

The Botnar Healthy Cities for Adolescents Challenge

Eligibility Requirements

Which countries and cities are eligible to apply?

Applications addressing secondary cities in Ecuador, Colombia, Senegal, Ghana, and two states in India, Rajasthan and Odisha. The Challenge follows the definition of secondary cities defined by Cities Alliance, a joint collaboration of the World Bank and UN Habitat:

- “A secondary city will likely have a population or economy ranging in size between 10 per cent and 50 per cent of a nation’s largest city.”
- Cities Alliance publication, "Managing systems of secondary cities" proposes a working definition for secondary cities that integrates past and contemporary thinking in the context of New Economic Geography (NEG) and urban governance.
- <http://www.citiesalliance.org/node/4978>

For any clarifications, please contact us on botnarchallenge@innocentive.com.

What are we looking for?

Consortia and cities with the highest chance of succeeding in the Challenge will demonstrate evidence of the following:

- familiarity with the demographic and health data of the City’s adolescent population and the challenges they face;
- political support of City and Municipal officials;
- past or present adolescent serving policies and initiatives in the Country/City/Municipality; include the presence and active engagement of urban health champions;
- a history of multi-stakeholder partnerships, especially with the private sector in city-wide projects; participatory approaches and adolescent engagement in city activities and governance.

More details on the specific elements in each of these characteristics of a strong proposal are provided below:

- **Urban Child and Adolescent Health Champions**
 - Identify the development actors and credible champions of urban health in the city.
 - Identify the development actors and credible champions of adolescent health and empowerment in the city.
 - What other catalysts for change exist in the city?
 - What are the promising solutions for scale promoted by these health champions?

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- **Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement**
 - Identify the critical stakeholders involved in health and wellbeing in the city, especially adolescent health, including local and international development actors.
 - Is there a history of cross-sectoral engagement and collaboration in the city?
 - To what extent have public-private partnerships been formed and how effective have they been?
 - Identify any substantive partnerships that have contributed to sustained impact and change in the health of the city with special emphasis on adolescent.
 - Has the consortium been involved in the city planning and budgeting processes?
 - Do members of the consortium have experience in influencing policy at municipal, city and national level?
- **Urban Health Strategy, Learning, and Evaluation**
 - Is there a national health strategy for urban areas or is urban health included in the national plan to address the SDGs or Habitat's New Urban Agenda?
 - What are the core components of this strategy and how is it aligned with the critical areas of the Challenge?
 - What progress has been made in advancing this strategy?
 - How are the successes and failures shared across partners and learning platforms?
- **Financial Commitment**
 - What is the proposed co-investment for infrastructure, program activities, and the actual intervention?
 - Is there a matching financial and/or in-kind commitment from collaborators?
 - How will the consortium leadership leverage the funds received from Fondation Botnar?
 - What are the innovative financial models being considered for the initiative that can be applied to bring the project to scale?
- **AI/Technological Readiness and Commitment**
 - Is there a demonstrated technological capacity in the city to use AI or digital technologies to improve the health and wellbeing of adolescents?
 - Is there a commitment by city actors to improve the health and wellbeing of urban adolescents using AI or digital health and innovative technologies?
 - Is there a clear vision for how to deploy AI or digital health and other technologies for successful implementation of the project?
 - Is there a history of or a clear sense of how to expand and/or improve systems and services for urban adolescents using AI or digital health and other technological innovations?
 - Is there a long-term strategy for infusing AI or digital health and other technologies into the urban health system and services for adolescents?

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- **Systems Approach**

- Is there a plan for engaging relevant communities, municipalities, and system actors in the planning and progress review of the project?
- Is there a plan for engaging adolescents in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the proposed project?
- Is there evidence of consultative engagement with communities, especially with adolescents in formulation of current urban and/or health policies?

One of the key focus areas of Fondation Botnar's strategy is the emphasis regarding the creation, building and strengthening of multi-stakeholder partnerships. These need to include the private sector, public sector, and civil society working together across sectors to contribute to healthy, equitable and sustainable cities that lead through impact and change.

Specifically, there will be two options for support:

1. A fully functioning consortium platform already driving an urban adolescent health and wellbeing agenda. Fondation Botnar funding will support in scaling up promising practices and enhancing the existing work of the consortium. The application must show how Fondation Botnar support will:
 - a. Match existing consortium resources and support;
 - b. Support the brokering of partnerships for technical expertise and scale;
 - c. Directly support a program for enhancing the health and wellbeing of urban adolescents;
 - d. Sustainability of this initiative.
2. Emerging consortia led by independent local champions who want to build an urban adolescent health and wellbeing platform. The individual organisation must show how Fondation Botnar support will be used for a program targeted at young people's health and wellbeing to:
 - a. Form of consortium;
 - b. Match new as well as existing and/or new resources;
 - c. Provide staffing;
 - d. Broker partnerships for technical expertise and scale;
 - e. Sustainability of this initiative.

Who can apply?

- A. Eligible lead organisations for the consortium:
 - Governmental organisation in the applicant city with relevant adolescent health and wellbeing policy and/or program experience.
 - Legally recognized non-governmental organisation in the applicant city including, but not limited to, local civil society organisations and educational/academic institutions which can demonstrate experience in implementing community-based adolescent projects addressing: health and wellbeing, urban health, children's rights or other relevant issue areas aligned with the Challenge goals.

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B. Characteristics of Eligible Organisations:

- A history of serving urban adolescents and/or advancing urban health;
- Evidence of active engagement of young people in current programs;
- A track record of community engagement and participatory approaches in its projects;
- Connections to existing networks concerned with the health and wellbeing of adolescents and young people at the national, city and community level;
- A history of effective collaboration as part of multi-stakeholder partnerships, including the private sector and city governments;
- Capacity for/experience in the use of AI/technology in its work;
- An administrative infrastructure that supports effective project management;
- Financial capability to manage grant funds and provide necessary documentation and reporting;
- Potential to leverage matching funds to support the project;
- A viable sustainability plan beyond the period of the Challenge funding.

What are the Awards?

Successful applications will be competing for funding of a maximum amount of 800,000 Swiss francs (CHF) for three-year projects. Funding requests should be consistent with the scope of the project, articulating succinctly the area of focus to address adolescent health and wellbeing, and number of implementing partners. Cost reasonableness is a factor in the consideration of proposals. Furthermore, awardees are expected to fulfil the following grant requirements:

- Participate in global project management activities for the Challenge;
- Data sharing and participation in grantee learning community;
- Evidence of commitment to integrity, participant safety and wellbeing, gender and multi-ethnic inclusion;
- Sign on to Fondation Botnar-ISUH defined Challenge requirements for receiving grants;
- Compliance with Child Protection Policy;
- Quarterly progress reports to Fondation Botnar;
- Submission of budget justifications for key programmatic changes;
- Participation in Fondation Botnar-ISUH Challenge's process and outcome evaluation and monitoring plan.