Community Health Improvement Grants

Information Session 1 – Monday, July 14 from 1–3 p.m.

Information Session 2 – Wednesday, July 23 from 10 a.m.

Q&A Session – Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 10–11:30 a.m.

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Reflection

"Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolutions."

Kahlil Gibran

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Welcome!

VMFH & CommonSpirit Health

Our mission

As CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

Our vision

A healthier future for all – inspired by faith, driven by innovation, and powered by our humanity.

Our values

Compassion | **Inclusion** | **Integrity** | **Excellence** | **Collaboration**

Community Health Improvement Grants

What:

Hospitals will annually grant funds to programs and services delivered by collaborating, non-profit organizations to address one or more significant health needs in their most recent community health needs assessments and implementation strategies.

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Patient Care Sites in Washington

Hospitals

Outpatient Centers

Urgent & Prompt Care Clinics

Franciscan Hospice House,
Bailey-Bouchay House

Benaroya Research Institute

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Hospitals: 9
Bed Count: 1,605
Outpatient Centers: 211
Urgent & Prompt Care Clinics: 12
Franciscan Hospice House: 1
Bailey-Boushay House: 1
Benaroya Research Institute: 1

St. Michael Medical Center 262

Virginia Mason Medical Center 336

St. Anne Hospital 133

St. Anthony Hospital 112

St. Francis Hospital 124

St. Joseph Medical Center 374

St. Elizabeth Hospital 38

Wellfound Behavioral Health Hospital 60

Rehabilitation Hospital 60

St. Clare Hospital 106

Community Health Needs Assessments

Data Driven

Use the most up-to-date information to drive decision making. CHNAs include up to 65 or more health indicators across a range of categories

Community Engagement

Community engagement is built into the process to ensure the voice of the community and those with lived experience is included.

Priority Health Areas

Data and engagement are combined to identify areas where health systems should focus their time and investments.

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VMFH Priority Health Areas

Access to Care

- Insurance Coverage
- Maternal/Child Health
- Basic Needs/Transportation
- Immunizations

Behavioral Health

- Substance Use
- Youth Anxiety
- Depression
- Alcohol Use

Chronic Disease

- Obesity
- Food Security
- Youth Physical Activity
- Asthma

Violence Prevention

- Firearm Violence
- Domestic Violence
- Unintentional Injuries

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CHIG 2025 Funding By Priority

