



Feeding Wisconsin is requesting proposals for its 2018 Hunger and Health Summit, which will take place April 9 and 10, 2018 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Please read this Call for Proposals carefully before submitting. The deadline is January 15, 2018. We look forward to reading your proposals!

2018 THEME: BREAKING THROUGH

With continuing uncertainty regarding revenue streams to fund important health programs like the Affordable Care Act and nutrition programs like SNAP, our ability to break through the gridlock and polarization to fight hunger and improve health is more important than ever. Therefore, our theme for our 2018 conference is, "Breaking Through."

We hope that this theme is a clear call to all stakeholders - hunger fighters, nutrition advocates, healthcare providers, physicians, hospitals, legislators, growers, and food industry - to come together to share best practices and develop realistic, evidence-based solutions in order to break through barriers toward reducing food insecurity and poverty, and ultimately improving the health of Wisconsin.

THE CONFERENCE AND AUDIENCE

The Feeding Wisconsin Hunger and Health Summit is an annual two-day gathering of over 200 direct service providers, state agencies, healthcare providers, insurance providers, anti-hunger and food system advocates, and other stakeholders interested in fighting hunger, improving health, and strengthening communities.

FORMAT

The summit will follow four tracks to support our "Breaking Through" theme. Breakout sessions must fall within one of our four tracks.

Sessions are 75 minutes in length and can be delivered in the format of your choice: panel, lecture, interactive workshop, or any format that you are expert in facilitating.

TRACKS

The 2018 Summit will feature four topic tracks. For your convenience, we have also included targeted audiences for each track.

- Track 1: Hunger and Health Partnerships: This track explores and highlights projects and collaborations that bring together hunger-fighting/anti-poverty organizations and healthcare providers to effectively address the social determinants of health. *The target audiences for this track are healthcare providers and funders.*
- Track 2: Policy and Research: This track will highlight evidence-based research on the correlations between hunger and health and policies to address them. This track will also include policy related sessions on federal nutrition programs (SNAP, National School Lunch and Breakfast, TEFAP, WIC, etc.) and healthcare (Medicaid, Medicare, ACA). *The target audiences for this track are policymakers and advocates.*
- Track 3: FoodShare Outreach: This track explores best practices for conducting benefits outreach to low income populations, investigates how FoodShare policies are made on the state and federal level and how those policies are communicated to FoodShare participants and applicants, and how we can empower low-income households to advocate for themselves to ultimately transition off of federal benefits. *The target audiences for this track are outreach providers and other direct service providers.*
- Track 4: A Healthy Emergency Food System: With over 1,000 food pantries and other emergency food outlets in every county of our state serving nearly 600,000 people over 4.5 million times every year, the emergency food system is an important vector to improve the health of our population. Sessions in this track will highlight how food pantries and meal programs are able to increase the supply, demand and consumption of healthy food. *The target audiences for this track are direct service providers and food pantries.*

SUGGESTED TOPICS

The following topics were suggested from the previous Summit Evaluations. Please feel free to utilize this as a guide for developing your proposal as these are the sessions that attendees have expressed interest in. In parenthesis, we have provided potential tracks as an example of the how different sessions might fit into tracks.

- Building capacity for cross-sector partnerships/community health efforts (Partnerships; Healthy Emergency Food System)
- Advocacy Trainings (Policy & Research)
- Farm Bill, SNAP and impacts on hunger and health (Policy & Research)
- School food regulations (Policy & Research)
- Mental health connections with food insecurity (Policy & Research)
- The influence and intersection of race/gender/class and/or ability on hunger (potentially all tracks)

- School and community gardens and linkages to schools and pantries (Healthy Emergency Food System)
- Facilitated Food Pantry Roundtables (Healthy Emergency Food System)
- Increasing local fundraising for initiatives (all tracks)
- The Business Case for Healthy & Hunger-Free Communities (all tracks)
- Engaging non-traditional partners in fighting hunger and improving health (all tracks)
- Evaluating needs of the community; using community health needs assessment or other assessments to drive programs (Research; Partnerships)
- Fighting hunger to improve health in the Healthy Wisconsin 2020 plan (Hunger and Health Partnerships)
- Local food programs/efforts and how it can (or can't) help end the hunger issue (Emergency Food)
- What are the experiences of the people with lived experience with nutrition programs, emergency food programs and BadgerCare and how they engage/utilize these programs? (Emergency Food; FoodShare)
- How do we actually educate people on eating healthy - practical advice on how to adapt existing nutrition education practices into disparate local communities (Emergency Food; FoodShare)
- What are realistic, evidence based solutions to ending hunger? (Policy and Research)

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All proposals for the 2018 Hunger and Health Summit must be submitted electronically via email to David Lee at dalee@feedingwi.org. Proposals are due by 11:59 pm central time on January 15, 2018.

Session Proposal Guidelines:

- Session title and description (300-500 words)
- Target audience
- Three learning outcomes that the attendee can expect to take away from the presentation and apply in their communities
- Session format (e.g., lecture, panel, interactive workshop)
- Presenter's name, title, organization, email, phone number, and mailing address
- If you are proposing a panel, contact information for each proposed panelist
- Are you willing to combine with another presenter on a similar theme?

If selected, your name, biography, photo, presentation title, session description and learning objectives will be made available on the Feeding Wisconsin website and registration site.

Your presentation may be uploaded to the Feeding Wisconsin site for conference attendees and other interested parties to download.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To ensure full and fair consideration, proposals will be evaluated and selected by the Hunger Summit Planning Committee according to criteria that include:

1. Relevance – directly addresses the conference theme and selected topic track. A preference will be added to proposals that touch on the suggestions from the previous Summit evaluations. Collaborative proposals across sectors will also be given additional priority.
2. Clarity – offers a clear description of the proposed session and learning objectives. Selection committee - and attendees - should have a clear sense of what you are proposing to offer in your session.
3. Innovation – displays innovations or originality.
4. Application – participants will be able to learn practical tools or lessons.
5. Balance – the conference planning committee strives to create a balanced program covering a wide range of topics with diverse presenters.

Selected presentations will be given complimentary conference admission for up to three (3) presenters per session. Each presenter remains responsible for his or her own expenses (travel, lodging, etc.).

Everyone who submitted proposals will be notified of selection decisions no later than February 5, 2018.

TIMELINE

Call for proposals opens on Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Proposals are due Monday January 15, 2018. All proposals must be submitted electronically.

Feeding Wisconsin will notify all applicants of their application status by February 5, 2018, via email.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact David Lee, Executive Director, Feeding Wisconsin, by email at dalee@feedingwi.org or by phone at 608-960-4511.

We look forward to receiving your proposal.