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 identified by the 2020-2022 Mahoning County Public Health Community Health Improvement Plan.

Mahoning County Public Health Community Health Improvement Plan priorities:

1. Mental health and addiction: *Initiatives that improve mental health status and reduce substance abuse and addiction*
2. Chronic Disease: *Initiatives that reduce chronic disease*
3. Maternal and Infant Health: *Initiatives that improve maternal and infant health*
4. Social Determinants of Health: *Initiatives that improve the economic and social issues impeding health*
5. Health Equity: *Initiatives that improve health equity*

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

The Western Reserve Health Foundation values the efforts of the Healthy Community Partnership, a regional cross-sector collaborative working to address several of the CHIP’s priorities and strategies. Priority is given to grant seekers who are connected to the Healthy Community Partnership and aligned with the 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 January 17, 2020. 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 early March 2020. Completed applications with supporting documents will then be submitted to the Western Reserve Health Foundation on or before April 10, 2020. Final grant decisions will be announced in June 2020.


Contact Information
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