



*Submit a nomination*

## H2HC Inaugural Innovation Prizes

The Hunger to Health Collaboratory (H2HC) Prizes for Innovation will identify and highlight successful and innovative efforts to address food and nutrition inequities, and advance health equity, in communities throughout the United States.

In this inaugural year, H2HC will award **two \$100,000 prizes**. Prize recipients will be announced and introduced at the H2HC Fall Summit on November 16, 2023, at WBUR CitySpace in Boston.

### About the Prizes

In a time of increasingly convergent food and health challenges, the need for successful, upstream community-based models and solutions could not be clearer. We know that transforming our food and nutrition ecosystem requires models for change-making that engage people at all levels of experience. We seek to identify and elevate programs that reach across established disciplines to catalyze new collaborations and pathways to address food and nutrition equity challenges through effective systems and outcomes. We launch these Prizes to identify models that are promising and innovative, as well as scalable and replicable. Our goal is to share widely best practices and promising outcomes.

### Eligibility Criteria

The Prizes will be awarded to programs or initiatives that:

- Focus on food and/or nutrition equity
- Are designed to advance health equity
- Address upstream, systemic factors
- Take an innovative approach that has potential regional or national scalability or community adaptation
- Demonstrate measurable, positive impact
- Have a tax-exempt status or affiliation

### Prize Committee

The Collaboratory has invited a small cross-sector group of advisors with diverse professional leadership skills and backgrounds to help shape its process.

### Process

The Hunger to Health Collaboratory Prize Committee is launching an open call and invites recommendations and nominations through its network of strategic advisors, members, and affiliates. All recommendations are welcome, and the nomination form can be found on at [www.h2hcollaboratory.org](http://www.h2hcollaboratory.org) (or through the QR code above).

***Nominations must be submitted by Friday, July 28, 2023.***

Following review of first-round submissions, the Prize Committee will invite finalists to submit a brief, second-round application. During this round, H2HC will be in touch with the finalists.

Beyond the Prize recipients, the Collaboratory is eager to help amplify the promising work of all nominees and will continue to build its database of effective models from around the country. H2HC will also make information on nominees available to funders that may seek to tap into successful models and organizations working within their own communities or program areas.

### **About the Hunger to Health Collaboratory**

The Hunger to Health Collaboratory (H2HC) catalyzes integrated solutions to food, nutrition, and health inequities by convening cross-sector thought leaders, uplifting innovative models, and educating stakeholders, all through a focus on the social drivers of health. Please visit our website at [www.h2hcollaboratory.org](http://www.h2hcollaboratory.org).

## **FAQs**

### **1. What kind of work is H2HC interested in considering?**

As outlined on our website, H2HC is seeking innovative, and perhaps unusual, work addressing food and nutrition inequities and that has proven capacity, or the clear potential, to make a significant strategic contribution to advancing health equity. The work should also be replicable and nationally scalable. H2HC is particularly interested in uplifting models that take an upstream approach and address the root causes of inequities to catalyze systemic change.

### **2. Are there specific populations the work should target?**

H2HC is interested in work that empowers populations most at risk of health challenges related to food insecurity and poor nutrition. H2HC is also interested in work led by individuals who represent the communities they serve and that center lived experience.

### **3. Can I nominate an organization with which I am affiliated? Can I nominate an individual?**

Yes, anyone can nominate an organization. Individuals may also be nominated if they have a 501(c)3 organization affiliation to which the Prize would be awarded.

### **4. Will multiple nominations increase an organization's chance of winning?**

No, the winners are not determined by the number of nominations received so interested parties are advised to collaborate on a single nomination. The prize winners will be determined by a cross-sector committee that will evaluate the nominations based on the eligibility criteria.

### **5. Do you require clear goals and outcomes?**

Clear measurable objectives, including goals and outcomes, are critical.

### **6. Are the prize funds restricted in any way?**

The H2HC prizes have no use restrictions and are meant to uplift and amplify innovative efforts to address food and nutrition inequity and advance health equity. The funds will be dispersed in two equal tranches over 2 years.

### **7. Are there any reporting requirements?**

Prize winners will be asked to report on their progress after year 1 by presenting at H2HC's 2024 Fall Summit in Boston, at other H2HC meetings, and will be available for H2HC media relations or other related purposes.