

Con Alma Health Foundation: 2023 Grant Opportunity

Frequently Asked Questions

Questions About the Con Alma Health Foundation (CAHF) Grant Cycle

1. When can I apply to the CAHF grant cycle?

The 2023 (CAHF Grants) application cycle will open May 17, 2023 and close at 11:59 pm June 16, 2023.

2. What is the amount of grant awards?

Applicants may request: \$15,000, \$20,000, or \$25,000.

3. How many grants do you expect to award?

For the 2023 CAHF grant cycle, the Foundation will award up to \$650,000 total (approximately 24-28 grants).

4. Will there be an information session for applicants?

- Yes. Please review the session posted on our website [HERE](#). Applicants may also sign up for 1:1 office hours. To sign up for a virtual office hours:
 - Click [HERE](#) – (Tues 5/23, Thur 6/1) with Dennis McCutcheon, Program Officer
 - Click [HERE](#) – (Fri 5/26, Wed 5/31) with Denise Herrera, Executive Director

Questions About Eligibility

5. Are CAHF grants geographically restricted?

Yes. CAHF grants must benefit people living in New Mexico.

6. Can I apply to CAHF if my organization is not located in New Mexico?

Yes. However, the work for which you are seeking CAHF support must benefit people living in New Mexico.

7. If my organization has applied in the past to CAHF, are we eligible to apply again?

Yes. Your organization may apply annually (whether you received an award or not). However, we highly recommend you avoid requesting funds in support of the same project or for the same purpose.

8. If I'm currently funded by CAHF, can I apply again?

If you have current funding and have met all the grant requirements to date in a timely fashion, you may submit an application for consideration. If you have had problems meeting requirements for your current grant, it is best to discuss your project with our Program Officer before applying.

9. Does CAHF fund ongoing programming and activities?

No. The Foundation will not generally provide ongoing funding for the same activities. An organization that has previously received a Con Alma grant and applies for additional grants in subsequent years must show how it has built upon previous strategies.

10. Can a new organization apply?

Yes. Organizations that are newly formed may apply; however, an organization must have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) and have a 501c3 designation from the IRS to be considered. If you do not have either of these, an organization may still apply through a fiscal sponsor.

11. Can we submit more than one application for funding if we have several different things that need support?

No, only one application to CAHF will be considered in any given year. An organization that is serving as a fiscal sponsor for a project/group may submit its own application for funding.

Questions About Funding

12. What are allowable administrative costs?

Allowable administrative costs are up to 20% of the grant award. When using a fiscal sponsor, administrative costs up to 10% of the grant award are allowed. Fiscal Sponsor fees are capped at 10% of the grant award.

13. When will I know if the application submitted will be funded?

Decisions are typically made early during the fourth quarter by CAHF's Board of Trustees based on recommendations from the CAHF Grantmaking Committee. We anticipate notifying all applicants of the decision by November 6, 2023.

14. If my application is approved, when will we receive the funds?

Funds will be disbursed in early December 2023 and the grant period will begin January 1, 2024.

15. Can these funds be used to support salaries?

Yes. We recognize the importance of providing support for those who will accomplish the key activities outlined in your application. The project budget template includes salaries (personnel) as an option.

16. We are thinking through a coalition proposal with several key partners. Can each organization submit an individual proposal for their piece of the work or would a joint proposal be better?

Submission of a single, joint proposal is recommended – submitted by the 'lead' organization identified by the coalition or collaborative. Doing so will ensure the application reflects the coalition's vision, goals, activities, and outcomes. The proposed budget may include resource needs of coalition partners for their participation.

17. Why does CAHF only fund 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations?

Different types of foundations are set up to operate in various ways and fund various purposes. Based on New Mexico state law and IRS regulations governing CAHF, we can only make grants to 501(c)(3) organizations.

Questions About The Application

18. Do I need to use a budget template?

Yes. The online application requires completion of a proposal budget template that includes all revenues that will support the work proposed for funding (secured and pending), all expenses of the proposed work, and itemized costs for the amount requested from CAHF.

19. Will I need to upload the organization's annual operating budget?

Yes. In addition to completing the proposal budget you are asked to "upload a copy of the organization's general operating budget, showing all revenue sources and major expense categories, for the most current fiscal year."

20. If I'm applying through a fiscal sponsor, whose operating budget do I upload?

When applying through a fiscal sponsor, you will upload the full operating budget for the applicant organization (or group), "showing all revenue sources and major expense categories, for the most current fiscal year." Do not upload the fiscal sponsor's operating budget.

21. Are letters of support required or accepted?

We do not require letters of support unless you will be working within the jurisdiction of a Sovereign Nation. If you propose to work within a Sovereign Nation, you must upload a letter of support from an existing community group that is based within the tribal community or from a tribal governmental entity (department / agency) as an attachment to the application.

22. When are the Tribal support letters due?

Tribal letters of support are due at the time you submit the application. If additional time is needed to secure the letter(s), upload a document stating the reason for needing additional time with your application. If you need more time, the last possible date to submit the Tribal Support Letter is June 23, 2023.

23. Is partial funding ever awarded? Or is it all or nothing?

Whenever possible, the Foundation will award the full amount requested. In unique circumstances, the Foundation will award partial funding if the full amount is not available.

About Con Alma Health Foundation

24. Where does Con Alma's endowment come from?

In 2001, policymakers and health-consumer advocates collaborated to establish Con Alma Health Foundation as the best way to invest more than \$20 million from the sale of Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico. State law required that its assets be set aside for a nonprofit dedicated to health in New Mexico.

For over 20 years, we have invested more than \$18 million in nonprofits improving health in New Mexico and bringing people together to work toward health equity.

25. What is Con Alma Health Foundation's mission and values?

Con Alma Health Foundation is organized to be aware of and respond to the health rights and needs of the culturally and demographically diverse peoples and communities of New Mexico. To fulfil this mission, the Foundation is guided by six core values that guide its grants, contributions, and program-related investments.

CAHF's assets go beyond its grantmaking dollars. The Foundation advocates for health policy and brings people and organizations together, acting as a catalyst for improving health, especially for the underserved.