Healthy Business Council of Ohio 2023 Healthy Worksite Recognition Program

Preparation Document

Please note: This document is not the application. All applications must be submitted online. This document outlines the questions within the online application form to allow for preparation of your submission.

While the online application form does allow users to save and return to their application, not all employer sites allow for the use of this feature due to corporate security measures. Therefore, we do recommend that applicants utilize this document to prepare for their submission rather than relying on the save feature.

The online application will be available at the following URL from July 1, 2023-November 30, 2023:

https://healthactioncouncil.org/HBCO/Healthy-Worksite-Awards Please note: There will be no deadline extensions offered in 2023.

Purpose of the Healthy Worksite Recognition

The Healthy Worksite Recognition program recognizes Ohio employers that demonstrate a commitment to employee wellbeing by incorporating comprehensive worksite health promotion and wellness programs. It acknowledges efforts to facilitate and encourage employee health, enhance productivity and ensure a healthy work environment.

This recognition is structured as a designation program. All respondents will be assigned a score based on their responses and receive the distinction to which their score aligns. As such, all worksites in the state of Ohio should feel encouraged to apply for this recognition since it is not a competitive award process.

In 2023, the program title changed from Healthy Worksite Award to Healthy Worksite Recognition to better illustrate the program's structure and intention. The word "award" suggested exclusivity that deterred some worksites from applying. The Healthy Business Council of Ohio determined that "recognition" offered a more inclusive experience for all Ohio worksites.

What is the Healthy Business Council of Ohio?

The Healthy Business Council of Ohio (HBCO) and its seven statewide regional councils are a group of Ohio companies sharing best practices for a healthy workforce and a healthy economy. These companies have made a commitment to employees by incorporating comprehensive health promotion and wellness programs into their worksites. Council members realize that healthy employees make a positive impact.

Eligibility

All worksites in the state of Ohio, regardless of size or status (i.e., public, private, for-profit, non-profit) are encouraged to apply for the recognition. Worksites with out of state headquarters that have remote employees in Ohio or regional offices in the state of Ohio are eligible to apply. In these cases, please respond in regard to the services available to the Ohio-based employees only.

Application Scoring

All applications received by the deadline will be scored by the HBCO Worksite Recognition Committee. Recognition is determined based upon total points achieved for indicated employer size. Businesses will be notified on recognition status in December. Questions that are not scored are noted as such in the application. Applicants are asked to complete all questions, though, as results are utilized as examples to support other Ohio-based businesses as they work to advance their workplace health and wellness promotions.

The possible points earned for each question are provided in this PDF. Points are allocated based on trends and issues within workplace wellbeing and subject to change annually as industry standards, priorities and offerings evolve.

Levels of Achievement

Applications will be judged in three groups: small employers (fewer than 300 employees), medium employers (301-1000 employees), and large employers (1001 or more employees). Five levels of achievement will be designated within each size group based on points scored: Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze or Recognition.

Ohio Department of Health Cancer Recognitions

The questions about the cancer screenings available to employees at your worksites were asked as a direct response to the Ohio Department of Health's desire to address cancer support resources available throughout our state. The top worksites that provide

positive responses to these questions will be given a special designation from the Ohio Department of Health, in addition to their overall Healthy Worksite designation. Data regarding worksite offerings in relationship to cancer screenings will be provided to the Ohio Department of Health so they can better assess statewide availability of programming.

Removal of Pandemic Response Section

In 2023, the Pandemic Response section was removed due to the expiration of the COVID-19 Declaration on May 11, 2023. While we recognize that COVID-19 will continue to be considered by worksites as they manage their workplace wellbeing programming, it was determined – based on this formal expiration and responses from the 2022 application – that many worksites are no longer operating primarily in response to the pandemic and, in some cases, have returned to pre-pandemic operations (or, defined a new normal).

Recognition Ceremony

Public recognition will be provided to all applicants at the annual recognition ceremony which will take place in early 2024. Format (in-person versus virtual), location, date, and time will be determined in Fall 2023 and announced to all recognition designees via email in December.

