

Culture of Health Prize



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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Selects 2019 RWJF Culture of Health Prize Finalists

Princeton, N.J. (March 6, 2019) – The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) today announced the 12 communities chosen as finalists for the RWJF Culture of Health Prize. The Prize recognizes communities that are bringing partners together around a shared commitment to health, opportunity, and equity.

Selected from nearly 200 applicant communities, the following 12 finalist communities are one step closer to the national Prize:

Broward County, Fla.	Carrollton, Ga.
Del Norte County & Tribal Lands, Calif.	Fishers, Ind.
Gonzales, Calif.	Greenville County, S.C.
Jersey City, N.J.	Lake County, Colo.
Lake Village, Ark.	Perth Amboy, N.J.
Sitka, Alaska	Vista, Calif.

“These communities have set themselves apart by recognizing that health is about opportunity. It is connected to every element of our lives – good schools, safe and affordable housing, high-quality jobs that pay a fair wage and so much more,” said Richard Besser, MD, RWJF president and CEO. “In the coming months, we look forward to visiting each community to learn more about how it is working with local leaders and residents to shape solutions in all these areas that impact health.”

The RWJF Culture of Health Prize is a national, annual competition that awards \$25,000 to Prize winning communities that are working together to transform neighborhoods, schools, businesses and more so that better health flourishes everywhere, for everyone.

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Communities selected as Prize winners will share their stories and lessons learned with the country and join a national network of past Prize-winning communities. The 2019 winners will be announced this fall. Learn more about the previous 39 Prize winners at www.rwjf.org/prize.

To earn Prize finalist status, communities had to demonstrate how their efforts reflect the six Prize criteria:

- Defining health in the broadest possible terms.
- Committing to sustainable systems changes and policy-oriented long-term solutions.
- Creating conditions that give everyone a fair and just opportunity to reach their best possible health.
- Harnessing the collective power of leaders, partners, and community members.
- Securing and making the most of available resources.
- Measuring and sharing progress and results.

The RWJF Culture of Health Prize is a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

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About the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

For more than 45 years the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has worked to improve health and health care. We are working alongside others to build a national Culture of Health that provides everyone in America a fair and just opportunity for health and well-being. For more information, visit www.rwjf.org. Follow the Foundation on Twitter at www.rwjf.org/twitter or on Facebook at www.rwjf.org/facebook.

About the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute

The [University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute](http://www.uwphl.org) advances health and well-being for all by developing and evaluating interventions and promoting evidence-based approaches to policy and practice at the local, state, and national levels. The Institute works across the full spectrum of factors that contribute to health. A focal point for health and health care dialogue within the University of Wisconsin-Madison and beyond, and a convener of stakeholders, the Institute promotes an exchange of expertise between those in academia and those in the policy and practice arena. The Institute leads the work on the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps and the RWJF Culture of Health Prize. For more information, visit <http://uwphi.pophealth.wisc.edu>.