

## HealthPath Foundation of Ohio Announces Special Funding Opportunity to Commemorate 25th Anniversary

**HealthPath Foundation of Ohio** (HealthPath) was established in 1999 through a collaborative agreement between the State of Ohio, Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. (Anthem), and Anthem's subsidiary, Community Insurance Company (CIC), as a Type I supporting organization of the [Greater Cincinnati Foundation](#). Since its inception, HealthPath has awarded \$24 million in grants across 36 Ohio counties to address critical health challenges in local communities.

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, HealthPath is launching a special Community Connections funding opportunity. Organizations may apply for grants of up to \$25,000 to support initiatives that advance health equity by ensuring Ohioans have access to essential resources for optimal health. By offering general operating support grants, HealthPath aims to enable organizations to allocate resources where they are most needed, fostering innovation, impact, and sustainable systems change that promotes health equity in Ohio's communities.

Through this grant opportunity, HealthPath expects to award up to \$250,000 in total funding.

### Funding Priorities & Populations of Focus

Under the Community Connections RFP, HealthPath invites proposals from organizations that focus on at least one of its impact areas: **Oral Health, Age-Friendly Communities, and Healthy Ohioans.**

Proposals should also prioritize one or more of the following populations in Ohio, which are disproportionately affected by health inequities:

- Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)
- Individuals with lower levels of education and/or income
- Individuals living with disabilities
- Adults aged 60 or older
- Immigrants and new Americans
- Individuals living in rural or Appalachian communities
- Individuals lacking adequate health insurance coverage
- Individuals who identify as LGBTQIA+

## About the Funding Priorities

- **Oral Health:** Ensuring access to essential dental services for overall health and well-being, particularly for underserved populations.
- **Age-Friendly Communities:** Creating communities that enable older residents to live, keep connected, and stay engaged in their communities and contribute to their community's economic, social, and cultural life by considering the environmental, economic, and social factors that influence our health and well-being as we age.
- **Healthy Ohioans:** Expanding access to fundamental health resources, including healthcare and nutritious food.

## Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for a grant under this RFP, organizations must:

- Align with HealthPath's [mission and vision](#)
- Be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit\* or government organization located in and primarily serving at least one of the 36 counties in HealthPath's [service area](#)
- Address health and/or social needs that impact health outcomes
- Demonstrate alignment with the funding priorities and populations of focus outlined in the RFP
- Not have an active grant\*\* through HealthPath

Requests for funding to support capital campaigns, healthcare levies, lobbying or political campaigns, emergency needs, scholarships, endowments, or grants to individuals will not be considered.

\*Organizations without 501(c)(3) status may apply through a fiscal sponsor. Fiscal sponsorships will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Groups interested in this option should contact Abby Haynes before applying to ensure eligibility.

\*\*Organizations with an active HealthPath grant are ineligible to apply for additional funding until their current grant period concludes.

## Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be assessed based on the following:

- **Eligibility and alignment:** The organization meets all eligibility requirements and aligns with HealthPath's priorities and target populations.
- **Mission and impact:** The proposal clearly outlines the organization's mission, goals, and demonstrated impact.
- **Community-centered approach:** The organization engages with the community, incorporates cultural competency, and addresses health disparities using a health equity lens.\*\*
- **Community engagement:** The organization actively involves community members in priority-setting and decision-making.

\*\*Applying a health equity lens means considering health disparities and social determinants of health in all aspects of the work, from problem analysis to solution implementation and measuring success. It requires addressing structural inequities and root causes of disparities.

The application also requests information about how the organization includes leaders from the target populations in executive roles, boards, or advisory groups. This information will not be used to make funding decisions. Instead, it will help HealthPath better understand how its populations of focus are represented across the organizations it supports.

## Application Deadline & Process

Proposals must be submitted through HealthPath's online grants management system by **March 14 at 11:59 p.m. EST**. Award notifications will be made in April, and grant disbursements are expected to begin in May.

[Apply Here](#)

## Contact Information

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