2020 Community Health Grants

The mission of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation is to pursue and invest in solutions that build a healthier region where all people can thrive. We recognize that there are many smaller non-profit organizations that have few options for funding their good works. Community Health Grants have addressed this gap by supporting these organizations’ innovative ideas and approaches to solving challenges identified by those most affected.

On February 3, 2020 we will begin accepting online applications for our 2020 grants. This will be the first of two Community Health Grant cycles for the year.

What is a Community Health Grant?

A Community Health Grant is a 1-year grant of $1,000 to $35,000 for smaller non-profit organizations with annual budgets of $5 million or less to support short-term, health-benefiting activities. Applications for the first cycle open on February 3, 2020 and are due on March 13, 2020. The second cycle will open for applications on August 3, 2020, with a deadline of September 11, 2020.

Who may apply?

Non-profit organizations including health, religious, or educational organizations and government departments with annual budgets of $5 million or less (and who did not receive a grant in 2019) that provide health services or health-benefiting activities in the following counties:

Additional examples of activities funded by Community Health Grants may be found online at: www.thegrhf.org/funding/community-health-grants.

What will not be considered for funding?

Education programs without hands-on learning, current staff and existing positions, endowment campaigns, fundraising events, political lobbying activities, capital campaigns, and differences between third-party payments and actual costs will not be considered.

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These funds are not intended to provide a continuous source of revenue. *New this year: allowance of an indirect cost (capped at 15%).

Funds may be used for a variety of health-benefiting activities including, but not limited to:

- Equipment or facility repair necessary for a health-benefiting program
- Start-up costs for a new program
- Bridge funding until a known revenue stream begins (within 12 months)
- Short-term programs (no longer than 12 months)
- Pilot projects
- Training for specific skill development for staff

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Who decides what is funded?

Each Community Health Grant application is reviewed by a committee of three people. Reviewers include Health Foundation staff and external professionals recruited for their experience/expertise with the proposed health-benefiting projects and target populations.

Available funding:

Approximately $250,000 in small grants will be awarded for each of the two grant cycles. The Health Foundation anticipates awarding 15-20 grants per Community Health Grants cycle in 2020.

How often can organizations apply?

Organizations can apply more than once a year but only one grant will be awarded to an organization per year; organizations will not be funded two consecutive years.

Community Health Grant Workshops

The Greater Rochester Health Foundation hosts grant application workshops during each of the Community Health Grant cycles. These workshops are a hands-on opportunity for potential applicants to improve their ability to complete a Community Health Grant application by going step-by-step through the material. These workshops provide an interactive educational experience with in-person, immediate feedback on grant proposal ideas. Actual application documents and examples of successful proposals are shared at each workshop. Attendance at a workshop is not required to submit an application.

Key dates, including 2020 workshop dates are listed below:

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*Workshop dates for cycle 2 will be announced in the summer*

Questions? Call Hannah Stark at (585) 258-1703 or visit our website at www.theghrhf.org/funding/community-health-grants

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