

S4A

Systems for Action

2021 S4A Call for Proposals

Systems and Services Research to Build a Culture of Health to test and evaluate innovative solutions to the Wrong-Pocket Problem

\$2 million is available to measure solutions to the

Wrong-Pocket Problem:

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when costs and benefits for promising solutions aren't distributed evenly, implementation costs are drawn largely from one set of pockets while benefits flow into alternative sets of pockets.



36-month period with up to \$500,000 in total funding

Example of a Wrong-Pocket Problem:

What is the impact of a cross-sector initiative that redirects resources from local law enforcement agencies to support community-based mental health services in order to avoid harmful and unnecessary interactions between police and persons experiencing mental health crises? Expanded access to mental health services can reduce the need for law enforcement to intervene with persons experiencing mental health crises, but law enforcement agencies often do not share equitably in the costs of implementing expanded mental health. One example of a solution to this problem is the CAHOOTS system operated by the City of Eugene, Oregon, local law enforcement, and the White Bird Clinic.

Important Deadlines

April 30

Optional
Letter of Intent due

June 9

Full proposals
due via RWJF
online system
(3pm ET)*

August 31

Awards
announced

October 15

Grants
begin

Interventions must include social services as well as medical care or public health; special consideration will be given to those that include all three sectors.

All projects must incorporate an approach for evaluating the impact of the potential solution using an explicit racial equity and racial justice lens, along with other possible dimensions of health equity.

For more info, please access the following resources:

- [Informational Webinar Recording](#)
- [Informational Webinar Slides](#)
- [Informational Webinar Q&A](#)
- [CFP Brochure](#)
- [Systems for Action website](#)
- [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation website](#)

Questions? Email systemsforaction@ucdenver.edu

*All proposals or applications must be submitted via the RWJF online system. All applicants should log in to the system and familiarize themselves with online submission requirements well before the submission deadline. Program staff may not be able to assist all applicants in the final 24 hours before the submission deadline. In fairness to all applicants, late submissions will not be accepted.