



Lane Community Health Council

Spring 2026 Community Grants

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Q: My organization doesn't provide direct medical services. Are we eligible to apply?

A: Applying organizations **must** serve people who are Medicaid members & Healthier Oregon Program populations in their work—however, they do not need to **only** serve those folks, nor do they need to provide direct Medicaid/insurance/medical services as part of their work. The ultimate goal of this process is to fund and support initiatives that improve the health and wellness of the Lane County region.

Q: Are there specific IRS designations that an organization must hold to apply for this process?

A: No, there is no specific IRS designation required for this process.

Q: Is my project eligible for consideration?

A: To maintain a fair and equitable process, we cannot review individual application proposals or concepts prior to submission. Here is the information we can provide: once the applications are received, they go through a minimum qualification screening (based in part on the “Funding Specifics” section of the focus area’s RFP) and then to an independent community review panel. This panel reviews the applications and scores each application based on a rubric that includes attention to focus areas and how the project will improve the health and wellness of residents in Lane County.

Q: Can my organization submit multiple proposals?

A: At this time, we can only accept one proposal submission per organization.

Q: Will applying for the maximum amount (\$250,000) negatively impact my proposal's consideration?

A: There are not unlimited funds available for distribution and this will be a competitive process. We will review each application that is received that requests up to \$250,000. Projects may be awarded partial funding.

Q: My organization has received a LCHC grant in the past. Can I apply again?

A: Yes. Please indicate on the application the last time you received LCHC funding.

Q: What can be funded?

A: These funds are intended to support initiatives that improve the health and wellness of the Lane County region. In the past, LCHC’s funding streams have had specific limitations on what we are able to fund. For this process, we are utilizing a separate funding stream and have more flexibility on projects we may award. For this process, *it is allowable* to include staffing costs, marketing expenses, and out of pocket medical expenses so long as they align with your project focus area(s) and project goal(s).

Please note that if your project proposal will align with **community-level flexible services rules (defined here)**, please indicate that in your project proposal and budget.

Q: What is the allowable indirect rate for this process?

A: For this grant cycle, we do not have a set maximum allowable indirect cost

Q: What information should be included on my project’s budget?

A: Please group budget by item. Applicants are encouraged to request costs in terms of the services provided/programming vs. extremely detailed individualized line items. For this process, *it is allowable* to include staffing costs, marketing expenses, and out of pocket medical expenses in your budget so long as they are aligned with your project focus area(s) and project goal(s).

Please see above for potential alignment with community-level flexible services rules when creating your budget. As a reminder, alignment with community-level flexible services rules *is not mandatory* in this process.

Q: Can I submit letters of support for my project?

A: Yes, you may submit letters of support under “Additional documents” (near the end of the application). We recommend compiling multiple documents into a single PDF for upload.

Added 3/30/26

Q: What is the spend-down period for this grant?

A: Awards will be announced in May 2026. Awarded grantees can expect to have their project period begin on 6/1/2026. There is no set end date for these funds, and they can be utilized for the awarded project until they are expended—this may vary depending on the project, amount awarded, or other factors. More information will be provided to awardees regarding spend-down expectations.

Q: Is a vehicle an eligible purchase?

A: A vehicle for program-specific (i.e., not personal) use can be an eligible purchase for this process.

Added 4/1/26

Q: Since there is no set end date for these funds, what happens if we need to adjust our spend?

A: We will work with each individual awardee to establish this process. We will ask that any possible future adjustments remain aligned with the original funded proposal in scope/mission.

Q: I have a current LCHC grant (running through 12/31/2026). Can I still apply?

A: Yes, you may still apply for this process. Please note that the priority area of the previous grant cycle (increasing access to primary care) is **not** one of the priority areas for this cycle. Please be mindful that any application you submit for this round aligns with the current priority areas. Please reach out to grants@lchealthcouncil.org if you have specific questions on this subject.

Q: Can new programs be funded in this process?

A: Yes, you are welcome to submit proposals for new programs or projects that align with this funding cycle's priority areas. However, please be mindful that program sustainability is a factor that is considered in the review for this process and is a question on the application.

Added 4/2/26

Q: What could fall under "Healthcare Workforce?"

A: The answer is that it can be very broad. In the past, some things that have fallen under the healthcare workforce heading have included scholarships for students going into healthcare fields and ensuring that therapy offices for young children have age-appropriate furnishings and non-medical supplies. The goal of LCHC's healthcare workforce priority is to address healthcare workforce shortages in Lane County.

Q: Should I fill out my budget by category/grouped by item (for example, Program Coordination—staffing) or include extra details (for example, multiple lines of staffing with FTE breakdown and hourly rates)?

A: The category would be sufficient for this process and the level of detail of items like hourly rates/FTE are not required. You are welcome to add them if you feel they paint a clearer picture of your request.

Added 4/2/26: If you would like to see a redacted example budget from a previous process, please reach out to grants@lchealthcouncil.org and we are happy to provide it!