Pre-Proposal Tutorial

CHAPTER 3 – CAHF GRANTS

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT TO EXPECT ONCE AN APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED (GRANT PROCESS)

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Important initial steps in the process of planning submission of an application include:

- Review [Con Alma Grant Guidelines](#)
- Determine which type and what request amount best meets applicant needs ($7,500, $10,000, $15,000 or $20,000)
- Learn how to access & navigate [SmartSimple](#)
- Applicants may apply for consideration under one (1) ‘type’ of funding, per grant cycle
- Type of funding may be revised in the course of review
- Applicants to Northern NM Health Grants Group, however, may also apply to Con Alma Health Foundation
- Awards are for single-year implementation in three ‘types’ of grant funding opportunities
Efforts focused on health systems strategies that address the needs of New Mexico’s diverse communities

An application for Project support generally:

- Focus on a particular set of goals
- Engage a focused group of beneficiaries
- Employ specific systems-level activities
- Identify outcomes that tend to be accomplished within a finite period of time
While project efforts contribute to and are aligned with an organization’s mission, they do not reflect the entire scope of operations or programs.

Project grant requests might ...

- Prevent the disruption of key resources
- Advance health equity centered solutions
- Address challenges or opportunities
- Advocate for change and/or for an inclusive process
- Focus on unmet needs through expanding geographic reach or by facilitating a community engaged assessment
For organizations working on high-impact, systems’ level strategies seeking funding of their overall mission and operations, without a particular project focus

To be considered, applicant organization should show how its mission, operations, programs, goals and the outcomes they seek:

- Align with, and advance, Con Alma’s focus on health equity
- Involve systems-level strategies and activities
- Prioritize underserved populations and communities
General Operating / Core Support grant requests might look to …

▪ Inform policy, administrative rules, procedures, or practices within communities, organizations or governments

▪ Engage or further inclusive leadership development, multi-level (across movements and/or sectors) engagement

▪ Involve intersectional and/or innovative solutions
Address the need for capacity building and technical assistance among nonprofits, and/or the nonprofit sector in New Mexico

Technical Assistance requests may seek to:

▪ Support a nonprofit organization to build its internal capacity
▪ Strengthen the capacity of the nonprofit sector
▪ Augment the capacity of networks, alliances, collaborations and coordinating efforts

Strategies that engage aspects of Technical Assistance include:

▪ Increasing awareness, understanding, engagement of an issue, a policy, an action
▪ Building on existing or new skills or competencies, expanding impact and effectiveness
▪ Increasing capacity to lead, manage, operate and guide a nonprofit, expanding existing capacity to do ‘something’, incorporating new technology or tools
An applicant can seek **to receive** or **to provide** technical assistance to:

To be considered, applicant organization should address how the proposed efforts will:

- Improve the sustainability or effectiveness of the organization, collaborative efforts or sector
- Stimulate active participation in the learning and capacity building process versus having or doing something “on behalf” of someone
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