All healthy worksite designees will be invited to attend and will receive recognition through news releases to area media. An online social media toolkit will be provided to all recognition designees so they may appropriately market their successes. Statewide recognition will be achieved through continuous publication of the list of recognition designees on the Ohio Department of Health website and the Health Action Council website for the duration of the recognition period. Please note that, as of 2022, plaques and certificates are no longer provided to recipients. A printable certificate is available on the social media toolkit.

How to Apply

Complete the self-assessment application online by 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2023. There will be no deadline extensions offered in 2023.

Upon submission of your application, the primary contact will receive a confirmation email containing all of your survey responses. Please retain a copy of this email for your records.

Preparation of Application

We encourage all worksites to utilize this PDF as their application workbook in advance of submitting their award application online. This will allow a way for worksites to advance toward accomplishing their wellbeing goals, tracking progress and receiving supervisor approval prior to submission.

Saving an Incomplete Application

Once a respondent has begun to complete the online assessment, the survey software will utilize cookies to automatically save your responses so you can then return to the assessment at a later date. We recommend saving the assessment URL in your bookmarks so you can easily access your survey at a later date from the same computer/IP address.

This is an imperfect technology and we, therefore, encourage applicants to, instead, utilize this PDF as they prepare their application so they may submit their application in one sitting. Some worksites will have strong corporate security measures that automatically delete a saved application.

If you have technical issues with this assessment technology, please contact Annie Laurie Cadmus at cadmus@ohio.edu.

Add HBCO to your Safe Sender List

Upon submission of your application, all future communication from the Healthy Business Council of Ohio's Healthy Worksite Recognition Committee will be sent from HBCOhio@gmail.com. Please add this email address to your safe sender list to ensure proper receipt of recognition-related communications.

Notice of Use of Data Collected from Applications

The Healthy Worksite Recognition primarily exists to support the wellbeing programming of worksites throughout the state of Ohio. We, therefore, will collect aggregate data of all submissions and provide such data to the state through a Healthy Worksite Recognition Results document each spring. That document will be generated in an attempt to support benchmarking efforts of our state's employer sites.

While all data that is shared publicly will be aggregate data only (i.e. stripped of business names and contact information), there will be some situations where business, location,

and contact information is shared with the Ohio Department of Health and other governing agencies working to map resources and identify programming gaps within our state. An example of this would be the sharing of cancer screening responses with the Ohio Department of Health as a response to their focus on cancer screening accessibility throughout Ohio.

Any concerns relating to the use of data collected through this recognition program, or any general questions about this PDF or the application, can be directed to the Healthy Worksite Recognition Committee, HBCOhio@gmail.com.

Section One: Business Information

Business Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	State: Ohio Zip Code:	
Mailing Address: First/Last Name of Contact:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State: Ohio Zip Code:	
Primary Contact		
Name:	Title:	
Email:	Phone:	
Alternate Contact		
Name:	Title:	
Fmail:	Phone:	

	email addresses you provided above. atus and celebration details will be sent to onsible for incorrect or incomplete addresses.
I verify the email addresses above are	e complete and accurate
Senior Management Sign-Off: In the online application, the following st "By checking the box below, the Primary responsible for operations at the worksite accuracy of the information provided in t Worksite Recognition. Please note that th correspondence from HBCO to the applic I attest to the above statement	Contact attests that the senior manager e has reviewed this application and verified the his application in pursuit of the Healthy ne Senior Manager will be included in
Senior Manager's Contact information: Name:	
Email:	
	s PDF so they can retain a Senior Manager's lely for your records and HBCO will never
Signature:	Date:

Demographic Questions (not scored):

- 1. What is your employer size (how many individuals, regardless of hours worked, are employed at your business at the time of application)?
 - o Small (300 or fewer employees)
 - o Medium (301-1,000 employees)
 - Large (1,001 or more employees)

	our industry type. You may select multiple responses. Non-Profit Government K-12 Education or Childcare Higher Education Healthcare Manufacturing Other (please specify):
3. In which select the resure? Check chapter or c	region does your organization reside? If you have multiple locations, please egion of the address of your Ohio-based headquarters or main campus. (Not out our Regional Map) Please note: if you are an Ohio-based regional office with an out-of-state headquarters, please utilize the main address of y Ohio office's mailing address.
0 0 0	Central East Central Northeast Northwest Southeast Southwest West Central Not applicable (no physical office location)
	ork model(s) is(are) available to your employees? Optional: please provide of workforce time spent working in each modality. In-Person Remote
0	organization provide health insurance to its employees? Yes (please include name of provider): No
0	organization have a wellness vendor? Yes, a third-party vendor (please include name of vendor): We design and manage these resources internally

