



2024 Central Oregon Community Health Projects Request for Proposals for Projects

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 [health equity](#) (SDOH-E). 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
- Promotes equitable access to preventative programs for marginalized communities

Please see the Community Health Projects [scorecard](#) for additional details. If you're new to grant writing, we provide free grant writing support. Please click [HERE](#) for more details.

Funding Details

To ensure projects are community specific and locally based, applicants must apply for grant funding by county. Furthermore, applicants can only submit one 2024 Community Health Project application. Total award pool for each county is listed below. Award pools are based on county poverty rates.

- \$340,000 Crook County
- \$300,000 Deschutes County
- \$406,000 Northern Klamath County
- \$398,000 Jefferson County

To provide the most impact per grant, each grant request must be for a minimum of \$100,000. 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 include prioritized populations* & communities that are intentionally excluded from power, access, and privilege.
- Projects must be culturally and linguistically responsive for prioritized populations.
- Applications must be submitted by an organization with an EIN/Tax ID. Both nonprofit and for-profit organizations are welcome to apply.
- 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 serve communities within a specific county. Applicants do not have to be physically located in the county, but the services must be located there. Additionally, the project can be part of a larger regional initiative.
- Applications must be submitted by an organization with an EIN/Tax ID. Both nonprofit and for-profit organizations are welcome to apply.
- Applicant must provide at least one letter of support from another entity in the county they're serving. This letter must have been written within the last year.
- Projects partnering with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and the Klamath Tribes are required to submit a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

Project Restrictions

Community Health Project grants cannot be used for:

- Activities that can be billed as clinical services
- Administrative activities to support the delivery of covered services
- Tenant assistance, housing assistance, housing construction, and utilities
- Brick and mortar construction
- Building new buildings and capital investments in facilities designed to provide billable health services

- Projects benefiting a single individual or single household
- Projects that do not address the specified focus area or aim of the RHIP
- Projects excluding Medicaid beneficiaries
- Projects that are primarily designed to control or contain healthcare costs
- Provider workforce and certification training, including credentialing
- Broad assessments or research that does not directly improve community health
- Advocacy work that does not directly improve community health or healthcare quality
- Patient incentives and items and services that could be covered by Flexible Services
- Projects that are inherently religious
- COHC staff and household members cannot apply

Funding Details and Important Information

Total Award Pool

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Minimum Award Request

\$100,000

Anticipated Selection Schedule

- Request for Proposal released: Friday, June 28, 2024
- Application submission closes: Friday, August 30, 2024
- Notification of award: Friday, October 25, 2024

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: 2024CHP

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](#).

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

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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.