Priority Health Area

- Violence Prevention 4.7%
- Chronic Disease 16.3%
- Access to Care 51.2%
- Behavioral Health 27.9%
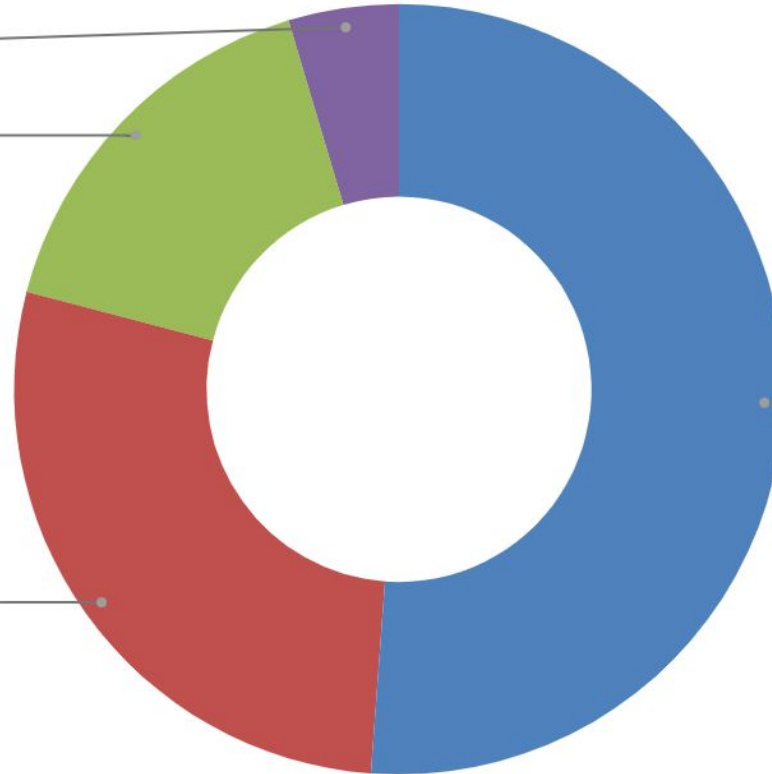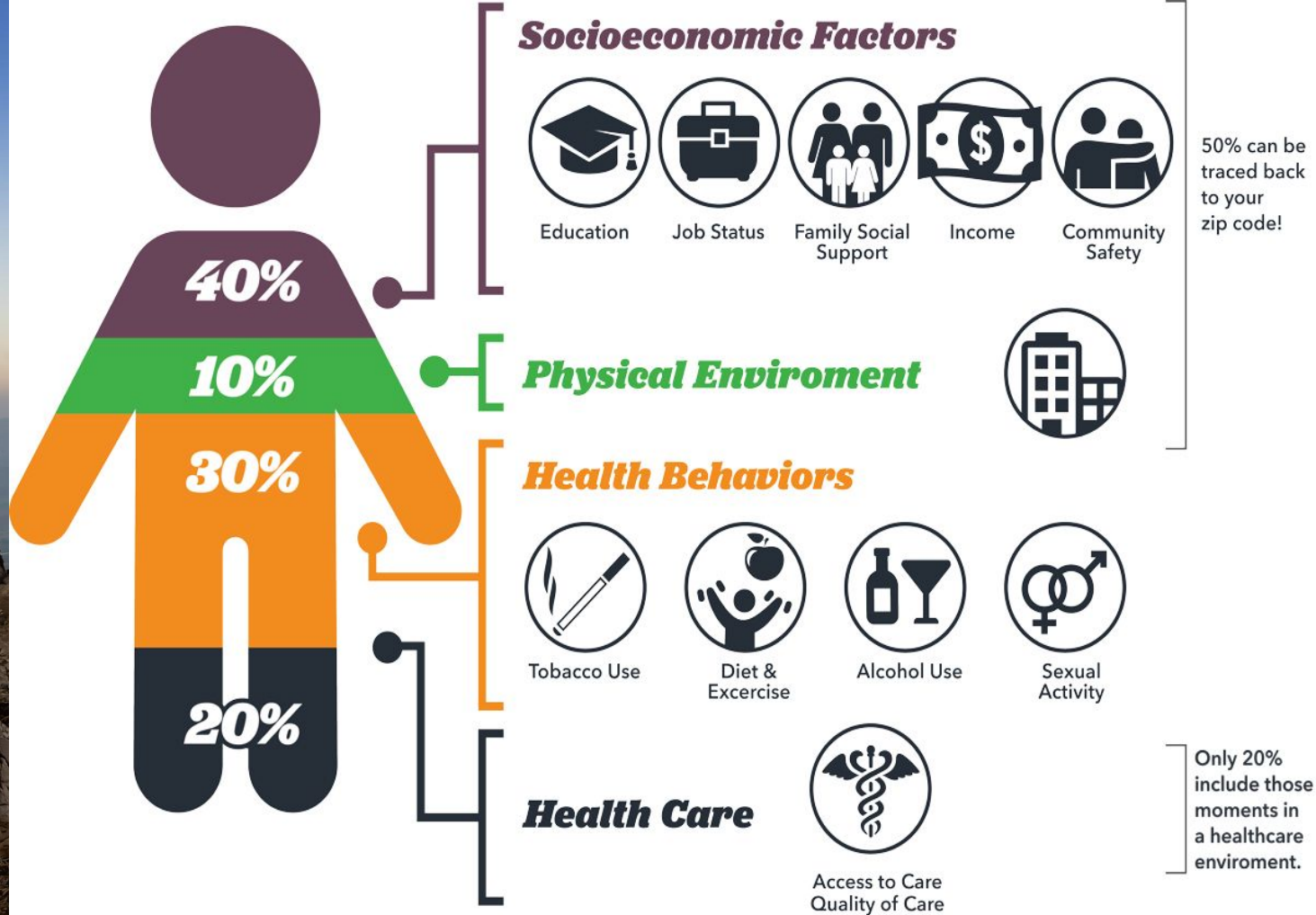
To Find Your Hospital CHNA, Click Below

[Community Health Needs Assessments](#)

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Social Drivers of Health

Socioeconomic Factors

Education | Job Status | Family Social Support | Income | Community Safety

50% can be traced back to your zip code!

40%

10% **Physical Enviroment**

30% **Health Behaviors**

Tobacco Use | Diet & Excercise | Alcohol Use | Sexual Activity

20% **Health Care**

Access to Care Quality of Care

Only 20% include those moments in a healthcare enviroment.

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Source: Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement, Going Beyond Clinical Walls: Solving Complex Problems (October 2014)

# Grant Eligibility and Timeline

Grant Process Timeline

- July 14, 2025 – Application period opens
- Sep 12, 2025 – Application period closes
- By February 1, 2026 – Applicants are notified of funding decisions
- By February 16, 2026 – Grant agreements signed, delivered & executed
- April 1, 2026 – 12–month project year begins
- March 31, 2027 – Project year ends

Eligibility & Criteria

- Lead applicant must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
- Grant projects awards are from $20,000 up to $100,000
- Grant project implementation is from April 2026 to March 2027
- Address one or more prioritized significant needs from a VMFH Community Health Needs Assessment
- Serve identified vulnerable or underserved populations (must address a disparity)
- *Include two or more collaborating partners with distinct, complementary and substantive project roles*

