

## 2025 Health Equity Grant FAQs and Answers

### General Questions

1. What types of programs will be supported by the health equity grant?  
**The health equity grant is specifically intended to support organizations that provide direct services to improve health outcomes for underserved communities in Franklin County. Direct service providers are those who work directly with individuals or groups to address health disparities, offering programs such as medical care, mental health services, health education, and preventive care. The goal of this funding is to support organizations making an immediate, measurable impact on the health and well-being of the communities they serve. If your organization provides such services, you are eligible to apply for this grant.**
2. Who is eligible to apply for a Health Equity Grant?  
**All applicants must be a registered 501 c 3 nonprofit with the Ohio Secretary of State in good standing.**  
  
**Governmental and for-profit entities are not eligible for funding and should not apply.**  
  
**The intent is to fund innovative programs that improve health outcomes of Franklin County residents of organizations that have not received programmatic support from previous Community Partnership grant cycles (i.e. 2022, 2023, 2024 Community Partnerships).**
3. Can an institution or organization submit more than one application?  
**No. Only one application per organization will be accepted.**
4. How long does my organization need to be in existence to apply for the grant?  
**There is no length of time that an organization has been in existence to apply for the grant. However, organizations must include a copy of the notification from the IRS that your organization has been granted 501(c)(3) status to be considered for funding.**
5. If an organization received a COVID-19 Recovery or COVID-19 Capital Grant from Franklin County, can they still apply for the health equity grant?  
**Yes.**
6. Are current and past Health Equity grantees eligible to apply?  
**Yes. Organizations who have previously received the Health Equity grant are eligible to apply.**
7. Do you have a slide deck or a link where I can learn more about programs that are eligible?  
**Yes, this information is located on the Apply Today section of the [Community Partnerships Website](#).**
8. What is the maximum amount that can be requested for one year of funding?  
**Each organization is eligible to apply for an annual amount up to \$500,000.**
9. Will partial awards be considered or will only full requested amounts be awarded?  
**Historically, we have awarded only full amounts.**
10. Is the number of unduplicated residents served pertaining to the program that is seeking funding, or for the entire organization?  
**The number of unduplicated residents served should be for the program.**

11. Is the County able to share how much the pool of dollars is for this grant opportunity?  
**The County awarded approximately one-and-a-half million dollars in each of the last two application cycles, and it is anticipated a similar amount will be awarded this year.**
12. What is the grant's start and end date?  
**The grant period is January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025.**
13. Would funding need to be spent by December 31, 2025?  
**Yes. All funds shall be spent by the end of the contract date.**
14. When will the grant decisions be announced?  
**All applicants will be notified regarding the status of their application and next steps shortly after the review process.**

### **e-Clmact**

15. If I'm having an issue submitting my application, who should I contact?  
**If you're having trouble submitting your application, please contact the United Way of Central Ohio help email at [Reporting.Help@uwcentralohio.org](mailto:Reporting.Help@uwcentralohio.org). If you're having trouble submitting your application just before the deadline, please contact us before the deadline via email at [CPApplications@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:CPApplications@franklincountyohio.gov).**
16. Can we view the full list of application questions outside of e-Clmact?  
**No. The application questions can only be found on the e-Clmact site linked [here](#).**
17. In addition to the actual application in E-C impact, is there a separate RFP or guidance document that we should be referring to? Anything that discusses eligibility, scoring rubric, other requirements, etc?  
**All information regarding this grant can be found on our website [here](#).**

### **Grant Application**

18. If we received funds through another governmental source, would that exclude us from Applying?  
**If an organization received funds from the City of Columbus, State of Ohio, Federal agency, or any other outsource, they are eligible to apply for funding. Organizations are encouraged to identify other funding sources to leverage County funding.**
19. Can the grant request be to support an organization's overall operating budget rather than a specific program or project?  
**No. The intent of the Health Equity Grant is to fund innovative programs or projects and not provide gap funding to organizations.**
20. Do you have any criteria for grant decisions and a scoring grid that you will be using?  
**Yes. Due to the competitive nature of this process, criteria and scoring metrics will be utilized.**
21. Do the terms "project" and "program" differ or are the words used interchangeably?  
**The terms can be used interchangeably. Please include any relevant information you see fit.**
22. We have both a Governing Board and an Advisory Board Should we report the demographics of both?  
**The demographics should be provided for the Board that is responsible for ensuring the sound administration of the organization.**

## Grant Award

23. What are the allowable expenses for this grant?

**When completing the budget, please refer to the following for the categories of eligible expenses:**

- **Salaries and wages:** Compensation paid to employees for their work on the funded program.
- **Employee Benefits/Taxes:** Additional costs associated with employing staff, such as healthcare benefits and payroll taxes.
- **Professional Fees:** Payments made to consultants or external experts for specialized services related to the funded program.
- **Program Materials and Supplies:** Costs for purchasing materials and supplies directly used in implementing the funded program activities.
- **Printing and Postage:** Expenses related to printing materials and mailing documents, including postage fees for the funded program.
- **Occupancy, Insurance, and Telephone:** Costs associated with office space rental, insurance premiums, and telephone services utilized for the funded program.
- **Travel, Training, and Conferences:** Expenditures for travel, accommodation, and registration fees for staff attending training sessions, conferences, or funded program-related travel.
- **Technology platform or services:** Expenses for acquiring or subscribing to technological tools or services necessary for program implementation or communication.
- **Indirect expenses allocation/ incl. depreciation:** Allocation of overhead costs, including depreciation of assets, that cannot be directly attributed to specific funded program activities. **This category is considered administrative funding and should not exceed 5% of the total amount requested.**
- **Other Expenses:** Miscellaneous costs not covered by other budget categories but essential for carrying out the funded program effectively.

24. What are unallowable expenses for this grant?

**Unallowable expenses include, but are not limited to:**

- **Political activities or lobbying efforts.**
- **Purchase of alcoholic beverages or entertainment expenses.**
- **Personal expenses for staff or volunteers not directly related to the project.**
- **Expenses unrelated to the project's objectives or scope as outlined in the grant agreement.**
- **Investments or financial speculation.**
- **Payment of fines or penalties.**
- **Activities or programs that discriminate based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristic.**
- **Expenses incurred before the grant period or after the grant expiration date unless specifically allowed by the grant agreement.**

25. Does an organization need to have audited financials to be awarded a health equity grant?

**If your organization is awarded funding and does not have a financial audit, you will need to provide a copy of Board approved financials and a statement explaining why an audit was not conducted.**

26. Do you have any suggestions or templates for a sustainability plan?

**Franklin County Board of Commissioners do not endorse any sustainability planning models or resources, however [here](#) is a sustainability template.**