0	No
7. How long	have the organization's employee wellbeing initiatives been in place?
	Less than 1 year
	1-3 years
	4-10 years
	10+ years
8. How are	your organization's employee wellbeing initiatives funded?
0	Self-funded by the organization
0	Grant-funded
0	Partially funded through the insurance carrier
0	Fully funded through the insurance carrier
0	Other (please describe)
0	N/A, no funding available
9. In which	department is your organization's employee wellbeing program located?
0	Human Resources
0	Wellness
0	Finance
0	Multiple Departments OR Managed by a Committee
0	Other (please specify)
10. What is	the approximate annual budget of your organization's current employee
wellbeing p	rogram?
0	\$0 - \$1,000
0	\$1,001 - \$10,000
0	\$10,001 - \$25,000
0	\$25,001 +
	statements best describe the reasons why your organization started a
wellness ini	tiative? Check all that apply.
0	Improve teamwork/morale
0	Enhance Productivity
0	Employees' requests

o Improve the health and well-being of our employees

Contain health costs

	Improve recruitment/retention
	Reduce absenteeism
0	Other:
Leadership	Sunnart
=	e organization's CEO genuinely believe in the value of employee wellbeing?
	Yes (1 pt)
	No (0 pts)
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13. How do	es your organization incentivize participation in the wellness program?
Check all th	at apply. (not scored)
0	Cash Bonus
0	Gift Cards
0	Entry into raffles
0	Products
0	Paid time off
0	First choice in shift scheduling
0	Discounted health insurance premium or funds to an HRA
0	Other:
0	We do not incentivize participation
and interes	the past 12 months, have you provided employees with an employee needs t survey for planning health and wellness activities? Yes (1 pt)
0	No (0 pts)
and is it par	ission statement concerning employee health and wellbeing been developed of your organization's strategic plan? Yes (2 pts) No (0 pts)
16. Do seni	or and middle level management support your organization's employee
wellbeing p	rograms?
0	Middle management supports (.5 pt)
0	Senior management supports (.5 pt)
0	No (0 pts)

- 17. Do senior and middle level management participate in at least two employee wellbeing programs each year? Yes (1 pt) No (0 pts) employees that are representative of your organization?
- 18. Does your organization have an established wellness committee made up of key
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - No (0 pts)
- 19. Has the wellness committee developed a compelling vision and established strategic priorities, measurable goals and objectives?
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - No (0 pts)
- 20. Does the wellness committee meet regularly throughout the year?
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - o No (0 pts)

Assessing Health Related Opportunities

- 21. Do you collect health-related data that helps you plan employee wellbeing programs and interventions?
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - No (0 pts)
- 22. Which of the following methods do you utilize to collect health-related data for planning employee wellbeing programs and interventions? (+0.25 pt for each checked item)
 - o Demographic information on employees/dependents
 - Health Risk Appraisal
 - o Employee health needs and interest surveys, including barriers to participation
 - Facility assessment
 - Health needs/interests of dependents and/or retirees
 - Ergonomic/workstation analysis
 - Health care claims and utilization

0	Disability claims
0	Workers compensation claims

0	Other:	

None (0 pts)

Wellness Programs

23. Does your organization offer tobacco/nicotine cessation support for those who want to quit using tobacco/nicotine? (+0.5 pt per checked item)

