

Granting Priorities

Reflecting its purpose of promoting the health and well-being of the residents of Mahoning County, the **Western Reserve Health Foundation** requests proposals for innovative projects that address the **current priorities and goals** identified by the **Mahoning County Health Department Community Health Improvement Plan**.

Mahoning County Community Health Improvement Plan Priorities:

1. **Healthy Eating / Active Living**
Initiatives that increase the number of Mahoning County adults and children regularly engaged in healthy eating and active living
2. **Infant Mortality and Birth Outcome Inequity**
Initiatives that reduce infant mortality in Mahoning County and the disparity between black and white birth outcomes
3. **Chronic Disease**
Initiatives that reduce the number of Mahoning County residents diagnosed with diabetes and reduce morbidity for those with diabetes
4. **Substance Use Disorders**
Initiatives that decrease deaths from substance use disorders
5. **Health Inequities**
Initiatives that eliminate racial and ethnic health outcome disparities

In addition, the Western Reserve Health Foundation gives priority to projects that:

- Address underlying social and economic challenges contributing to poor health outcomes in the communities served, such as poverty, lack of access to healthy foods and absence of parks/recreational centers
- Extend past individual behavior or *program* related services by modifying policies, systems and environments to help make healthy options practical and readily available
- Demonstrate collaboration among sectors, including public health, government, education, healthcare, etc.
- Prioritize engagement of residents from the communities served
- Adhere to existing evidence-based best practices or promising practices
- Leverage additional funding as well as community assets
- Provide an established plan for evaluation including measurable outcomes

For projects/programs focused on Healthy Eating/Active Living, priority will be given to those that are connected to the Healthy Community Partnership and aligned with the Partnership's shared vision and goals. If your organization is not currently active in the Healthy Community Partnership, please contact Casey Krell at ckrell@cfmv.org or 330-743-5555 to be connected.

Guidelines

Eligible applicants must be tax-exempt organizations under Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) or operate under the fiscal sponsorship of a tax-exempt non-profit, including schools, churches and public organizations. Eligible organizations must provide services which contribute to the health and wellness of the residents of Mahoning County. Request should also not exceed 50% of the budget of the requested program/project.

How to Apply

Interested applicants must submit a **letter of inquiry form (LOI)** on or before **February 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** Please do not submit a full proposal unless invited to do so. If the LOI is accepted, an application form will be made available. Those invited to submit a full proposal will be notified in late March 2019. Completed applications with supporting documents will then be submitted to the Western Reserve Health Foundation on or before April 26, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Final grant decisions will be announced in June 2019.

Letters of Inquiry are available at www.cfmv.org/western-reserve-health-foundation.

Contact Information

For more information concerning the Western Reserve Health Foundation Community Health Grants Program, please contact Casey Krell, Director of Supporting Organizations and Donor Services, Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, at (330) 743-5555 or ckrell@cfmv.org.