



Pilot Program: Tipping Points

\$4 Million in Funding Available to Support Research on Transforming Food Systems for Better Health and Greater Economic Opportunity



Program Overview

Health is inextricably linked to food and the environment, where environment consists of all aspects of a community including housing, education, the economy, and many other factors. Throughout the U.S. many communities exist where disproportionate segments of the population are affected by chronic diseases, food insecurity, and poverty, largely caused by inequities within different components of a community or region. Governments from the local to federal level, philanthropic foundations, and local community partners have targeted specific components within communities or regions to elicit change. While these efforts have had significant impact, they are often disconnected from one another, missing opportunities that take into account the interdependent relationships between components of these complex and dynamic communities and regions.

Open RFA

This Request for Applications (RFA) encourages applications for developing and testing existing

approaches in conjunction with computational and mathematical approaches to deepen our understanding of the complex relationship between the food system, health, and the environment. Projects funded in response to this RFA will examine multiple food-system interventions and environmental factors to address how components of a system function within the context of their environment and the collective behaviors that arise from individual elements or parts of the food system working together to alleviate food insecurity and increase health outcomes. Often, properties associated with certain interventions are actually properties of the relationships and interactions between interventions and their environment. The ultimate goal of this RFA is to encourage food system level transformations that lead to positive health outcomes and increases economic opportunities within a community.

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