



2023 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Community Health Improvement Grants aim to support the health and well-being of Reno County residents by creating conditions that lead to healthy lifestyles. Through a partnership between Hutchinson Community Foundation, Hutchinson Regional Medical Foundation, and United Way of Reno County, these grants seek to help Reno County communities and partners execute the identified strategies and make progress toward achieving the goals and anticipated outcomes set forth in the [2023 Community Health Improvement Plan \(CHIP\)](#), based on the most recent [Community Health Assessment \(CHA\)](#).

CRITERIA FOR FUNDING PROPOSALS

Who can apply?

Proposals must come from organizations that are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) and serve Reno County, Kansas. Special purpose units of government may apply for support of innovative projects. Community groups who do not have a 501(c)(3) status may apply for grant awards if another tax-exempt organization acts as a fiscal sponsor. Grant proposals from individuals or non-qualifying organizations will not be considered. Applicants must conduct business without discrimination on the basis of race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, creed or ethnicity.

How much funding can an organization apply for?

A total of \$30,000 will be available to award each year. Grant awards are expected to range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for single-year or multi-year funding (up to three years); larger requests may be considered. Proposals are reviewed and awarded by a joint selection committee of Hutchinson Community Foundation, Hutchinson Regional Medical Foundation, and United Way of Reno County board members. The committee may choose to partially fund an applicant's requested budget.

What kinds of proposals will NOT be funded?

Projects not relating to the Priority Areas in the [2023 CHIP](#) will not be considered. Other ineligible projects include religious indoctrination or other proselytization activities, deficit financing, lobbying, electioneering and activities of a political nature, sponsorships for special events, endowment building, direct fundraising, equipment to generate a profit, and reimbursement of pre-award costs.

Which proposals will be given priority in funding?

Innovation – Proposals that represent new and promising approaches, smart experiments, or bold ideas that shift the collective focus from reactive problem solving to creating the vision of our future.

Collaboration – Proposals that strengthen cross-sector and inter-sector relationships, leverage resources to optimize shared goals of multiple organizations, and create increasingly inclusive and seamless systems of services.

Effective organizations – Proposals that evaluate, expand, or improve the effective services, operations, and leadership development of established organizations.

Adaptive leadership – Proposals that prioritize an attitude of curiosity, acknowledge the multiple perspectives in a system, and foster reflection and trust among people with diverse life experiences.

Systems and environment change – Proposals that go beyond programming and into changing policies, systems, and environments that lead to improving the livelihoods of all people, especially those living on the margins.

TIMELINE

Proposals will be accepted between October 25 and December 1, 2023 through the Foundant grant management system, accessed through HutchCF.org.

Notification of funding awards and denials will be sent to applicants by January 5, 2024.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Grantees are required to complete and submit a written midterm report or request a visit midway through the grant project to assist the funding partners in telling the story of the project's impact. A final report is due 30 days following the completion of the project and no later than one year plus 30 days after the grant award date. Report forms will be requested via email for completion in the Foundant online system. Failure to complete final reports on time may impact an organization's ability to receive future funding from the Community Health Improvement Grants.

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