



ARISE Information Sheet/FAQ

[ARISE](#) stands for Adaptive and Resilient Infrastructure driven by Social Equity

- This project is funded by KS NSF EPSCoR: Kansas National Science Foundation Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research

[COPE](#) stands for Communities Organizing to Promote Equity (COPE)

[LHEAT](#) stands for Local Health Equity Action Team

Why collaborate?

- Provides an opportunity to support community engagement across projects supporting academic and community collaboration in Kansas would sustain efforts within research projects and promote continuity of efforts.
- Supports an approach to integrate community-engaged research activities across projects including people most affected by the challenges that are being resolved.
- Recognizes that many community goals and issues are interrelated and collaboration across academic and community engagement initiatives will enhance efforts often addressing similar underlying factors.
- Builds and sustains relationships between researchers and community organizations/members.
- Expands on the existing expertise and capacity of LHEAT members who already serve as liaisons in the community with established relationships and rapport.
- Promotes coordination across often isolated research projects to reduce unnecessary burden to the community and helps to minimize duplicating efforts, labor, and requests for community organizations and members.
- Promotes continuity across research projects and funding sources to provide ongoing resources to the community and community members, including support provided by stipends to the LHEAT (e.g., LHEAT has continuity in resources and supports rather than experiencing a break in the receipt of funding as individual funding for projects come to an end).

Overview of Proposed Collaboration for ARISE Community Engagement Activities with COPE/LHEAT

ARISE (Adaptive & Resilient Infrastructures driven by Social Equity) is a novel project that seeks to help Kansans rebound faster and suffer less from large-scale disasters. Our research is rooted in community engagement and blended with education to pave the way for statewide benefits. Our research will culminate in a one-of-a-kind decision-support tool for resilience analysis that transforms how communities manage their infrastructure. ARISE factors in principals of social equity. Local insights further bolster design efforts, ensuring we meet the needs of the most vulnerable Kansans.

The Communities Organizing to Promote Equity (COPE) Team with the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) will work with the Local Health Equity Action Teams (LHEATS) in Johnson, Wyandotte, Finney, Ford and Seward Counties, who are in the ARISE communities, to provide community engagement and advocacy supports. The LHEATS serve as community coalitions to support and promote the work of ARISE. Specifically, these LHEATS will provide feedback, consideration, and recommendations for how to support community engagement activities in their local communities. The LHEAT members or advocates will support and promote opportunities for community members to engage with the ARISE/EPSCOR community engagement efforts.

COPE/KUMC

1. COPE/KUMC will administer the funds to the LHEATS, including participation stipends to LHEAT members and LHEAT Leads.
2. COPE/KUMC will broker partnerships between the LHEAT and ARISE team.
3. COPE/KUMC [Regional Community Leads](#) will partner with ARISE community engagement team members to broker and offer supports to the LHEATS and LHEAT leads.
4. COPE/KUMC will provide a list of LHEAT meeting dates, activities and a list of the LHEAT members to the ARISE community engagement team.

LHEAT

1. LHEATS will hold monthly meetings, in which the ARISE community engagement team members will participate in. ARISE/EPSCOR will be integrated into the LHEAT agenda and plans. Resources will be provided to support the LHEAT and its members in facilitating activities to address health inequities in their communities related to the goals and activities supported by ARISE. Each LHEATs will receive a meeting facilitation budget (\$1,000) that can support food.
2. LHEAT Leads will assist with the facilitation and organization of the LHEAT (\$600 a month). The LHEAT Lead will work closely with the ARISE Community Engagement team to support meeting coordination and agenda setting to integrate some of the

goals and activities of ARISE. LHEATS will integrate and align the work of ARISE into their meeting topics, agendas, and plans, as appropriate. LHEAT Leads will also assist ARISE with helping to support ARISE community engagement activity planning.

3. LHEAT members will receive remuneration for LHEAT members to do this work. LHEAT members will provide advocacy supports and provide guidance to the ARISE team in supporting community engagement activities in and with the community. For LHEAT meetings, LHEAT members (approximately 12) will meet once a month (\$40 per meeting attended). One LHEAT member per county will serve as a community advocate to support at least one additional ARISE community activity or event per month; they will receive a \$40 participation incentive (1 advocate in each ARISE county x 1 monthly activity x 12 months x 5 ARISE counties).

ARISE/EPSCOR

1. ARISE/EPSCOR community engagement team members will participate in LHEAT meetings, as appropriate and feasible.
2. ARISE/EPSCOR community engagement team members will work with the LHEATs, the LHEAT Leads, and the LHEAT members to integrate the research activities of ARISE/EPSCOR with the LHEAT goals and activities.
3. ARISE/EPSCOR will provide an agreement and resources to KUMC to support the extended work of COPE and the LHEATS related to ARISE.
4. ARISE/EPSCOR will meet regularly with the LHEAT Leads, as well as the regional team leads, as appropriate, to ensure alignment of the work.

Budget Area
LHEAT Lead
LHEAT Members Meeting Participation
ARISE Activities Facilitation with LHEAT/Community Members
LHEAT Meeting Facilitation Costs
KUMC/COPE RCL
KUMC Faculty
<i>LHEAT Leads, LHEAT meetings, activities and member supports</i>

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