

### **Robeson County Social Impact Grants**

Q&A Session April 3, 2025





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NORTH CAROLINA HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

### NC Healthcare Foundation: Purpose

### **Our Mission**

To foster and accelerate the collective impact of hospitals, health systems, and community partners to improve the health of North Carolinians.

### **Our** Vision

A North Carolina where high-quality healthcare is equitable and accessible for all.

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North Carolina Healthcare Foundation

# **Our Priority Areas**

To elevate our voice and impact, we are addressing the state's most pressing health concerns.

### ACCESS TO CARE

Through scalable initiatives and facilitating a platform for peer learning and improvement, we can help remove barriers to care and improve overall health and well-being.

### **RURAL HEALTH**

We strive to create stable rural health services that meet the changing needs of North Carolina's rural communities while demonstrating value to the overall system of care.

#### WORKFORCE

Our work helps create a robust healthcare workforce that views their work as missioncritical, along with a thriving pipeline of individuals committed to improving the lives of North Carolinians.



#### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

We support behavioral healthcare that reliably responds to each North Carolinian with a standard of excellence that parallels physical healthcare.



#### EQUITY OF CARE

We build new care models that are creating widespread change for people across North Carolina's hospitals and health systems that are consistent regardless of race or ethnicity.



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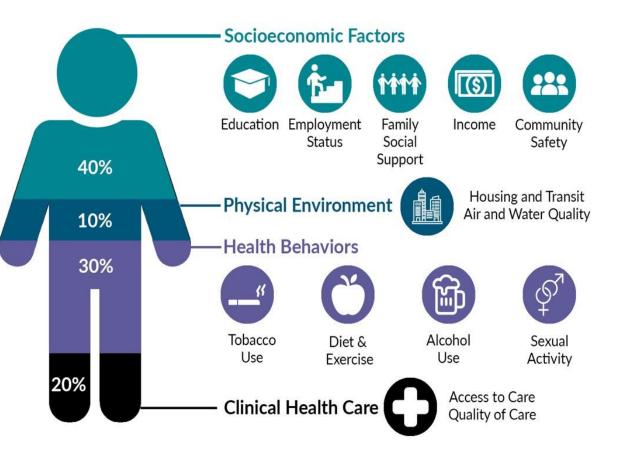


# **Program Overview**



### What Is Social Impact?

- Moving beyond hospital walls
- Health outcomes are 80% dependent on health factors outside of clinical care
- Transforming the accessibility of resources at a systems level



Hood, CM, Gennuso, KP, Swain, GR, & Caitlin BB. (2015). County health rankings: Relationships between determinant factors and health outcomes. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.



### **Investing in Social Drivers of Health**

- ✓ Implement a systems change effort that addresses social determinants of health and improves equitable health outcomes
- ✓ Facilitate authentic collaboration between the health system and historically marginalized populations to encourage greater community voice and shared decision making
- Provisioning mini-grants to pilot innovative interventions that address root causes of challenges around social determinants of health.
- ✓ Create and disseminate Social Impact in Healthcare Playbook to share learnings beyond Robeson County





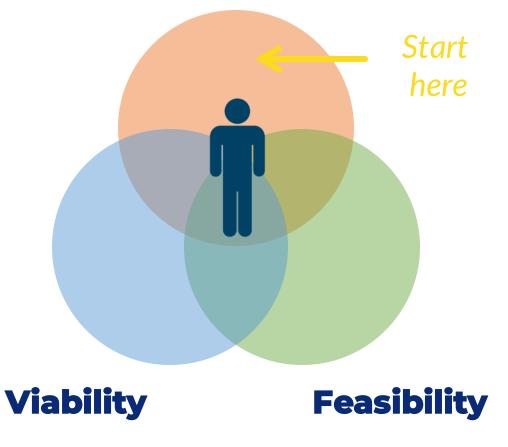


# **Human Centered Design**

Uncovering wants and needs through...*asking, observing, and involving* 

Putting people and their needs at the center of any design

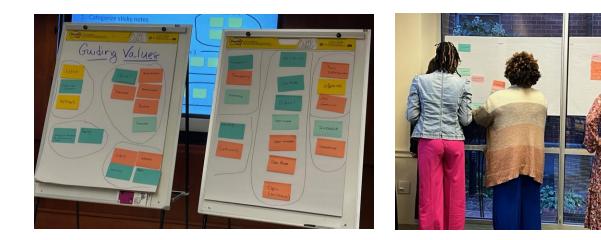
### Desirability





### **Community Development Team**

- Representatives of anchor institutions (i.e. major employers) and communitybased organizations across Robeson County.
- Identifies opportunities for collaboration to advance community-well-being.
- Informed the scope and parameters of mini-grants to community members with sustainable solutions to inequitable systems impeding health and high quality of life in the community.

