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**Active People, Healthy Nation SM Walkability Action Institute (WAI)**

**Interested State Entity Application for State-Based WAI**

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| **APPLICATION DUE DATE**: December 6, 2024, by 11:59 p.m. ET via electronic submission through the [Application Link](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/90cae963f412494fae152877c2ed0867).  **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**: Complete the application below and submit electronically (Word or PDF format) via the [Application Link](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/90cae963f412494fae152877c2ed0867).   * The formatting of the Application Form should remain unchanged. * The Application should not exceed seven (7) pages (single spaced, Calibri, size 12 font) |

**Application Questions**

1. Provide a brief statement indicating why your state wants to host the Active People, Healthy Nation WAI (10 points) and describe how hosting the WAI will augment your state’s current efforts to improve physical activity through community design (10 points). **(20 points)**

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1. Since Interested State Entities will be providing capacity building assistance to at least four, but no more than eight, local/regional interdisciplinary participant teams, it is expected that the selected State Entity form an interdisciplinary state-level team to attend and participate in the WAI. Does your state currently have a state-level interdisciplinary partner team in place (check one box)? **(Required, but unscored)**

Yes

No

1. If ‘Yes’ to question #2, describe the current relationships and skill sets of the interdisciplinary partners and how this team’s attendance at the WAI will contribute to the state’s ability to scale local/regional policy, system, and environmental (PSE) changes for physically active travel to community destinations. **(10 points)**

If ‘No’ to question #2 and if this interdisciplinary state-level team is being assembled for the first time, describe your plan for forming this team in advance of the WAI and how this new team could contribute right away to local/regional PSE success for physically active travel to community destinations. **(10 points)**

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1. Whether as an existing interdisciplinary team or as individual partners or agencies, describe any past or current cross-collaborative efforts to improve walkability, movability, and/or equitable active transportation in your state. Share outcomes data, as appropriate. **(10 points)**

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1. Describe your state’s short-term (5 points) and long-term (5 points) plans for working collaboratively across disciplines to improve physically active travel to community destinations using PSE approaches. Include your plans to meaningfully integrate and operationalize equity and inclusion (5 points). **(15 points)**

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1. Describe your anticipated process for recruiting at least four, but no more than eight, local/regional interdisciplinary participant teams from within your state (5 points). Include how you plan to consider, engage, and reflect underserved populations and places as part of your state-based WAI cohort of communities and any previous experience engaging with these communities in support of community design for physical activity efforts (5 points). **(10 points)**

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1. Share any evidence of the need and/or demand for improved walkability, movability, and/or active transportation in your state that could be improved through the achievement of future PSE changes. This could include mode share data, crash data, anticipated infrastructure projects, community health assessment data, community feedback, visioning, planning documents, and/or assessment processes (e.g., including walk/move audits, photovoice, listening sessions, and windshield tours). You may use state level data, local/regional data from your prospective participant locations, or a combination of both. Please be concise and evidence-based. **(15 points)**

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1. Share how your state’s past, current, and/or recognized future efforts will positively influence racial/ethnic justice, disability justice, and social and environmental justice as you work to improve walkability, movability, and active transportation. **(10 points)**

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1. Describe how your state’s participation in the Active People, Healthy Nation WAI will augment your future physical activity efforts? (Note that this is an opportunity to provide any information not explicitly requested in the previous application questions and make clear the value of your state’s participation in the WAI). **(10 points)**

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1. From the lists below, select the populations and locations/places that you aim to impact through your participation in the state-based WAI. **(Required, but unscored)**

**Populations (check all boxes that apply):**

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian American

Black/African American

Hispanic/Latino

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

White/Non-Hispanic

Other race/ethnicity (please describe):

Elderly

Faith-Based

Low Socio-Economic Status

Military Service Members and Families

People with Disabilities

Youth

Other special populations (please describe):

Locations/Places (check all boxes that apply):

Urban City Areas

Impoverished or disadvantaged city areas

Suburban Areas

Impoverished or disadvantaged suburban areas

Rural Areas

Impoverished or disadvantaged rural areas

Frontier Areas

Impoverished or disadvantaged frontier areas