

Collective Abundance Fund

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Overview & Timeline

Question: Is there a link to the Request for Proposal?

Response: The link for the application can be found here: [Please use the Google Form link to complete and submit your application.](#)

Question: What is the timeline for this RFP?

Answer: Applications are due by 11:59 PM on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. Partners will be informed if they have been selected on Monday, March 23, 2026.

Question: What is the funding source?

Answer: Funding is provided through the HealthierHere Social Equity and Wellness Fund.

Question: Can you provide a copy of the webinar slides?

Answer: The webinar slides are attached to the follow-up email.

Eligibility

Question: Who can apply for this funding?

Answer: This funding opportunity is open to organizations not currently receiving funds from HealthierHere that provide services in King County to low-income individuals living in King County. This means that schools, missionary organizations, church projects, for-profits, non-profits, community health centers, organizations with a fiscal sponsor, and more can apply.

Question: Are grant activities restricted to services in King County, populations living in King County, or both?

Answer: This funding opportunity is open to organizations not currently receiving funds from HealthierHere that provide services in King County to low-income individuals living in King County.

Question: Are organizations ineligible to apply if they currently receive funds from HealthierHere?

Answer: If you are currently holding a contract with HealthierHere, then you are ineligible to apply.

Question: If there is more than one organization using the same fiscal sponsor, can both organizations apply?

Answer: Yes. More than one organization using the same fiscal sponsor can apply, and that should not be a barrier to application.

Question: Is there a preference for organizations with smaller or larger operating budgets? Does it work against organizations if they currently operate with low capacity (meaning minimal staffing and predominantly volunteer run)?

Answer: This funding opportunity is open to organizations providing services to people living in King County. It is focused on where the needs are, not on the size of an organization's budget. There is no

minimum operating budget or size threshold to apply for this grant. Having a smaller operating budget does not work against an organization. We encourage you to apply.

Question: Are organizations who are not a direct-service organization a good fit for this grant if they indirectly serve the target population?

Answer: This funding is for direct service organizations.

Funding Amounts & Disbursement

Question: Do you have guidelines on an appropriate amount to request?

Answer: This funding opportunity is for \$25,000–\$50,000. We request that you identify the amount within that range that best fits the need of your community.

Question: Is there a possibility of partial funding?

Answer: Yes, there is. The range to request is \$25,000–\$50,000 and you can ask for any amount within that range. Depending on the need, we may make adjustments to what is awarded.

Question: How will award amounts be determined? For example, by number of applicants, number of clients served, quality of services provided, use of funds, communities most in need, etc.?

Answer: Funding amounts will be determined based on our understanding of the need for funds and how they will impact the community you serve.

Question: Will awardee determination be made based on how much we request?

Answer: We do not anticipate factoring this into our decision process.

Question: How will the funds be released? Is this a reimbursement style grant?

Answer: No. The total grant amount requested will be released once final contracts are signed.

Question: Can organizations use this fund for more than 12 months, or are we required to spend it within 12 months?

Answer: We would like for you to use the funding within the 12-month grant period so that we can gather learnings regarding the impact in our communities.

Allowable Uses of Funds

Question: What does unrestricted funding mean? Will awardees be expected to provide an itemized budget?

Answer: Unrestricted funding in this context means this grant provides general operating support, with the exclusion of the impermissible uses listed in the application. Please explain how you plan to use funds within your application, but we will not ask for invoices or receipts.

Question: Can we use some of the funding for overhead/admin and, if so, what percentage? Do funds have to be used for administrative expenses, or could they fill a gap by funding a direct service that has lost all funding?

Answer: Please apply and let us know how you would like to use the funds. Provide a narrative on how you intend to use the funds so we can understand the need and potential impact. If awarded, we will look forward to hearing what impact the funds had once you submit your final report. It is not limited to specific aspects of an organization's operating budget.

Question: Can funds be used to support social programs supporting youth development, or just healthcare?

Answer: These funds are not limited to healthcare only. They are intended to work at the intersection of health and social care, so yes, funding can support social programs supporting youth development as long as they serve community needs in King County and don't fall under the impermissible uses listed in the application.

Question: Can funds be used to help people we serve with direct assistance for things like food? Can funds be used to provide items such as grocery store gift cards to cover the cost of anything in the store, including pharmacy items (excluding tobacco, alcohol, and firearms); and if the store has a fuel station, can these gift cards be used to purchase fuel for their vehicle?

Answer: Yes. If this is part of your organization's operating budget and where the need lies, then we support the use of funds in this manner.

Question: One of the impermissible uses of funds listed is capital projects. Can you please expand on what that means?

Answer: Capital projects refer to using funds for your organization's building. The funds cannot go towards a new building or site or improvement to your office such as an atrium. Funds are meant to go toward your operating budget. We want these funds to serve the needs of community members and support your work so you can maintain your presence in our community.

Question: If the priority for the funding ("how funds will be used") changes once the award is received, will we need to update the scope of work with HealthierHere?

Answer: We would appreciate you communicating the shift to HealthierHere and being transparent about a pivot in funding.

Application Requirements

Question: On the use of funds, do we have to provide details of how the funds will be used? For example: do we put in the application "\$10,000 to be used for wages, \$5,000 for administration, etc."?

Answer: We ask that you provide details regarding how the funds will be used. We are looking for some visibility into where the funds are going and what the impact will be. For example—rather than sharing "we will spend \$10,000 on wages..." as referenced in the question, we recommend being more specific in your response. Please explain how the funds you are requesting will help a specific part of your operating budget to meet the demand for specific services, and the impact that will have. For example, if you were spending \$10,000 on wages, please share that you would like to spend \$10,000 on a CBW to engage X number of people in Y community. We recommend including specific details in your narrative. We would love to receive stories on how the funds ultimately made community lives better.

Question: Can you explain a bit more what you are asking with the question about whether an organization has written policies and procedures for administrative, financial and direct services? Are you asking about by-laws or policies regarding the programs?

Answer: The question is to ensure your organization has good policies in place regarding how you are running your organization; that there are checks and balances for your operations. We will not ask you to supply them but think of this as an attestation that they exist.

Question: How should we approach the demographics questions if we don't collect specific data (such as zip codes, income information, etc.) or only collect it for some services?

Answer: If you don't currently capture the information as it's listed in the application, please provide your best estimate. We are not asking you to build a data collection system if you don't have one in place. We realize not all organizations will have this information, but we appreciate you providing your best estimate. We are ultimately looking to understand how the funds you are requesting will impact the communities you serve.

Selection & Scoring

Question: Will there be any additional weight given to applications that serve communities that are currently underrecognized or underfinanced?

Answer: We are still working through the scoring process so we cannot share that information at this time, but we will be sharing scoring criteria with released applications in the future. If you are not chosen for a grant, we will share why you did not receive funds.

Multiple Funding Opportunities

Question: Can organizations apply for multiple HealthierHere funding opportunities at the same time?

Answer: Yes. However, if you choose to apply for the Collective Abundance Fund and other funding opportunities, you may have to choose which one you proceed with as they will be awarded on different timelines, have different reviewers and different scoring criteria. You cannot receive other funding streams from HealthierHere and the Collective Abundance Fund.

Contact Information

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