



Call for Applications AFHC Awards for Healthy Cities 2024

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.

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 policies include collaboration with multiple sectors; coordination between urban landscapes and the natural environment; taking advantage of innovative technologies; featuring a sustainable, equitable, and inclusive society; and care for the planet.

Please report how creatively your city has acted and how your city is preparing for the future in the scope of the following topics:

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1-1. Increasing Resilience to Health Emergencies in Cities

Since the struggle with health emergencies including COVID-19 pandemic, 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 health emergencies. Creative developments in cities for increasing resilience to health emergencies are expected to be reported. Health emergencies are not limited to infectious disease outbreaks but also include other natural and man-made emergencies.

1-2. 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.

1-3. eHealth and mHealth in Cities

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.

1-4. Healthy Cities in Blue and Green Zones

Cities have implemented a healthy cities approach through the development of green and blue zones, providing communities with easy access to green spaces and bodies of water, thus enhancing their physical and mental well-being. Creative developments in cities to use blue and green zones integral to promotion of health and well-being of citizens as well as nurturing ecosystem are expected to be reported.

1-5. Action Plan Addressing Planetary Health in Cities

There is a growing concern for planetary health. Immediate actions by all people on the planet are required. Policies and activities of Healthy Cities contribute to planetary health. Collaboration among partners, emphasis on ecosystem health, and the strengthening of community activities are important. Creative developments in cities to promote awareness towards climate change, climate action, and monitor the progress are expected to be reported.

1-6. 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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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 award and publication

Eligible Applicants

Any members of the Alliance for Healthy Cities

Materials to be submitted [Please submit materials electronically.]

- 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 two 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

August 20, 2024

Contact Information

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Summary (up to 300 words)

Suggestion for the structure of the contents of the report (1000 – 4000 words) [Report with word lengths exceeds the limit will be excluded from the reviews]

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- 3-Program Content or Methodology**
- 4-Findings/Observation**
- 5-Application**

Tables or charts could be attached. Photographs or multimedia materials, if applicable.

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