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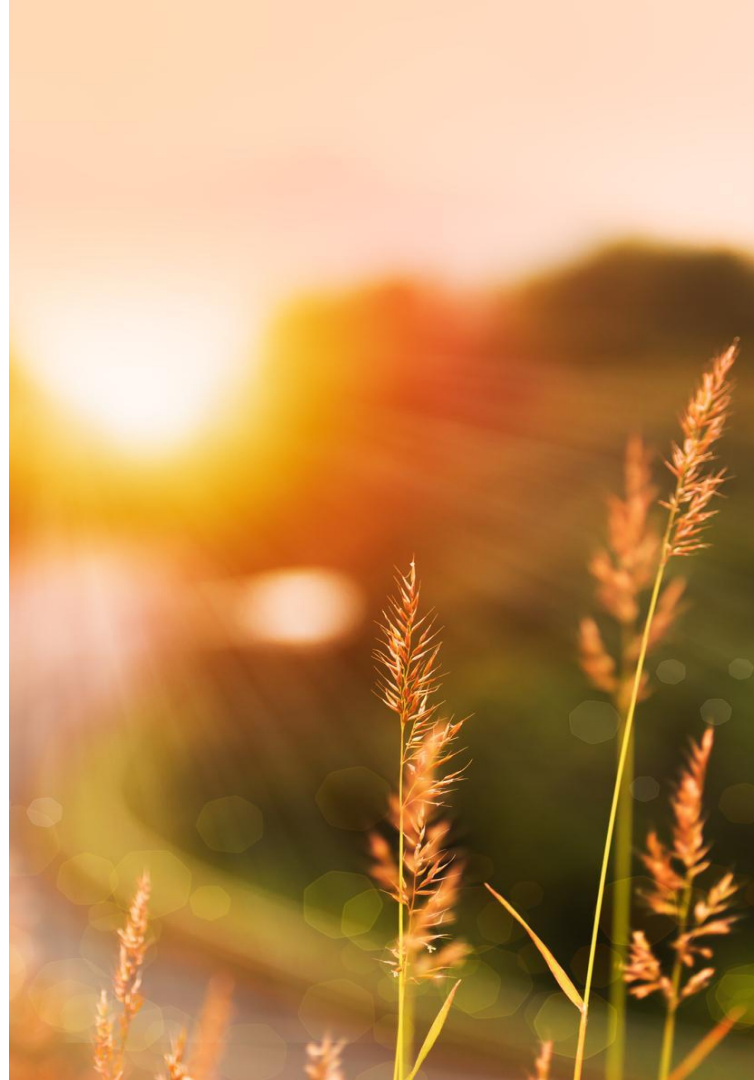
Ineligible Projects and budget limitations

- Ineligible proposals include those for **unrestricted general operating support**, event sponsorships and activities less than 9 months in duration.
- The grant program does not fund capital projects, lobbying or political campaigns.
- Proposal budgets can include itemized administrative operating costs (rent, telecommunications, insurance) of no greater than 10% of the total request.

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Applying for a Grant

CommonSpirit Health Grants Portal

www.vmfh.org/community-grants

www.commonspirit.org/community grants

- Includes additional information
- AmpliFund grants portal
- FAQ Documents
- Only enter the portal for WA Seattle-Tacoma

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AmpliFund Grants Management

- Requires new users to register

- Allows users to save and come back to applications

- Allows for collaboration on grant requests

- Will be the same system for mid-year and year-end reports

- Apply for "Virginia Mason Franciscan Health"

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Grant Application Questions / Requirements

Applicant Organization

- Address, email, website

- Mission & principal activities

- Fiscal agent (if any)

- IRS 501(c)3 Determination Letter w/ Tax ID

- IRS Form W-9 current address

- Board of Directors list

Partner Organizations

- Website

- Mission & principal activities

- Contact information

- **Partners should have distinct, complementary and substantive project roles**

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Grant Application Questions / Requirements

Needs Addressed, Project Summary and Population Served

- CHNA needs addressed and disparity clearly identified

- Concise summary description of the proposed project

- Populations to be served

- Project sustainability

- Partnerships: applicant + minimum of 2 other organizations

- *Any hospital role in the project?*

- *Protected Health Information of CommonSpirit patients?*

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Grant Application Questions / Requirements

Performance Plan

- Adds detail to the project summary, itemizing the main activities/services by applicant and partner organizations

- **Project Activities**, with narrative descriptions and numerical persons- served goals

- **Project Outcomes Goals**, with narrative and numerical input, which partners

Budget

- Personnel

- Contract Purchased Service

- Supplies

- Equipment

- Travel - Local Mileage

- Sub-Award (partners)

- Miscellaneous

- Indirect

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VMFH Grant Approval Process

- VMFH will convene a grants committee in October
  - Will include representatives from all 8 participating hospitals and community members

- Considerations for funding
  - Geographic representation
  - Well-defined partnerships
  - Trust in community
  - Projects in all CHNA priority areas
  - SDOH / Underserved / Vulnerable / Disparity
  - Expansion or new project

How is the Grant Application Scored?

Criteria	Score Range
Applicant & Partner Organization	0 - 10
Community Needs, Project Summary and Population Served	0 - 15
Sustainability	0 - 10
Project Activities, Numbers to be Served and Outcome Goals	0 - 35
Collaboration and Partners' Roles	0 - 10
Grant Request Amount and Budget	0 - 20

Questions