



2023 Community Health Projects Frequently Asked Questions

What are Community Health Projects?

They are community-level projects focused on improving population health and health care quality by addressing [Social Determinants](#) of Health and [Equity](#).

Who makes the funding decisions?

The Community Advisory Council (CAC), with the help of COHC staff, is responsible for the Community Health Projects grant opportunity. They oversee the process design and grant funding decisions.

How are applications being scored?

The CAC will use this [scorecard](#) to compare submitted applications. The scorecard indicates what type of projects they're prioritizing for funding.

How do I apply?

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

How do I decide which Request for Proposals (RFP) to apply for?

The RFPs are based on whichever county your project services are located in.

If you are unsure which county your project serves or which areas are considered northern Klamath, please click [HERE](#).

- EXAMPLE: Your office is in Bend, and you see clients that travel *from* other counties to seek your services in Bend; you would apply using the Deschutes County application.
- EXAMPLE: Your office is located in Redmond, but your staff travels to Madras to provide food boxes; you'd apply using the Jefferson County RFP.

If you want to request funding for projects in different counties, you must submit a separate application for each county.

Why are there separate Request for Proposals for each county?

The Community Advisory Committee wants to encourage more services based in rural communities. Generally, smaller, more rural counties have fewer resources. Ease of access to

resources and services impacts health. Also, each community is different and might need additional and individualized supports.

Why are there different funding pools for each county?

The funding is based on the poverty rates of each county. The CAC designed it this way to elevate equity and center Medicaid recipients.

Specifically, you may notice that the more rural counties have larger award pools. We know that people living in rural areas generally have less access to healthcare and other services. Projects may also cost more in rural areas than in urban areas because there isn't an existing robust network of services or resources.

What is the timeline for this grant opportunity?

Applications are due August 25, 2023, by 11:59 PM PST. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by November 2, 2023, via email.

If my proposal is selected for funding, what are the next steps?

If your proposal is selected for funding, your application must go through a regulatory review process to ensure it meets Oregon Health Authority's Health Related Services spending guidelines. After the regulatory review, COHC staff will reach out to obtain a signed letter of agreement (LOA) and ask for an uploaded invoice and W-9.

Whom do I contact if I have questions or need help?

If you have questions about this Request for Proposal, please contact:

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I'm new to grant writing. Does COHC offer support?

Yes, COHC offers up to 10 hours of technical assistance with our grant consultant. Our grant consultant cannot write the grant for you but can help interpret the requirement and review ideas on ways to answer questions. The consultant can also review the final draft if it's provided at least ten days before the due date.

The consultant can also provide technical assistance for non-COHC grants that align with the [Regional Health Improvement Plan](#). For more information, please click [HERE](#).