- Educational Resources (either internally developed or available through an Employee Assistance Program)
- Active referral to and marketing of external, public resources such as the Ohio Quit Line
- Classes or Programs, either directly through the employer or through insurance benefits (in-person or virtual)
- No support resources provided (0 pts)
- 24. Does your organization provide resources and support for associates struggling with substance use disorders? Please check all that apply. (+0.5 pt per checked item)
 - Substance use disorder educational materials and support resources
 - Drug and alcohol abuse prevention education
 - Addiction treatment resources
 - Manager training on how to identify and approach/respond to potential substance use issues
 - None of the above (0 pts)
- 25. Does your organization have emergency response protocols in place in the case of medical emergencies such as heart attack or stroke? Please check all that apply. (+0.5 pt per checked item)
 - o AEDS are available and tested frequently at physical locations (in person)
 - o CPR and First Aid training is offered to all employees
 - Education on signs and symptoms is offered to all employees
 - Education on heart attack and/or stroke prevention is offered to all employees
 - None of the above (0 pts)

Nutrition

- 26. Does your organization provide nutrition support to employees? Check all that apply. (+0.5 pt per checked item)
 - A subsidized healthy food program is offered (i.e. financial support is offered for the purchase of healthy groceries)
 - Nutrition counseling is available (in-person or virtual)
 - Nutrition education is regularly provided (RD-led programming, peer-led recipe swaps, hydration reminders, educational emails, etc.)
 - On-site hosting of a Farmer's Market or a Community Supported Agriculture program and/or education on how to find one nearby
 - Policies or practices offering healthy food options in cafes, cafeterias and vending machines, or at meetings (for in-person employees)
 - Nutritional information about on-site food offerings are provided to consumers
 - None of the above (0 pts)

Physical Activity

- 27. Does your organization promote physical activity in any of the following ways. Check all that apply (+0.5 pt for each checked item)
 - Onsite or offsite wellness center/health club/fitness center memberships are offered at discounted rate and/or for reimbursement
 - Other wellness programs, services, products are available at discounted rates and/or available through reimbursement (activity/sleep trackers, wellness apps, etc.)
 - Cardio/strength fitness classes (in-person or virtual)
 - Yoga/mindfulness/flexibility classes (in-person or virtual)
 - o Pedometer/fitness tracker challenges
 - Employees are encouraged to take frequent breaks to utilize stairs, stretch, walk or move their bodies in meaningful ways
 - The worksite offers suggestions for nearby movement routes (for in-person employees) or how to find local movement routes (for remote employees).
 - The organization promotes social connection through movement (such as facilitating a walking/jogging/biking club or sponsoring fun runs)
 - o Meetings lasting longer than 60 minutes build in breaks for movement
 - None of the above (0 pts)
- 28. Does your worksite promote active or low carbon commuting in any of the following ways? (+0.5 point per checked box)

- Employees have access to on-site showers
- Employees have access to on-site lockers
- Employees have access to nearby bicycle racks
- Employees are able to arrive late or leave early if they actively commute
- o Employees have access to bicycle repair supplies or a Fix-It Station
- Employees can work remotely
- The organization subsidizes mass transit passes

0	Other:	

None of the above (0 pts)

Mental and Emotional Health

29. Does your organization support mental health in any of the following ways? Check all that apply. (+1 pt for each checked item)

- Employee Assistance Program resources such as counseling and online courses.
- o Educational materials preventing, directing, and treating mental health.
- Free or subsidized lifestyle coaching or self-management programs that equip employees with skills and motivation to set and meet their personal goals for managing mental health concerns
- Free or subsidized clinical assessments or mental health counseling (through insurance, EAP, or otherwise)
- None of the above (0 pts)

Financial Wellbeing

30. Does your organization provide financial support to employees in any of the following ways? Check all that apply. (+0.25 pts per checked item)

- o Educational consults on retirement planning
- Discounts on common purchases (i.e. corporate discounts on cellular service, EAP-sponsored discount shopping portals)
- Subsidized or reimbursed childcare or pet care
- o Fertility and Family Planning support
- Legal support for advance directives
- Education on managing personal finances (i.e. articles/emails/workshops on budgeting, debt, purchasing a home, and planning for future expenses)
- Other (please describe)
- None of the above (0 pts)

