (including faith-based organizations and those representing low income or under-served populations and persons with disabilities)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide the name of this group, list of members and affiliations, a brief description of this group's goals and activities and a URL link to this group if applicable.

4.3. Does your jurisdiction's comprehensive plan or current ordinance(s) require that any jurisdiction redevelopment or new development projects be designed to include clearly marked and updated evacuation routes?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a URL link to your plan or ordinance(s) and the page number(s).

4.4. Does your jurisdiction's comprehensive plan or current ordinance(s) require that any jurisdiction redevelopment or new development projects (including commercial and/or residential projects) be designed with a minimum of two (2) points of entry or exit that can be used by emergency services or in the case of an evacuation?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a URL link to your plan or ordinance(s) and the page number(s).

4.5. Does your jurisdiction have a designated community preparedness coordinator?

Yes

No

If yes, provide the first and last name, email, and phone number of the person who would be responsible for community preparedness.

4.6. Does your jurisdiction's comprehensive plan or current ordinance(s) specifically require that any new commercial and/or residential development or redevelopment (including in low income and under-served areas) be designed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a URL link to your plan or ordinance(s) and the page number(s).

4.7. Does your jurisdiction have all evacuation routes clearly marked throughout all communities?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.8. Does your jurisdiction provide and promote to the public a copy of the evacuation plan and all routes? This could include, but is not limited to, evacuation routes and plans being posted online in a downloadable version, in the phonebook, copies provided in government buildings, copies provided to law enforcement and emergency medical services for distribution in times of emergency, etc.)

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description of how this information is distributed to the public.

4.9. Was your jurisdiction's evacuation plan created in coordination with all neighboring jurisdictions to assure safe and timely movement of all persons regardless of age, physical ability or socioeconomic status?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.10. Does your jurisdiction provide any incentive programs (e.g., expedited permit processes, reduced permit fees or tax breaks) for commercial businesses and/or retailers in the community (including those in low income and under-served areas) to carry extra supplies during hurricane season?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.11. Does your jurisdiction provide any incentive programs (e.g., expedited permit processes, reduced permit fees or tax breaks) for commercial and/or residential development groups/companies that incorporate adequate access for emergency services and to evacuation routes into their design?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.12. Does your jurisdiction provide or have access to mosquito control spray trucks to service all communities (including low income and under-served areas)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.13. Does your jurisdiction work with your county health department, emergency services, and the school district to enact policies, plans and actions towards limiting the spread of infectious diseases (e.g., mosquito borne illnesses, vaccinations, seasonal flu shots, etc.)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.14. Does your jurisdiction have a plan for limiting the spread of infectious diseases during a possible outbreak that includes all communities (including low income or under-served areas), all persons (regardless of age or ability), and your school district(s)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a link to your plan and the page number(s).

4.15. Are there any other community preparedness-related activities in your jurisdiction that you would like to specifically highlight?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.16. Does your jurisdiction currently implement or plan to implement any other policies or programs not listed above that will promote or support community preparedness efforts within all communities (including low income and under-served areas) and for all persons regardless of age, ability or socioeconomic status?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.17. Has your jurisdiction reviewed evacuation plans for vulnerable populations (e.g., nursing homes)?

Yes

No

4.17.a. Have vendors providing evacuation services for vulnerable populations been vetted to ensure they can deliver services?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.17.b. Has your jurisdiction considered special evacuation plans for vulnerable populations?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.18. Has your jurisdiction reviewed Mutual Aid and Emergency fulfillment contracts?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.18.a. Have the Mutual Aid and Emergency fulfillment plans/contracts been implemented?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

4.18.b. Have vendors providing resources and commodities during an emergency been vetted?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

4.19. Do all critical agencies in your jurisdiction have a Continuity Of Operations Plan (COOP)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

4.19.a. Have alternate sites to support the activation of a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) been identified and prepped?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

Employee Wellness

5.1. Does your jurisdiction provide any incentive programs (e.g., expedited permit processes, reduced permit fees or tax breaks) for new businesses and organizations that provide health benefits to their employees (e.g., health, dental, vision, etc.)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

5.2. Does your jurisdiction provide any incentive programs (e.g., reimbursement, discounted fares or free fares) for employees to use public transit to get to work?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

5.3. Does your jurisdiction currently have an employee wellness policy or plan to adopt one?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a link to your policy.

5.4. Does your jurisdiction have a designated employee wellness coordinator?

Yes

No

If yes, provide the first and last name, email, and phone number of the person who would be responsible for employee wellness.

5.5. Would your jurisdiction have an interest in establishing or improving their employee wellness program?

Yes

No

If yes, your jurisdiction will be contacted about employee wellness information, sample employee wellness policies, and/or technical assistance with your employee wellness activities.

5.6. Does your jurisdiction have an internal employee wellness-related work group that includes input from the county health department?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description of this group's goals and activities.

