The Community Engagement Core (CEC), housed within MCW’s Office of Senior Associate Dean for Community Engagement, aims to more fully integrate the institution’s community engagement mission throughout the campus and the community to impact health equity and social disparities across the state of Wisconsin.

**Facilitation Services**

**MCW Health Science Square (HSS)**
Bringing community and academics together to collaboratively address health issues and concerns through mutually-beneficial research.

**Consultation Services**
Providing consultation to both community and academics to assist in CEnR strategic and project planning.

**Project & Grant Development**
Granting guidance for both community and academics about how to effectively and efficiently conduct CEnR.

**Community Engagement Learning Repository**
Maintaining an online repository where community and academics can share tools and resources they have developed and tailored for specific populations and health issues.

**Dissemination & Communication**
Leveraging available platforms to promote CEnR results and project information and identifying additional methods of communication with input from community partners.

**Education**

**CE Immersion & Mini-Fellowships**
Administering an immersion experience for a small cohort of researchers from across the translational spectrum.

**Training & Education**
Presenting modules and trainings in basic principles of CE to faculty, staff, students, and community members.

**Mentoring Network**
Connecting CE mentors with faculty interested in pursuing CEnR, developing CEnR expertise, and being future CE leaders.

**Seed Grant Program**

**Seed Grant Funding**
Awarding competitive seed grant funding for promising, early-stage research focused on improving the health of WI communities, with an emphasis on research that has high possibility of future extramural grant funding.

**Seed Grant Collaborations**
Collaborating to provide match funding to promote and encourage participation and grant submission from partnering MCW centers and departments.
The definitions that guide our work:

**Community Engagement (CE)**
Collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity (Carnegie Foundation, 2015).

**Community-Engaged Research/Community Engagement in Research (CEnR)**
Process of inclusive partnership that supports mutual respect of values, strategies, and actions for authentic partnership of people affiliated with or self-identified by geographic proximity, special interest, or similar situations to address issues affecting the well-being of the community or focus (Ahmed & Palermo, 2008).

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