



2023 Central Oregon Community Health Projects Request for Proposals for Projects Serving Jefferson County

Overview

Funding Opportunity Description

The [Central Oregon Health Council's Community Advisory Council](#) (CAC) is accepting applications for projects addressing social determinants of health and equity (SDOH-E) in Jefferson County. All projects must be community-level interventions focused on improving community health and well-being and reducing health disparities. Special consideration will be given to projects that:

- Provide basic needs like food, water, shelter, clothing, and hygiene products
- Prioritize people from communities experiencing health disparities
- Meet the characteristic needs of the people being served
- Serve rural communities
- Locally focused

Please see the Community Health Projects [scorecard](#) for additional details.

Funding Details

To provide the most impact per grant, each grant request must be for a minimum of \$100,000. The total award pool for projects in Jefferson County is \$458,817. Grantees may spread the funding over five years to aid in sustainability.

This grant opportunity can be found online [HERE](#).

Project Requirements

Applications must meet the following criteria:

- Projects must address social determinants of health and equity (SDOH-E)
- Projects must align with at least one of the aims or goals in the six focus areas of the 2020–2024 Regional Health Improvement Plan below. (Review the full plan and executive summary at cohealthcouncil.org/rhip/.)

1. Address Poverty and Enhance Self-Sufficiency
 2. Behavioral Health: Increase Access and Coordination
 3. Promote Enhanced Physical Health Across Communities
 4. Stable Housing and Supports
 5. Substance and Alcohol Misuse Prevention and Treatment
 6. Upstream Prevention: Promotion of Individual Well-Being
- Projects must take place within Jefferson County
 - Applications must be submitted by an organization with an EIN/Tax ID. Both nonprofit and for-profit organizations are welcome to apply.

Project Restrictions

Community Health Project grants cannot be used for:

- Any product or service that can be billed to any health insurance plan currently or known in the future (durable medical equipment, screenings, medicines, nonemergency medical transportation, etc.)
- Administrative activities to support the delivery of covered services
- Provider workforce or certification training
 - “Provider” is defined as any entity with a PacificSource Community Solutions contract to provide services to Medicaid recipients
- Individual rent/mortgage assistance and utilities (business costs associated with this project are allowable)
- Brick and mortar construction
- Projects benefiting a single individual or single household
- Health information technology that goes against PacificSource's one vendor policy
- OHA and DHS cannot apply

Funding Details and Important Information

Total Award Pool

\$458,817

Minimum Award Request

\$100,000

Application Due Date

August 25, 2023 at 11:59 pm PST

Final Award Decision Notification

By November 2, 2023 via email

Applicants may be asked for additional information or to present at a Community Advisory Council meeting.

How to Apply

For instructions on how to apply, please go [HERE](#).

Use Access Code: 2023JEFFCO

Grant Interface direct link: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cohealth>

Support

If you would like technical assistance or orientation for our grant process, please click [HERE](#).

An instructional video and FAQs will be available on our website on Thursday, July 13, 2023.
<https://cohealthcouncil.org/2023-community-health-projects/>

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Resources and Definitions

Free Grant Writing Support
<https://cohealthcouncil.org/grant-writing-support/>

Social Determinants of Health
<https://health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health>

Health Equity
<https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/research/2017/05/what-is-health-equity-.html>

The COHC defines **priority populations** as:

An organization created to improve the well-being of all residents across Central Oregon, the Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) has a responsibility to promote and protect the right to health. COHC defines **priority populations** as those that experience health disparities due to social, political, cultural, and economic exclusion and discrimination. Marginalization occurs because of unequal power relationships regardless of reason based on geography, age, sex, size, race, ethnicity, national origin, language, culture, disability, spiritual beliefs, gender identity, sexual orientation, education, criminal background, housing status, income, wealth, displacement, or immigration status. It affects both the quality of life of individuals and the equity and cohesion of society as a whole. Poverty is both a consequence and a cause of being marginalized.

The COHC defines **rural** as:

We strive to support the creation of social conditions that lead to thriving economic, political, and social rights and opportunities in the lives of people at every level of society. It is within our purview to promote and protect rural communities' right to health and address their unique challenges. Due to the lack of access and inequitable distribution of resources, rural communities are considered marginalized. We define **rural communities** as having:

Populations of 35,000 or less *and* one or more of the following:

Low income, such as:

- High levels of poverty**
- Gaps between incomes and cost of living
- High levels of generational poverty or persistent cycles of poverty

Limited infrastructure, such as:

- Regional connectivity (transportation, communications)
- Social services (affordable childcare, emergency food, shelters)
- Health care (maintenance and prevention)
- Emergency services (public safety, fire and rescue)
- Economic services (business development, access to capital, employment services)

**Federal poverty thresholds are set every year by the Census Bureau and vary by size of family and ages of family members.