

## **Community-Engaged Scholarship Impact Assessment Grant**

### What

Leaders of funded or unfunded research projects often lack the resources to follow-up with the end-users of research outputs to assess impact for an organization, neighborhood, community, or city. This small-grant competition is designed to correct for this gap in research funding.

### Eligibility

Principal Investigators or Co-Principal Investigators who completed a funded or unfunded community-engaged research project at least six months ago in the City of Orlando in the downtown area are eligible to apply. For the purposes of this competition, a community-engaged research project is one that included a defined constituency as a partner in research design, data collection, data analysis, data interpretation, and/or development of written findings or recommendations. For example, a constituency includes but is not limited to a single organization, neighborhood association, coalition, or multiple independent residents.

### Grant Amount and Spending Restrictions

Two grants will be awarded in the amount of \$5000 and must be used between the start of spring 2022 semester and June 30, 2022—the end of the fiscal year. Funds can be used towards E&G allowable expenditures, including but not limited to hiring OPS student workers, paying part of summer salary, local travel, allowable incentives for participants in the research, or miscellaneous supplies.

### Grant Requirements

Grant recipients agree to prepare an “Impact Case Study” that details the original community-engaged research project and the longer-term impact achieved. Formatting instructions for the case study will be made available later. Grant recipients also agree to participate in a webinar conducted in hybrid form or virtually to share their case studies for a broad, global audience.

### Application Instructions

1. In no more than 1000 words total, answer the following three questions:
  - a. Describe the project and results of the previously conducted community-engaged research project.
  - b. Describe the relationship the research team had with community partners, including questions of who the partners were and how they were involved in the project.
  - c. Identify the need for follow-up impact assessment. For example, the research team might have shared recommendations with community partners at the end of the project that were subsequently fully or partially implemented but is uncertain how successful those recommendations have been since.
2. Prepare a list of conference presentations and publications (academic or practitioner-focused) based on the original community-engaged research project.
3. No more than three letters of support from a community partner or community partners to participate in an impact assessment.
4. A detailed budget with brief written justification.

All application will be reviewed by a committee chaired by Dr. Thomas Bryer, Director of Community-Engaged Scholarship at UCF Downtown, along with at least two members of a team of visiting faculty for community-engaged scholarship who were appointed during the 2020/2021 academic year.

**Deadline: November 30, 2021**