



Call for Applications AFHC Awards for Healthy Cities 2021

1. Award for Creative Developments in Healthy Cities

The Alliance for Healthy Cities calls for applications for the Award for Creative Developments in Healthy Cities.

The Healthy Cities program, promoted by the World Health Organization (WHO), is a long-term, city-based development program that has been extended globally since the 1980's. This program has led a strong movement for public health at the local level that seeks to value health high on the agenda of cities. Other city-based programs, such as safe cities, resilient cities, age-friendly cities, smart cities, and compact cities, emerged following Healthy Cities' initial expansion.

These city-based programs feature the well-being of people and cities. Most of these programs share common approaches, such as multi-sectoral collaboration, community engagement, vision sharing and planning, a whole of government approach, innovations, and evaluation.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, cities have been at the forefront of its prevention and control. Healthcare interventions and innovative economic, social, environmental, and political interventions are all required to cope with this emerging infectious disease.

The strength of Healthy Cities is that they prioritize policies that create co-benefits between health, well-being, quality of life, and other city policies. The struggle with COVID-19 has allowed Healthy Cities to re-imagine how to collaborate with multiple sectors; coordinate between urban landscapes and the natural environment; take advantage of innovative technologies; feature a sustainable, equitable and inclusive society; and care for the planet beyond the end of this pandemic.

Please report how creatively your city has acted before, and during the COVID-19 pandemic and how your city is preparing for the future in the scope of the following topics:

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1-1. Creative City Responses Throughout COVID-19

Since the early phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, WHO has supported cities to manage the pandemic better and develop a conceptual framework, checklist, and list for actions. Creative developments in cities for different phases of the pandemic, which ranged from emergency response to designing new urban lifestyles to use of urban space, are expected to be reported.

1-2. Creative Development in Risk Communication Under COVID-19

Creative developments in cities in risk communications, community engagement, and risk governance during pandemics are expected to be reported.

1-3. Creative Data-driven Planning for Healthy Cities

Data-driven approaches have been applied to urban planning and design in cities worldwide. Because urban environments have a significant impact on their populations' physical and mental health, large amounts of data have been used to evaluate the quality of and access to health services in cities. Creative developments in data-driven planning and the experiences of cities are expected to be reported.

1-4. Creative Developments in eHealth and mHealth

eHealth refers to healthcare services provided with the support of information and communication technology whereas mHealth refers to the use of smart or portable devices for health services and information. eHealth/mHealth encompasses improvement of a vast spectrum of healthcare services, ranging from prevention, monitoring & surveillance, health service delivery, knowledge exchange, and management of health & lifestyle. Creative developments in use of eHealth and mHealth in cities are expected to be reported. Developments can be directly/non-directly related to COVID-19.

1-5. Green and Walkability in Cities

Walkable green spaces are an essential feature/element in cities that improve comfort, convenience and promote both physical and mental health. COVID-19 and its requirements of social-distancing and the encouragement of telework have accelerated efforts to redesign urban spaces into greener, walkable, disease-preventing, and health-promoting spaces. Creative developments in cities with walkable green spaces and their plans for gaining more of them are expected to be reported.

1-6. Innovation in Food Distribution Under and Beyond COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the usual food supply-chains in cities, and this challenged residents, farmers, restaurants, and food assistance programs. However, many cities and networks responded by developing innovative food distribution systems. Creative developments in cities on food distribution under and beyond COVID-19 are expected to be reported.

1-7. Measuring Climate Change and Health

Monitoring the health effects of climate change is an important approach to accelerate climate actions in cities. Creative developments in cities to promote awareness towards climate change, climate action, and monitor the progress are expected to be reported.

1-8. SDGs in Healthy Cities

Cities and human settlements are key settings to achieving the global sustainable development goals (SDGs) (<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>). Health and well-being of the population of all ages are recognized as an independent and important agenda, under Goal 3. Urban infrastructure, housing/settlements, environmental characteristics of cities are regarded to form sustainable cities and communities, under Goal 11. Further, all other goals are also closely related to health and well-being of the citizens. Creative developments in cities to advance the efforts towards SDGs are expected to be reported.

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Qualified reports will be invited to present at the 9th Global Conference of the Alliance for Healthy Cities. The original materials will be used in publications of AFHC upon getting permission from copyright owners.

Template for submission:

*** Title of the report**

*** Names of the contributors of this case study. Please list all relevant individuals (and name of cities/organizations)**

1-Background

2-Objectives

3-Program Content or Methodology

4-Findings/Observation

5-Application

Award given

A few case studies selected for the presentation and publication

Eligible Applicants

Any members of the Alliance for Healthy Cities

Materials to be submitted [Submission of electronic files is strongly recommended.]

- A summary of submission (Submission Form 1, see the next page).
- A report (1,000 - 4,000 words) and tables or charts.
- Photographs or multimedia materials, if applicable.

*Maximum of three reports throughout “AFHC Award for Creative Developments in Healthy Cities” from one member (city/organization) are permitted.

Awards evaluation criteria

The following points are used for selection of awardees.

- If the work is relevant to the goals and objectives of the Alliance for Healthy Cities **[Relevance to the Charter of the Alliance for Healthy Cities]**
- If the report describes details of the activities, outcomes of those activities, and lessons learnt **[Concrete explanation of activities]**
- If the work meets specific needs of the cities/communities concerned **[Relevance to the cities’ needs]**
- If the work is a new and original effort (not a replication of another’s work) **[Originality and innovation]**
- If the work could be a useful model for other cities and organizations to replicate or to learn from **[Influence to other cities]**

Deadline for submission

September 17, 2021

Contact Information

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