Attention partners and potential partners in promoting healthy eating and active living throughout Minnesota: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) Community Partnership Funding initiative provides a chance for staff and educators with the University of Minnesota Extension SNAP-Ed program to learn from our partners throughout the state about ways to incorporate policy, system, and environmental changes in organizations and communities in order to promote healthy eating and active living. Together, we will strengthen individual knowledge and skills, promote community education, educate providers, foster coalitions and networks, change organizational practices, and influence policy.

**WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?**

This funding offers a unique opportunity to step back and assess where, how, and with whom Extension SNAP-Ed staff work in community settings to effect the greatest positive changes in healthy eating and active living for SNAP-eligible persons. In addition, we want to understand how Extension can be the best possible partner when working with community-based organizations. The projects funded through this initiative will also help guide future Extension SNAP-Ed work.

**HOW WILL THIS HAPPEN?**

University of Minnesota Extension will partner with organizations (or a group of organizations or a coalition) through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The funding is open to current SNAP-Ed partners as well as new partners. Organizations will work with Extension SNAP-Ed staff to develop and implement practical strategies for combining education with changes in policies, systems, and environments over time. The combined approaches are intended to break down barriers and pave the way for families with limited financial resources to make healthy food and physical activity choices. As part of the initiative, tools will be developed to measure and document the success of projects.

**WHEN WILL THIS HAPPEN?**

The RFP will be issued on June 29, 2015. Webinars discussing the application process and answering questions will be held on July 1, 9-10 am, July 6, 1-2 pm and July 7, 2-3 pm. Projects will be implemented through the remainder of 2015 and continue to September 30, 2016.

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