



## 2025 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 \(CHA\)](#).

Our priority is to fund collaboration happening through the [Reno County Community Wellness Coalition](#) and its work groups, with the goal of supporting collective action and strategy among community partners.

### 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?*

Grant awards are expected to range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for single-year or multi-year funding (up to two 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.

#### *What are the qualities of the most successful proposals?*

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 for those who are most vulnerable.

Inclusion – Proposals that intentionally include the presence of the target population in the project co-creation, implementation, and evaluation.

Collaboration – Proposals that strengthen partnerships between organizations, sectors, or stakeholders, maximizing resources and aligning efforts to achieve shared objectives.

Innovation – Proposals that introduce original ideas, creative strategies, or bold solutions to address complex challenges, showing a willingness to experiment and adapt.

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

Need – Proposals that provide a demonstrable and timely need for this project, and the organization is in a key position to meet that need.

Feasibility – Proposals that present a well thought-out strategy for achieving goals with a cost-effective budget.

## **TIMELINE**

Proposals will be accepted until Friday, March 14, 2025 through the Foundant Grant Lifecycle Management (GLM) system, accessed through [HutchCF.org](https://www.HutchCF.org).

Notification of funding awards and denials will be sent to applicants by April 25, 2025.

## **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 GLM 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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