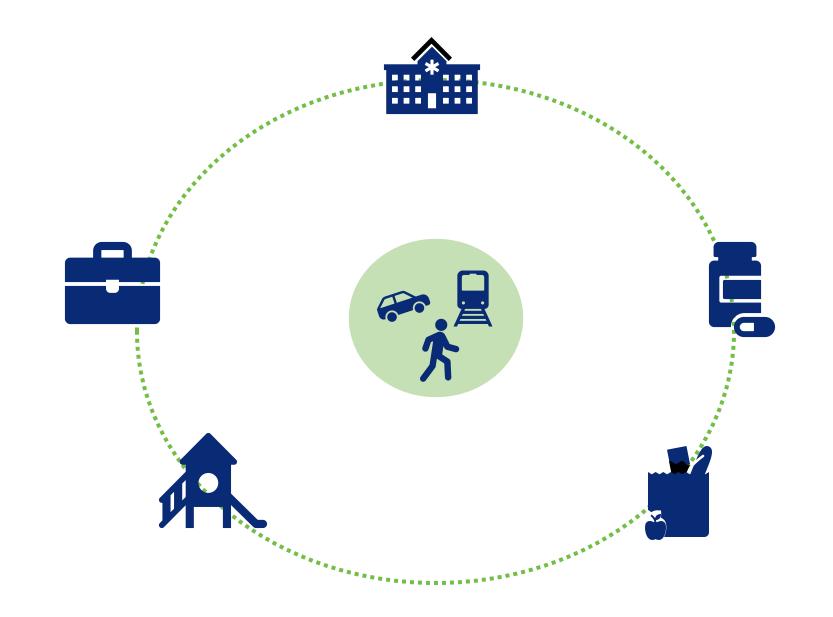








### Transportation as a Focus





### What is Systems Change in Robeson County?

- Moves beyond grant-dependent programs to redefine mindsets, structures, and relationships that influence health outcomes.
- Community-wide shared investment and recognition of the value of initiatives.
- Fosters **supportive, mutualistic partnerships** with elected officials, investors, and impacted communities to prioritize informed decision-making.
- Amplifies marginalized voices to **shift power dynamics**, enact policy change, and empower communities to advocate for their own health and well-being.



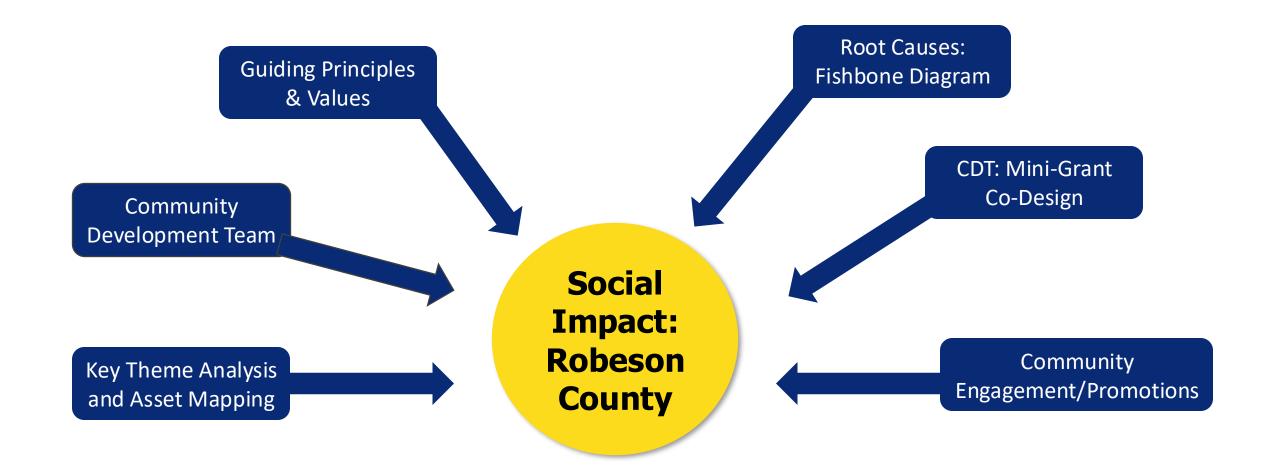
### **Multi-Sector Perspectives**

Inclusive of sector leaders & grassroots organizations representing:

