Community Health Funders Alliance







Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Community Health Funder Alliance Community Grants

How do I apply for the Community Health Funder Alliance (CHFA) Community Grant? Once you log in [https://sfcf.spectrumportal.net/], you will see links to two CHFA grant applications. Select the "CHFA Community Grant Application 2020".

Can I apply for the CHFA Health Impact Grant?

Unfortunately, no. Health Impact grants are by invitation only and grantees were notified in February 2020. Further details about Health Impact and Community Grant criteria are provided on the website http://communityhealthfunder.org.

Can Health Impact Grantees apply for Community Grants?

No. Health Impact grantees may not apply for CHFA Community Grants.

Can grantees apply for both SFCF's 2020 spring or fall competitive non-health grants and CHFA's Community Grant?

No. Grantees applying for the 2020 Community Health Funder Alliance Community Grant will not be able to apply for any other Santa Fe Community Foundation spring or fall competitive grants in 2020. We ask that applicants explore both the CHFA and the other SFCF grant funding priorities to identify which areas/priorities your organization/program most closely aligns with to determine which grant application is a better fit. Feel free to contact us if you have additional questions.

If we received a Community Grant from Santa Fe Community Foundation last year – can we apply for Community Health Funding Alliance Community Grant funding this year?

Yes.

How do I know how much funding to request?

All grants will be \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000, depending on your annual operating budget. For organizations whose annual operating budget is under \$150,000, you may apply for a \$5,000 grant; for organizations whose annual operating budget is between \$150,000 and \$500,000, you may apply for a \$10,000 grant; for organizations with an annual operating budget over \$500,000, you may apply for a \$15,000 grant.

Will CHFA consider in-kind goods and services as part of our organizational budget? In-kind goods and services that are documented in your audited financials or your 990 can be presented as part of your operational budget. If you do not have audited financials or 990, please reach out to us for technical assistance.

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I have a start-up nonprofit, can I apply for funding?

In general, we accept proposals from organizations that have been operational for three or more years. We will consider applications from early stage organizations in exceptional cases. Additional documentation to demonstrate the organization's track record may be requested.

We don't have our own 501c3 designation - can we still apply for funding?

We accept proposals from nonprofits that either have their own 501c3 designation, or that are working under the formal designation of a fiscal sponsor that has its own 501c3 designation. If you are working under a fiscal sponsor, the budget you will submit will be for your project or initiative not the fiscal sponsors budget.

Can we apply for funding if our organization is located outside the seven-county geographic region but we serve individuals within the seven-county geographic region?

The Alliance's geographic region includes Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Taos, Colfax, Mora, Rio Arriba and San Miguel Counties. We will consider grant applications from organizations that serve individuals in one or more of these counties as part of their core mission and programming irrespective of where their offices are located.

Are there any activities that CHFA will not fund?

We will not make grants for the following: religious purposes, capital campaigns or endowments, scholarships, individuals and private school tuition assistance.

If we apply for a CHFA Community Grant, can we still be included in the Giving Together catalogue this year?

Yes. Questions related to the Giving Together catalogue are included on the CHFA online application so you will only need to fill out one application. There will be one Giving Together catalogue published this year – Fall 2020.

What is the Giving Together catalogue?

The Giving Together catalogue, begun by the Santa Fe Community Foundation in 2010, is a summary of all proposals the Foundation receives each grant cycle that meet basic due diligence. This catalogue is shared with the Foundation's fundholders, who are invited to make grants in support of any nonprofit included in the catalogue. To see samples of past Giving Together catalogues, click here:

https://www.santafecf.org/nonprofits/grantseekers/giving-together.

Who can I contact for additional questions?

For technical questions about the online application, contact Diane Hamamoto at (dhamamoto@santafecf.org) or 505-988-9715 (x7008). For any other questions related to the Alliance or Community grants contact Loe Marcoline at lmarcoline@anchorum.org or info@communityhealthfunder.org.