

Deaconess Henderson Hospital (DHH) Community Program Fund

Annual Grant Summary

Overview

The Deaconess Henderson Hospital (DHH) Community Program Fund accepts and awards grant monies on an annual basis. For the 2024 Grant year a total of \$25,000 will be awarded – to non-profit organizations.

Deadline to Submit Applications

February 29 before 5:00 pm

Grant Cycle

The DHH Community Program Fund 2023 inaugural grant cycle opens February 1, 2024. At the start of each grant cycle information is sent to local media, social media and email announcements will be sent to nonprofit organizations in Henderson County.

This document is accessible year-round as a resource for grant-seekers, but the contents are to be considered current only during the grant cycle period in which grants are advertised and under review.

After a lengthy review and deliberation process of the funding application requests, the DHH Community Program Fund will award **Community Grants** in the amount of \$25,000. Grants should focus on improving the quality of life for Henderson County families.

Eligibility

The Deaconess Henderson Hospital Community Program Fund welcomes funding requests from nonprofit organizations deemed tax-exempt under sections 501 (c)(3) and 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, and governmental agencies serving Henderson County. Funding requests from nonprofit organizations that are not classified as a 501 (c)(3) public charity may be considered, provided the proposal is charitable and supports the community need and meets the other criteria described on this page. In such case, the applicant organization will be required to obtain a **fiscal sponsor**.

Fiscal Sponsors Organizations applying for a grant under the auspices of a verified 501 (c)(3) public charity acting as a fiscal sponsor are required to provide a written statement signed by the fiscal sponsor's board president confirming agreement to receive grant monies (if awarded) and to oversee the proposed program/project.

Each applying non-profit organization must demonstrate equal opportunity through policy that does not allow discrimination of recipients of services, volunteers, or employees based on age,

ethnicity, ancestry, gender, national origin, disability, race, size, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status or any other status prohibited by law.

Considerations for Funding

For all grant opportunities, consideration will be given to organizations that demonstrate:

- Commitment to long-range planning, financial stability and sustainability
- Sound plans to address ongoing or emerging issues
- Solid, realistic plans for program/project evaluation, including, but not limited to, measurement of outcomes
- Desire to promote collaboration among organizations or institutions to prevent duplication of services
- Project methodology that uses a preventative approach to addressing issues and solving problems
- Evidence of realistic organizational planning and management
- Sustainability of program or project is essential

Areas Considered for PROGRAM Funding

- Mental Health: new or existing activities that improve mental health outcomes
- Substance Abuse: new or existing activities that support individuals and improve outcomes for those suffering from substance abuse and addiction
- Obesity/diabetes: new or existing activities that improve the health and well-being of those in the community dealing with obesity and diabetes.
- Health equity/access: new or existing activities that provide improved health equity and access for those underserved in our community.
- Health career education: Providing funding for health career education that will benefit our community and DHH.

Areas Considered for PROJECT Funding

Capital Projects (construction, renovation, or improvement projects) that will be completed within two years from the date of grant award that will have a positive and significant impact relating to the areas of mental health, substance abuse, obesity/diabetes, health equity/access, and/or health career education in the Henderson community.

Program or Project Areas NOT Considered for Funding

- Requests for funding to reduce or retire existing debt of the organization.
- Programs or projects that focus solely on the spiritual needs and growth of a church congregation or members of other religious organizations.
- Political parties or campaigns

- Operating costs not directly related to the proposed program (the organization's general operating expenses including equipment, rent, and utilities)
- Event sponsorships, annual appeals, and membership contributions

Deliberation and Award

The DHH Community Program Fund committee will review all funding requests and select no more than four semifinalists. On-site visits and additional review of each semifinalist organization requests will result in two to three applicants being invited to give an oral presentation of their proposals to the DHH Community Program Fund committee. The total amount awarded will be \$25,000. Grant requests of less than \$25,000 are encouraged.

No lobbying or solicitation of the DHH Community Program Fund committee members nor the DHH Advisory Board members is permitted.

Grant Period & Reporting Procedures

Funding programs and projects must begin within six months of the award and be completed within two years from the date the grant is received.

The first report will be due one year after the grant is awarded. A final report will be required at project completion. Instructions will be provided at the time the grant is awarded through the grant agreement.

For further information or assistance – contact

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