

Do Something Grants

Indy Healthy Food Access Challenge

What is a *Do Something Grant*?

A *Do Something Grant* is a micro-grant designed to help spur new solutions to improve access to healthy and affordable food in Indianapolis. It is designed to encourage recipients to “do something.”

What types of solutions are eligible for a *Do Something Grant*?

Any new solution that aims to improve access to healthy and affordable food in Indianapolis is eligible. This can be a brand new solution or an existing solution that is being scaled and/or replicated. *It is acknowledged and expected that many solutions will only be at the concept stage, and that the grant will be used to help further investigate and pilot the solution.*

Applicants can be individuals, faith-based organizations, non-profit organizations, or for-profit businesses. Preference is given to those initiatives that come out of the Indy Healthy Food Access Challenge, and that participate in the Make-a-thon.

Where does the *Do Something Grant* money come from?

The *Do Something Grants* are being funded by Mercy Road Church. The name of the grant is inspired by the song “Do Something” by Matthew West, in which the lyrics note that we are all God’s hands and feet and called to “do something.” Feel free to check out the full [lyrics](#) or [video](#).

How much are the *Do Something Grants*?

The *Do Something Grants* will be distributed in the form of micro-grants of at least \$500 each for up to 20 recipients. Depending on the number of awards given, it is possible that the grant amounts could be higher. A total of \$10,000 is available for the Indy Healthy Food Access Challenge.

What is the application process?

Submit your application (below) to Stephanie@communityINNOVATE.org by 11:59 on May 15th, 2017. A committee including representatives from communityINNOVATE, the community, Mercy Road Church and an expert on local food access issues will determine the winners. All applicants will be notified by May 31st, with funds dispersed within the following two weeks.

Are there any requirements if awarded a *Do Something Grant*?

Recipients are asked to submit a brief reflection six months following the challenge (by November 30th, 2017). As the grants offer an opportunity to learn by “doing something,” the intent of the reflections are to share the learning with others to further spur action. Questions that might be addressed in the reflection include: What has worked well (or not so well)? What have you learned? What are the challenges? How are you measuring impact? What other insights would you want to share with others aimed at addressing food access issues in Indianapolis?

Recipients are encouraged to take advantage of mentorship and any supportive meet-ups following the Indy Healthy Food Access Challenge.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Fernhaber at Stephanie@communityINNOVATE.org.

Application: Do Something Grants

Please email completed application to Stephanie@communityINNOVATE.org by 11:59 pm on May 15th, 2017.

Contact Information

Name:

Organization (optional):

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Website (optional):

Twitter (optional):

The Solution

Title:

Brief Description:

Challenge Goals

1. **Impactful.** How will the solution improve access to healthy and affordable food?
2. **Human centered.** Please indicate if you participated in the Make-a-thon. How has interaction within the community impacted the development of your solution?
3. **Innovative.** How is the solution innovative and/or represent a fresh approach?
4. **Scalable.** To what extent might the solution be scalable (or replicable)?
5. **Sustainable.** How might the solution be sustainable in the longer term?

Next Steps

Briefly describe your next steps for pursuing this solution (pilot the project, interviews, research, equipment, etc.).