

## **American Heart Association Food Is Medicine Request for Proposals**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **I am not an AHA member. Can I still apply?**

Each applicant must be an AHA Professional Member before submitting a full proposal. (Membership is not required to submit a pre-proposal/letter of intent.) Join or renew when preparing an application in ProposalCentral, [online](#), or by phone at 301-223-2307. Membership processing may take 3-5 days; do not wait until the application deadline to renew or join.

#### **Does this application require a letter of intent?**

No. The only submission required is the completed proposal application.

#### **How long is the award for?**

This award is for an 18-month period. The award start date will be January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and the award end date will be June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

#### **What is the total award amount?**

The award amount is up to \$400,000, including all indirect costs. The AHA limit for indirect costs is 10%.

#### **While these questions seem of import, I work on research that applies to longer term interventions and questions. Will there be a future RFP that addresses other questions under the FIM umbrella?**

Yes. Future requests for proposals will probably center on a variety of other questions related to effective Food Is Medicine interventions.

#### **I am a FIM practitioner but do not meet the requirements to apply for the RFP. How can I get involved?**

Please fill out the form at this [link](#). We will gather all of the information provided and post it for use by research teams that are interested in finding FIM practitioner partners.

**I am a PI and would like to partner with a community-based organization or other food vendor. How do I find information for interested parties?**

As practitioners fill out the above form, we will share the list for prospective PIs on our [website](#). You may also contact AHA FIM staff at [AHA.FIM@heart.org](mailto:AHA.FIM@heart.org).

**I do not have access to a human-centered design expert. Will the AHA provide that access?**

Yes. If selected, the study team will be introduced to a human-centered design expert who will create templates for the group to use, provide guidance to the group and a high-level tutorial on human-centered design, and be available for ad hoc questions as needed to help with implementation of this element of the study design.

**I noticed that equity and lived experience are emphasized in the RFP, but are not a separate element under the peer review process. Are those part of the scoring criteria for the peer review?**

Yes. These considerations should be considered by reviewers when assessing significance, approach, innovation and the non-scientist summary components of the proposal.

**For other questions regarding the general AHA application process, and the use of Proposal Central, please refer to the [Application Resources](#) page.**