5.7. Does your jurisdiction offer a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognized Diabetes Prevention Program to jurisdiction employees?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description of this group's goals and activities.

5.8. Does your jurisdiction offer physical activity breaks, walking meetings and/or any other physical activity opportunities to jurisdiction employees?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

5.9. Does your jurisdiction promote the benefits of physical activity and nutrition at all government offices?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

5.10. Does your jurisdiction partner with any fitness facilities, gyms, programs and/or instructors in the community for discounted rates to your employees?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

5.11. Do any jurisdiction offices have onsite exercise facilities (e.g. locker room with shower facilities, workout room and/or a workout facility), walking paths, and/or bicycle facilities (e.g. bike racks, bike lockers, bike share programs, etc.)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

5.12. Do all jurisdiction offices have a room for employees to breastfeed or pump in private?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

5.13. Do all jurisdiction offices make appropriate breastfeeding accommodations (e.g. flexible work schedules, adequate break times, etc.) and provide appropriate breastfeeding support for staff?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

5.14. Are there any other employee wellness-related activities in your jurisdiction that you would like to specifically highlight?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

5.15. Does your jurisdiction currently implement or plan to implement any other policies or programs not listed above that promote or support employee wellness efforts among staff?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

Community Outreach and Engagement

6.1. Does your jurisdiction have a community outreach and engagement-related work group(s) that includes input from the local county health department, law enforcement, fire department(s), emergency medical service(s), school district(s), community leaders, community organizations (including faith-based organizations and those representing low income or under-served populations and persons with disabilities)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide the name of this group, a brief description of this group's goals and activities, and a URL link to this group if applicable.

6.2. Does your jurisdiction have a designated community outreach and engagement coordinator?

Yes

No

If yes, provide the first and last name, email, and phone number of the person who would be responsible for community outreach and engagement.

6.3. Does your jurisdiction have any incentive programs or provide public recognition for efforts of businesses and organizations that provide low cost or free community services? (e.g. transportation services, lawn or home maintenance for elderly or persons with disabilities, health and/or hearing screenings, etc.)

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

6.4. Does your jurisdiction conduct any health-related events for the community (e.g., health fairs, fitness fairs, Open Streets events, etc.)?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

6.5. Does your jurisdiction provide healthy food and beverage options at jurisdiction-sponsored events?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

6.6. Does your jurisdiction work with local law enforcement and emergency medical services to promote neighborhood watch associations in all communities including low income and under-served areas that are accessible and include input from all persons regardless of ability?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

6.7. Are there any other community outreach and engagement-related activities in your jurisdiction that you would like to specifically highlight?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

6.8. Does your jurisdiction currently implement or plan to implement any other policies, programs or initiatives not listed above that promote or support community outreach and engagement?

Yes

No

If yes, provide a brief description.

Leadership and Innovation

7.1. **Does your jurisdiction participate in any of the following?** Select all that apply.

School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)

Community Health Improvement Plan

Mobilizing Action through Planning Partnerships (MAPP)

PHIT America: Mayor's Fitness Challenge

Smart Growth America: Rural Development Program

7.2. **Has your jurisdiction adopted a resolution or proclamation related to the Active Transportation Community Recognition?** Click [here](#) to see an example of a resolution or proclamation.

Yes

No

If yes, please provide a link

7.3. **Has your jurisdiction adopted, or is your jurisdiction planning to adopt or update a Health Element (Health and Design Element, Community Health Element, Livability Element, etc.) in your Comprehensive Plan?**

Yes

No

If yes, please provide a link to your plan and the page number(s) or enter N/A for "No action at this time."

Other Awards, Recognitions & Designations

8.1. **Does your jurisdiction have or participate in any of the following?** Select all that apply.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Culture of Health Prize
Transportation for America: Smart Cities Challenge
Recognized on the Smart Growth America Policy Atlas
Walk Friendly Community Designation
Bicycle Friendly Community Designation
Bicycle Friendly Business Recognition Program
American Planning Association Florida Chapter Awards
AARP Age-Friendly Community
LEED Certified Buildings or Neighborhoods
Alliance for Healthy Cities Recognition Award
Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating (STAR) Communities Certification
Gold Medal for Excellence in Parks
Florida Breastfeeding Coalition Quest for Quality Maternity Care Award
Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative
Recognition of Child Care / Early Care and Education Centers for meeting Physical Activity and Nutrition Standards (Nemours Let's Move Childcare Program)
Healthy School District Award
Completed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Worksite Health Scorecard
Promote the Million Heart Campaign
American Diabetes Association recognized or American Association of Diabetes Educators Accredited Diabetes Self-Management Education Programs
CDC recognized Diabetes Prevention Lifestyle Change Programs
Florida Department of Transportation: Safe Routes to Schools
National Center for Safe Routes to School