

COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING

An Initiative of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation's Community-Based Strategy

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation believes that meaningful change is generated at the local level, where community members use their experiences and connections to people and places to improve the world around them.

During the Foundation's statewide listening and learning tour, we saw that changes are often driven by the unique assets, challenges and opportunities within communities and that people who live in those communities yearn to connect to one another to work across lines of difference.

The Foundation believes that the more a proposal or process engages many different views, voices and experiences in tackling a community challenge, the more resonant and innovative the solution. Therefore, this Collaborative Problem-Solving approach is intended to support a limited number of community proposals that use inclusive, collaborative and resourceful processes to authentically engage the community to tackle challenges and create solutions. In particular, we seek to fund efforts that work across sectors and/or jurisdictions, are built on existing assets, use a racial equity lens, and/or bring people together across identity/ideology. We intend to dedicate a significant portion of our grant support, in this approach, to efforts that actively enhance racial and/or economic equity.

Collaborative Problem-Solving Deadlines

ZSR will begin accepting Proposal Summaries on October 1, 2018.

Selected proposals will receive an invitation to submit a full application in February 2019.

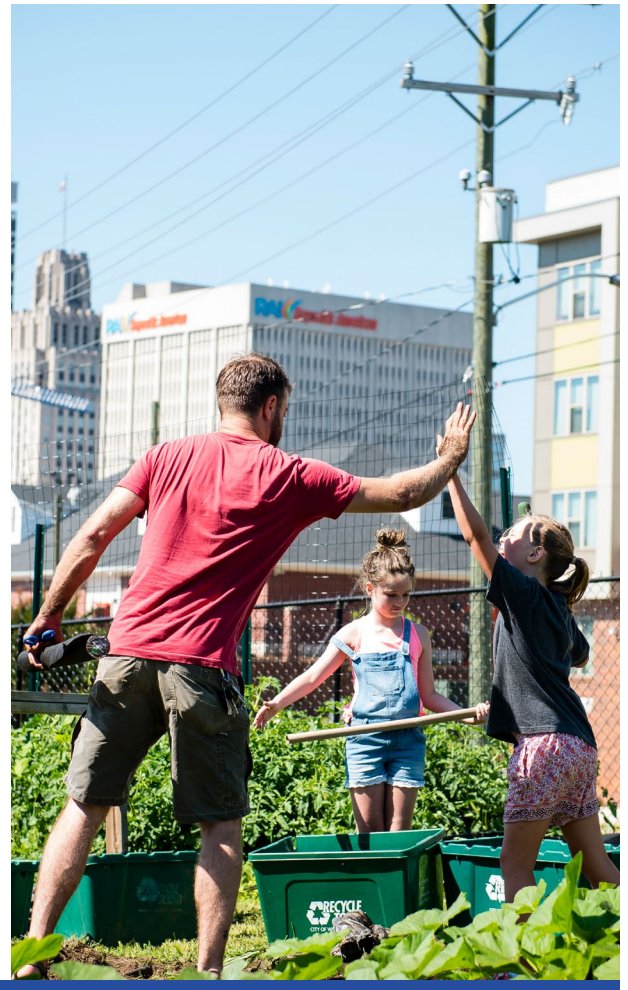
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Collaborative Problem-Solving Criteria

- Proposals must be place-based — focused on a specific community.
- Proposals must be collaborative — a true joint effort among diverse partners with a clear collective purpose and shared ownership and decision-making.
- Proposals must be inclusive — meaningfully engaging key stakeholders; thoughtfully identifying those needed to create the intended change and, whenever possible, including those directly affected by the problem.
- Proposals must be resourceful — using existing resources and assets creatively to make the most of what a community already has.
- Proposals may be in the planning stage, implementation stage, or both.
- Preference is given to efforts that are: cross-sector, across town and/or county lines, built on existing assets, use a racial equity lens, and/or bring people together across identity/ideology.
- Collaborative Problem-Solving grants are awarded once a year, in the spring.
- Grants range from \$50,000 to \$150,000 a year for up to four years.



How to Apply

ZSR will begin accepting Proposal Summaries on October 1, 2018. More information about how to submit a Proposal Summary will be available on our website on October 1, 2018. Selected proposals will receive an invitation to submit a full application in February 2019. Grant decisions will be made in May 2019.

Questions?

Please note that submitting a Proposal Summary is the preliminary step in introducing a proposal to ZSR. For more information, visit <https://www.zsr.org/collaborative-problem-solving>.

We are holding a webinar on October 15. Details at www.zsr.org. Additional questions can be directed to info@zsr.org.



All For NC: Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation's Framework for Grantmaking and Learning aligns with our mission and core values and includes a *State-Level Systemic Change Strategy*, a *Community-Based Strategy* and an *Exploratory, Visionary Ideas Strategy*. For more information about the *Community-Based Strategy* or our Framework, visit www.zsr.org.