Workforce Development	Hospitals	Public Health Department	Local Food Systems	FQHC	Youth Development
County Government	Lumbee Tribal Government	Racial Equity & Healing	Higher Education	Resiliency & ACEs	Emergency Medical Services
Community Coalitions	City Government	Early Childhood Support & Education	Faith-Based Organization	Public Transportation	Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment & Recovery



# **Co-Design Process**





### What They Want to See



Engaging Those Most Impacted Intentionality Around Racial Healing Driving Change Through Measurable Outcomes

Collaboration & Inclusivity

Sustainability



# **Mini Grants**



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# **Why Mini Grants?**

### **INPUTS:**

- Support capacity building
- Understand policies and systemic issues impacting outcomes
- Leverage community voice to identify opportunities for practice & policy change
- Develop partnerships to support grassroot efforts for communities

### **OUTCOMES:**

Increase trust and collaboration across organizations and with health ecosystem

Create cross-sector collaboration for multilayered, system-level approaches

Inform approaches to systems change through case studies

Drive practice and policy changes influencing long-term improved health



#### WHAT WF'RF DOING:



#### Collaborate

Generating partnerships and ideas that support a shared vision of a healthier community.



#### Empower

Elevating community voice and supporting local organizations' work to improve health outcomes.

#### Invest

Sharing resources to remove barriers, address root causes of disparities, and increase impact.



#### Sustain

Unlocking lasting change by developing long-term solutions that fund the future of a healthier Robeson County.

**Robeson County Social Impact Mini-Grants** 



- Key areas of priority based on stakeholder input:
  - Addressing transportation as a social driver of health
  - Building community trust and collaboration, ultimately impacting access to/use of transportation resources to improve health
- Total amount for 2025 awards \$300K
- Sites funded for a minimum of 1 Yr. with opportunity to renew
- Applications will be reviewed by an external team



# **Award Details**

Eligible Applicants	<ul> <li>501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations</li> <li>Groups fiscally sponsored by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization</li> <li>Public sector agencies serving Robeson County, North Carolina</li> <li>Religious organizations with or without a non-profit designation</li> <li>For profit businesses serving Robeson County</li> </ul>
Expected # of Awards	6-10
Award Amount	\$20,000-\$50,000
Grant Term*	12 months
Application Deadline	May 16, 2025
Expected Award	End of June 2025
Announcement Date	

\*Awards will be paid out in a lump sum at the start of the project period and may be renewed at end of project period contingent upon outcomes.

# **2025 Award Timeline**





## **Resources Available to Grantees**

Capacity<br/>BuildingProject PrototypingTrainings & workshops known to create sustainable changeSupport for developing a sustainability strategy



Unique<br/>PartnershipsAccess to shared learning and best practices<br/>Partnerships with cross-sector stakeholdersStrategic planning and evaluation support for data driven solutions

Implementation<br/>SupportGrantee Learning CollaborativeOngoing support for integrating HCD principles into decision making<br/>Support for selecting evaluation metrics and developing case studies



## **Capacity Building**

### Developing the tools for sustainability & systems change

<b>TIMELINE</b>		LEARNING COLLABORATIVE
Q3 2024	$\checkmark$	Human Centered Design as a Tool For Designing Systems – Level Interventions
Q4 2024	$\checkmark$	Racial Healing as a Strategy for Enhancing Community Well Being
Q1 2025	$\checkmark$	Economic Development Strategies for Investing in Social Drivers of Health
Q2 2025		Evaluating Systems-Level Impact
Q3 2025		Inputs and Outputs for Evaluating Return on Investment
Q4 2025		Impact Investing









# **Closing and Next Steps**

# Submit your application by 11:59 p.m. on May 16, 2025

# Questions? Reach out to social.impact@ncha.org

#### **Important Dates**

- Applications Close: 11:59 p.m. on May 16, 2025
- Notification of Awards: By June 30, 2025



