CAREER EXPLORATION MICRO-GRANT GUIDELINES

The Regional Career Exploration Collaborative (RCEC) is tasked with building and operating quality healthcare career exploration programs for middle and high school students in the Greater Cincinnati region. **The goal of our 2026 Micro-Grant process is to create or expand meaningful healthcare career exploration opportunities for RCEC members to use with middle &/or high school students.**

Application Opens: October 9, 2026 / Applications Due: November 13, 2026

To Apply: bit.ly/RCEC

Eligibility:

- Be actively engaged in The Health Collaborative's Regional Career Exploration Collaborative
- Be a registered nonprofit organization, educational institution, or government entity.
- Demonstrate ability to deliver successful middle or high school student programming.
- Have the capacity to manage and implement the proposed program.
- Commit to reporting and evaluation requirements.

Information:

- Grants up to $3,000, per proposal.
- Grants should be a minimum of $500, per proposal
- Programs should be completed by June 30, 2027, with data & results reported by July 15, 2027.
- Grants are encouraged to be used for (but not limited to):
  - **Content and Program Development**;
  - **Program Supplies** – includes items like books, workbooks, Stop the Bleed Kits, CPR Certification, mannequins;
  - **Student Supports** – includes covering tuition and fees, transportation, personal student equipment such as stethoscopes, white coats, program tee shirts, and food/snacks

Selection Process:

- All Proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee.
- Selection will be based on alignment with the grant's goal, program feasibility, organizational capacity, and budget justification.
- Applicants will be notified on or before November 20, 2026.

The Regional Career Exploration Collaborative exists to ensure that healthcare career exploration is a possibility for every student in Greater Cincinnati. Visit us at bit.ly/RCEC to learn more.

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