- 31. Does your organization provide any concierge services to support work/life balance? (+0.25 pts per checked item)
 - Healthcare Guidance/Support
 - Pet Care
 - Dry Cleaning
 - Groceries or Meal Catering
 - Child Care Arrangements
 - Automobile Services
 - Event Tickets
 - Shopping/Gift Services
 - Product Repairs
 - Other (please describe)
 - We do not offer concierge services (0 pts)

Wellness Screenings and Health Services

- 32. Does your organization offer support in finding a primary care physician (PCP)? (+0.5 pts per checked item)
 - o Primary Care Physician searches are available via an app or website
 - Hotlines or in-person events are available throughout the year to support finding a PCP
 - Other (please describe)
 - None of the above (0 pts)
- 33. Does your organization encourage employees to prioritize preventive services? (+0.5 pts per checked item)
 - Preventive care reminders are sent to employees enrolled on the medical plan
 - Employees are given release time, in addition to the use of PTO, to attend preventive care appointments
 - o On-site preventive care options are provided
 - Other (please describe)
 - None of the above (0 pts)

34. Does your organization offer any of the following screening options to employees: (+1 point for each checked box in left column; +0.5 points per each box in middle column; 0 points for each checked box in right column)?

	On-Site	Off-Site, through a voucher, or through insurance covered preventive appointments	Not Offered
Blood Pressure Screenings	0	0	0
Blood Glucose Screenings	0	0	0
Glycosylated Hemoglobin A1C Screenings	0	0	0
Lipid Screenings (total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, Triglycerides)	0	0	0
Weight/BMI/Wait Circumference Screenings	0	0	0
Breast Cancer Screenings	0	0	0
Cervical Cancer Screenings	0	0	0
Colorectal Cancer Screenings	0	0	0
Other Cancer Screenings	0	0	0

35. How does your organization promote or incentivize participation in screenings? (+0.25 pt for each checked box)

	We market/promote the screening	We communicate screening guidelines (i.e., how frequently and who should screen)	We adopted a policy encouraging the screening or leadership communicates support of the screening	We incentivize participation (cash, gifts, time off, etc.)
Blood Pressure Screenings	0	0	0	0

Blood Glucose Screenings	0	0	0	0
Glycosylated Hemoglobin A1C Screenings	0	0	0	0
Lipid Screenings (total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, Triglycerides)	0	0	0	0
Weight/BMI/Wait Circumference Screenings	0	0	0	0
Breast Cancer Screenings	0	0	0	0
Cervical Cancer Screenings	0	0	0	0
Colorectal Cancer Screenings	0	0	0	0
Other Cancer Screenings	0	0	0	0

Looking for resources on how to provide low to no cost cancer screenings to your employees?

- <u>Breast and Cervical Cancer Project</u> provides no-cost screenings for low-income women.
- Additional <u>cancer screening</u> resources are available by contacting the Ohio Department of Health. To request screening resources, please contact your <u>HBCO</u> Regional Chairperson.

36. Does your organization offer any of the following services to employees? (+0.25 points for each "yes" response)

Offered to employees?	YES	NO
Diabetes Prevention Program	0	0
Diabetes Self-Management Education	0	0
Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program	0	0
Other disease prevention or management programming	0	0
Medical self-care	0	0
Hearing screenings	0	0

- 37. Does your organization provide telehealth services?
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - No (0 pts)

Inclusion

- 38. In the past year, did your organization regularly participate in community health promotion programs or social wellbeing activities such as a blood drive, food drive, virtual social event, or run/walk-a-thon?
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - No (0 pts)
- 39. Does your organization prioritize diversity, equity and inclusion (DE&I)?
 - Dedicated office/unit/employee focused on DE&I (1 pt)
 - o Public statements are made in support of marginalized groups (.5 pt)
 - Regular and relevant event DE&I programming is hosted or co-hosted by the organization (.5 pt)
 - Regular electronic DE&I-related communications are sent to all employees (.5 pt)
 - Organization actively recruits diverse populations for employment (1 pt)
 - Other (please describe) (.5 pt)
 - None of the above (0 pts)

Supportive Environment

40. Does your organization have any written policies or operating procedures in support of the following topics? Check all that apply.

