

Community Impact Grant

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

For All Applicants

1. What types of projects are eligible for funding?

Projects must align with one of the 2026 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) funding priorities. Eligible projects should demonstrate a direct impact on community well-being, healthcare access, and support initiatives that improve Social Determinants of Health – specifically Housing Instability, Transportation, and Food Insecurity.

The grant application will further define the SDOH categories into subsectors to include:

Housing Instability

- Eviction Prevention
- Mental Health Services
- Housing for Expectant and Postpartum Moms
- Housing for Seniors experiencing homelessness
- Case Management for Wraparound Supportive services
- Workforce Retention
- Overcoming Barriers (Reentry programs, Childcare, and Transportation)

Transportation

- Outpatient Mental Health Services
- Prenatal and Postpartum Care
- Nutritious Food Access
- Continuum of Care (Primary and Specialist follow ups)
- Rural Mobility Programs

Food Insecurity

- Food Security and Family Stability (Case Management)
- Food Delivery
- Enhanced Access to Nutritious Foods
- Nutrition Education and Outreach

Applicants must demonstrate long-term individual or family stability, and expansion by meeting one of the following criteria:

- Increase in unduplicated individuals served beyond current client base
- Addition of a new target population

- Expansion into new geography or area
- Development of cross-sector coordination
- Creates measurable improvements to current processes or access

2. Are there geographic restrictions for applicants?

Yes, applications are limited to projects serving Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties, along with the South Lake County area. Grantees in Lake County must have programming in at least one of the following cities: Ferndale, Montverde, Minneola, Clermont, Groveland, Mascotte, or Bay Lake.

3. What is the typical funding range for awarded grants?

Organizations should request the amount they feel is necessary for their project. Historically, the maximum funding range is around \$100,000 annually.

4. Can organizations apply for multiple grants in the same cycle?

Yes, organizations can apply for multiple grants if their proposals align with more than one funding priority. Each application must be submitted separately and meet the eligibility criteria outlined below.

5. Are existing programs eligible, or must projects be new initiatives?

Both new and existing programs are eligible, provided they align with the funding priorities and eligibility criteria. Existing programs must showcase expansion into new areas, services, or populations. Detailed programmatic updates and sustainability plans will be required.

6. How do I submit my application?

EOI Applications must be submitted through the Optimy platform.

7. Can I submit my application via email?

No. Only applications submitted through the online portal will be accepted. Emailed applications will not be reviewed or responded to.

8. What is the grant timeline and process?

The AdventHealth Community Impact Grant starts with an Expression of Interest (EOI). Applicants with exceptional programs will be invited to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP). If additional information is needed, applicants will be invited to present to the committee. Final decisions will occur in August.

9. Does this grant have priority zip codes?

The Community Impact Grant has priority zip codes for each focus area. While including these zip codes is not a priority for grant approval, it will benefit your application during review.

Mental Health Services

Orange: 32709, 32817, 32805, 32807, 32808, 32811, 32825, 32826, 32830, 32839

Osceola: 34739

Seminole: 32773, 32732, 32771

Prenatal and Postpartum Care

Orange: 32818, 32808, 32811, 32805, 32839

Osceola: 34739, 34773, 34759, 33844, 34758, 34746, 33848, 34741, 34744

Seminole: 32773, 32732, 32701, 32707

Social Determinants of Health

Orange: 32792, 32801, 32805, 32808, 32809, 32818, 32839, 32811, 32831, 32821, 32743, 34758

Osceola: 32822, 34741, 34743, 33848, 34739, 34773

Seminole: 32771, 32773, 32707, 32730, 32701, 32714, 32792

FAQ's For Current Grant Recipients

10. Can current grant recipients apply for additional funding this cycle?

Yes, current grant recipients may apply for additional funding, but the new application must be for a different program or initiative. Current program performance, including meeting reporting requirements and achieving measurable outcomes, will be taken into consideration during the evaluation process.

11. Can organizations with funding ending this year reapply for the same program?

Applications cannot be submitted for the same program. Applications can be submitted for a new program or an expansion of the existing program.

