

**GRANT SUMMARY**  
**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant**

The City seeks the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant titled "Global Ideas for U.S. Solutions: Cities Taking Action to Address Health, Equity, and Climate Change" for implementing a project aiming to mitigate unequal health risks posed by climate change. To this aim, the City has partnered with the Yale Center on Climate Change and Health, University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, and the Connecticut State Department of Public Health and other local non profit partners.

The foundation is asking for proposals that bring impactful projects from outside the U.S. and apply them to an American city. This proposal is modeled after Cape Town's "Talking Streets" project, focusing on local knowledge as an asset for policymaking processes. Utilizing this ground-up approach, the City will revisit and inform existing land use and transportation policies, highlighting public health, health equity, and climate change. The public engagement processes will help shape the City's Green Ordinances and the Active Transportation Master Plan. The geographic focus will be Whalley to Grand Avenue corridor, particularly the Fair Haven, Mill River, Dwight, and Edgewood Neighborhoods. The project will support the City's efforts to develop and experiment with new institutional practices of public engagement in planning processes and will enhance the City's efforts to tackle short and long term effects of climate change on the health of the City's most vulnerable residents.