(+1 point for each checked box)

- Tobacco free grounds
- Tobacco-free company vehicles
- Paid time for physical activity during the workday
- Substance, alcohol and drug abuse
- Flexible work schedules (i.e. four 10-hour days)
- Flexible work spaces (i.e. remote work agreements, hybrid work)
- Lactation space and time
- Lactation education
- Regular evaluation of design of workspaces and job requirements
- Workplace ergonomics
- 41. Does your organization schedule wellness programs and opportunities to accommodate all (or most) employees' schedules?
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - No (0 pts)
- 42. Does your organization offer wellness programs to employees' spouses/partners and/or dependents?
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - o No (0 pts)
- 43. Does your organization provide incentives to employees to increase participation in wellness initiatives?
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - No (0 pts)
- 44. Does your organization offer paid parental leave outside of any accrued sick, personal, or vacation time?
 - o Yes (2 pts)
 - No (0 pts)
- 45. Does your organization offer flex time or additional paid time off for employees to accommodate preventive/medical exams?
 - o Flex time (0.5 pt)
 - Additional paid time off (0.5 pt)
 - Neither/Employee must utilize standard paid time off or time off without pay (0 pts)

- 46. Does your organization offer paid time off to employees? Check all that apply.
 - Sick time (0.5 pt)
 - Personal time (0.5 pt)
 - Vacation time (0.5 pt)
 - Flexible Time Off (0.5)
 - None of the above (0 pts)
- 47. Does your organization offer disability insurance coverage to employees? Check all that apply.
 - Short term (3-12 months of coverage) (0.5 pt)
 - Long term (2+ years of coverage) (0.5 pt)
 - Neither (0 pts)
- 48. Does your organization offer health promotion programs at no cost, prepayment or reimbursement?

Examples include health related topics for Lunch and Learn events offered at no cost, or prepayments for enrollment into wellbeing-related courses such as anger management, financial planning, stress reduction, etc. (or reimbursements upon completion).

- Yes (1 pt)
- No (0 pts)

Occupational Wellbeing

- 49. Has your organization established and implemented various employee recognition programs to celebrate employee's work accomplishments, life celebrations and/or years of service?
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - No (0 pts)
- 50. Does your organization offer various occupational development programs or have a policy allowing release time for professional development?
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - No (0 pts)

Evaluation of Wellness Programs and Culture

51. In what ways does your company evaluate and improve its wellness programs? Check all that apply.

(+0.25 points for each of the first seven options, 1.75 pts possible)

- Track participation rates of all program offerings
- Establish goals and timelines for improving participation rates
- Track aggregate participant results from screening events
- Establish goals and timelines for improving aggregate participant screening results
- Seek post-program feedback from participants
- Make appropriate program adjustments based on participant feedback
- Benchmark company wellness statistics against peer companies or wellness programs
- None of the above (0 pts)
- 52. In what ways does your company evaluate and improve its wellness culture? Check all that apply.

(+0.25 points for each of the first three checked boxes, 0.75 points possible)

- Survey or gauge employee perceptions of the worksite's wellness culture
- Seek feedback from employees on how to improve the wellness culture, if needed
- Utilize feedback to make adjustments to the wellness culture
- None of the above (0 pts)
- 53. Does your organization share information about your employee wellness programming, including program design, successes and areas for improvement, with other employers?
 - Yes (1 pt)
 - o No (0 pts)

Innovative Programming, Essay (optional):

If you feel your organization has produced innovative programming (particularly programming that is replicable, supports diversity/inclusion/social justice and/or addresses multiple dimensions of wellbeing) in the past 12 months, please share the details of your program in essay format. The Healthy Business Council of Ohio will utilize exemplary information shared here to recognize your efforts at regional, state and national meetings, forums, conferences and publications. In some cases, we may contact you for additional details as we work to share success stories that can be recreated at other worksites. This section is not scored. However, we may choose to use information received from this section to highlight worksites' efforts during the

presentation of the awards. You may choose to opt out of this section simply by clicking the arrow on the screen in the online application.

Submission:

At this point in the online application, you will be given the opportunity to submit your application by clicking an arrow button. The primary applicant will then be emailed a full summary of the response. Applicants will receive notification of their award status in December.

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