AMERIHEALTH CARITAS FOUNDATION

AmeriHealth Caritas Foundation 2026 Funding Opportunity FAQs

1. **When and how will grants from the 2026 cycle be disbursed?**
   Grants from the 2026 cycle will be disbursed in October 2026 via ACH. The full timeline for the 2026 cycle is included below. Applicants invited to submit a full proposal in July will be asked to share ACH details with their submission.

   Letter of Intent (LOI) submission period opens: April 13, 2026
   LOI submission period closes: May 13, 2026
   Decisions communicated: July 6, 2026
   Request for full proposals: July 6, 2026
   Full proposals due: July 26, 2026
   Decisions communicated: October 2026

   *Note: Timeline dates are anticipated and may shift.

2. **Are organizations that were previously awarded a grant by the Foundation eligible to apply for the 2026 cycle?**
   Yes. Organizations that previously received grant funding may apply for the 2026 funding opportunity should they meet all eligibility requirements.

3. **Are organizations that previously applied, but not awarded a grant by the Foundation, eligible to apply for the 2026 cycle?**
   Yes. Organizations that previously applied may apply for the 2026 funding opportunity should they meet all eligibility requirements.

4. **Is there an annual revenue minimum an organization must meet to be eligible?**
   Yes. An organization must have a minimum revenue of $300,000 for the 2025 fiscal year and be projected to have that same minimum revenue for the current fiscal year to be eligible. Total revenue is defined by Line 12, Part 1 of the IRS Form 990.

5. **If the organization's annual revenue is over $10 million, is the organization eligible?**
   No. The nonprofit organization applying is not eligible if annual revenue is over $10 million for the 2025 fiscal year and is projected as that for the current fiscal year. Total revenue is defined by Line 12, Part 1 of the IRS Form 990.

6. **Are organizations partnering with fiscal sponsors eligible to apply?**
   For organizations partnering with fiscal sponsors, the same eligibility criteria apply. The fiscal sponsor should be an IRS designated 501(C)(3) and have a recent IRS Form 990 available. The fiscal sponsor should have a minimum revenue of $300,000 for the 2025 fiscal year, and there is no maximum revenue for the fiscal sponsor.

The nonprofit organization managing the project should be operational for at least three years and must meet the revenue criteria with revenue between $300,000 and $10 million.

The organization's financial information should be included in the LOI revenue and expenditure reporting, not the fiscal sponsor's. The nonprofit organization managing the project should submit the application to GrantsConnect.

7. **Can organizations that are branches or local affiliates of a national or regional organization apply?**

   Organizations that share an EIN with a national or regional organization, but operate as an independent branch or local affiliate, may apply if:

   - the branch or local affiliate operates independently from the national or regional office and can clearly communicate how the branch or local affiliate operates independently and is responsive to local needs;
   - the total budget for the branch or local affiliate meets the minimum revenue threshold of $300,000 and does not exceed $10 million as listed in the organization eligibility criteria; and,
   - overhead costs on awarded funding are not taken by the national or regional organization.

8. **Does the applicant's organization need to be asset-based and community-led? How is asset-based and community-led defined by the Foundation?**

   Organizations should engage in an asset-based and community-led approach. Definitions and examples are as follows:

   - Asset-based: Organizations build on existing strengths (relationships, leadership, knowledge, skills, etc.) of the communities and individuals they serve as a core strategy.
     - Examples from previous applicants include but are not limited to:
       - employing individuals with lived experience and/or former participants served by the organization;
       - having intergenerational volunteer exchanges between program participants.

   - Community-led: Organization meaningfully includes the community in program development and decision making.
     - Examples from previous applicants include but are not limited to:
       - former participants of an organization serving on a board of directors, or an advisory board, or receiving a stipend for their participation in focus groups
       - participants co-creating a curriculum with program facilitators.

9. **How does the Foundation define comprehensive and customized wrap-around services?**

   Comprehensive and customized services describe an organization's holistic, coordinated, and tailored approach that addresses a child or family's complete set of needs, including physical, mental, emotional, and social factors either through its own direct services or through a demonstrated referral pathway that provides these supports.

   - Examples from previous applicants include but are not limited to:
     - organizations having designated staff members that provide one-to-one support to individuals and families ensuring they are connected to resources such as SNAP, TANF, school-based services, housing supports, therapy;
     - having an official care coordination system in place in partnership with other agencies and organizations such as community health providers, local schools, and/or early childhood programs.

10. **Does a proposed program/project need to align with all three of the Foundation's pillars (Empowered Families, Healing Behaviors, Access to Health Care)?**

    A proposed program/project should at a minimum align with the Empowering Families pillar.

    Note: Family is defined broadly and diversely acknowledging a variety of structures exist and is not bound by a shared residence.

11. **Can nonprofit organizations collaborate on a project?**

    Yes, the Foundation supports organizations partnering to achieve common goals. For projects such as these, please only submit one LOI.

12. **Does the Foundation fund centers or departments that are part of a larger system such as a hospital system or university?**

    If a center or department is a part of a hospital or university system and if the center or department has a budget of $10 million or more, the center or department is not eligible.

13. **Is the Foundation funding pilot projects or existing programs?**

    The proposed project/program can be an existing program, an expansion of an existing program, or a new program.

14. **Will the Foundation accept more than one LOI submission from an organization?**

    No. The Foundation is only accepting one LOI submission per organization.

15. **Does the Foundation provide multi-year funding?**

    Currently grants are provided for a 12-month term.

16. Are capital projects eligible for funding?

No.

17. Can grant funds be used for general operations?

No. The funds awarded are to be used in support of the proposed program/project and are unrestricted in support of the proposed program/project.

18. Will grant partners be required to submit reports?

Yes. All grant partners are required to submit interim and final reports at the 6-month and 12-month mark, respectively. These reports will be shared with grant partners with their award letter and grant agreement. All reports are submitted through GrantsConnect, the same portal used for the application process.

19. If funds are awarded in what timeframe do the funds need to be used?

The funds need to be spent within the timeframe of the grant term, which is 12 months.

20. Are there nonprofit organizations the Foundation will NOT fund?

The Foundation does not fund projects that exclusively serve religious purposes, promote sectarian religious goals, or that are political, partisan, or exclusionary in nature. The Foundation will consider grants to religious institutions for non-sectarian/secular purposes, such as community health and screening efforts, non-religious after-school programing and other secular community-based programs, engagement, and outreach.