Dear <Insert Name>

<If sending to an external entity, introduce self and include more information about background and leadership experience at your organization> As part of my professional development and commitment to advancing behavioral health equity, I am interested in applying to a Fellow Program for cross-sector behavioral health leaders focused on intersectionality, equity, and anti-racism.

Significant gaps exist in advancing behavioral health equity, with underrepresented, marginalized, and oppressed groups continuing to have disparate outcomes. Major system-level changes are in progress that will require behavioral health leaders be prepared to disrupt the status quo by addressing the pervasive inequities that continue to plague communities across the country. It is essential to support, develop, and orient leaders to a new approach to systems transformation; one where leaders grow and acquire the confidence, skills, and knowledge necessary to disrupt the current harmful systems practices, policies, and cultures.

The 2023-2024 [College for Behavioral Health Leadership](https://www.leaders4health.org/apply-for-the-2023-2024-cohort/) (CBHL) [Equity-Grounded Leadership (EGL) Fellow Program](https://www.leaders4health.org/equity-grounded-leadership-fellow-program/) is being offered as an immersive experience of in-person and virtual sessions for up to 25 current or emerging leaders with learned and lived experience. The Program offers fellows a comprehensive, individualized, supportive learning and growth experience to advance knowledge, skills, and expertise as equity-grounded leaders. The Program provides space for personal and professional introspection, growth, development, collaboration, and cross-sector learning to foster the next generation of behavioral health leaders.

The program will kick off on September 14, 2023 and run through August 2, 2024. Applications are due by June 12, 2023. More information can be found [**here**](https://www.leaders4health.org/equity-grounded-leadership-fellow-program/).

Participation in this program will benefit the <organization, community, and region> in a number of ways, including:

* Development of an organizational or community asset that can be sustained, replicated, and applied throughout the organization, community, or region
* Initiation of equity-grounded change driven by fellow(s) with the support of a cadre of experts
* Acquisition of state-of-the-art knowledge, skills, and attributes for equity-grounded systems transformation
* Demonstration to the organization, community, and region that equity is a core leadership value worth investing in
* Access to a network of equity-grounded leaders through the fellow’s continued engagement in the Equity-Grounded Leadership Learning Collaborative

<Indicate why participation in this program is important to you, why it is needed in your organization, community, or region, and how your participation will benefit the funding organization/community>

The tuition cost for 11 months of up to 200 hours of in-person, live virtual, guided self-directed work, one-to-one coaching, access to faculty advisors, and 3-years of CBHL membership and engagement in an ongoing learning collaborative thereafter is $11,800 per participant. In addition to program fees, participants are responsible for the cost of travel and accommodations for two in-person convenings. The recommended amount to cover all costs is $15,000.

I am requesting funding to cover the cost associated with the Fellow Program <if requesting partial sponsorship, detail the amount needed>.

I appreciate your consideration of my request for support to apply for the EGL Fellow Program. If you’d like, we can schedule a follow-up meeting to review my request and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

<Insert Name>