12. How does my organization's performance as a current grantee affect our application?

Current performance will be a critical factor in the evaluation process. Strong program delivery, timely communication, adherence to reporting requirements, and measurable outcomes will strengthen your application. Organizations with gaps in performance may be asked for additional clarification during the review phase.

For Current and New Grantees

13. What are the reporting requirements for grantees?

Grantees are required to submit quarterly reports, participate in regular site visits, and provide program updates as requested. Additionally, organizations may be asked to present to the committee to share program updates and impact during the funding period.

14. How are applications evaluated?

Applications are evaluated based on alignment with funding priorities, potential impact, organizational capacity, and sustainability. A review committee assesses submissions using a standardized scoring system.

15. What documents are required to submit to the application?

Required documents include:

- Proof of non-profit status
- IRS Form 990 (no older than 12 months)
- List of Board of Directors
- Audited Financial Statement (Organization Financial Statement not to be older than 2 years or Statement of Financial Position)
 - *If it is not available, we will accept your organization's internal financial statements, including a Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and a Statement of Activities (Income Statement) from the past two years*

Process And Additional Details

16. Will there be an opportunity to ask questions during the application process?

While the application process does not include a Q&A period, there will be a webinar before the EOI application launches. This webinar will provide an opportunity to ask questions.

17. Can we include videos or additional materials with our application?

Videos and photos cannot be included in the application. However, if your application makes it through to the presentation step, you will be able to share photos and/or a brief video. Upload guidelines will be included in presentation instructions. There will be space in the RFP to upload program related materials.

18. Can feedback be provided if my application isn't selected?

Feedback is not available after the EOI due to the number of applications received. However, feedback is available for those applicants who receive denials for their RFPs.

19. What happens if a grantee cannot use all awarded funds?

Funds are distributed on a quarterly pre-payment basis. If any funds remain unused at the end of a quarter, the grantee must notify their Program Manager to discuss the next steps, which may include reallocation.

20. Who can I contact for additional questions?

Please reach out to the CFD.CommunityHealth@AdventHealth.com for any additional questions during our EOI application phase.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a grant, an organization must:

- A. Be registered as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and provide relevant documentation, including a copy of their most recent IRS Form 990 or 990EZ form.
- B. Organizations must provide services in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and/or South Lake counties.
- C. Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for program activities that support the key CHNA identified priority: Social Determinants of Health.
- D. Interested applicants should submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for projects or initiatives with a funding request that aligns with the Community Health Needs Assessment. Proposed programs/initiatives may have a maximum duration of three years.
- E. Demonstrate strong financial accountability, such as maintaining proper accounting practices and providing transparent financial reports.
- F. Align proposed projects closely with the mission and strategic priorities of AdventHealth.
- G. Provide evidence of past success or the potential for significant positive impact from the proposed project or program.
- H. Demonstrate organizational capacity to execute the proposed activities effectively, including stability, leadership, and staff expertise.
- I. Highlight any collaborative efforts or partnerships that enhance the project's reach and impact.
- J. Develop a sustainability plan that outlines how the project will continue beyond the grant period, including securing additional funding or revenue sources.

Disqualifiers

Organizations or applications that fall into any of the following categories will be disqualified from consideration of receiving funding:

- Lack of 501(c)(3) Status: Organizations without a valid 501(c)(3) non-profit designation.
- Individuals: Applications submitted by individuals rather than organizations.
- Research & Development Projects: Proposals focused primarily on R&D activities.
- Capital Campaigns: Fundraising efforts for large-scale capital investments.
- New Start-Up Organizations: Organizations that are newly formed and lack operational history.
- For-Profit Enterprises: Businesses or entities operating for profit.
- Brick-and-Mortar Projects: Requests for funding physical buildings or infrastructure.

- Previously Failed Initiatives: Programs or initiatives previously funded by the AH Community Impact Grant that failed within the past 2 years.
- Tax Compliance Issues: Organizations with unresolved tax-related problems.
- Misalignment with Grant Focus: Servicing outside the quad county areas, or grant programming outside the Community Health Needs Assessment focus areas.
- This grant program is not intended to sustain existing operations – such as food pantries or shelters. Competitive programs will showcase growth according to the details above.