

The Western Reserve Health Foundation

2026-2028 Grant Focus Areas



The Western Reserve Health Foundation seeks to improve the health and well-being of *all residents* of Mahoning County. We recognize that residents experience varying degrees of health based on the structures, cultures, and geographies in which they are situated. For example, some problems are experienced more intensely by different racial or ethnic populations; rural or urban communities; women; LGBTQAI+ persons; or people with disabilities. Therefore, the varying size and scope of our grants will reflect the different depths and complexities of these barriers to ensure all residents can equitably achieve and maintain health and well-being.

2026 Granting Priorities:

1. Innovative projects that address the current priorities and strategies identified by the 2026-2028 Mahoning-Trumbull Community Health Partners Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP):
 - **Access to Health Care**
 - Includes access to hospitals, specialists, medical appointments, dental, vision, and maternal care.
 - **Community Safety**
 - Includes awareness of and access to community resources, housing, and transportation
 - **Behavioral Health**
 - Includes substance misuse and mental health
 - **Chronic Disease**
 - Includes food insecurity, obesity, physical activity, prevention and risk factors
 - **Maternal, Infant, and Child Health**
 - Includes pre- and postnatal care, child passenger safety, vaccinations and safe sleep
2. Organizations and programs that address needs of cancer patients and/or their families.

In addition, we consider *how* an organization works and *who* leads the work. Strong proposals will incorporate the following:

- Individuals with personal knowledge or direct experience have key roles in planning & implementation.
- Success is clearly defined as are plans to achieve it and evaluate results toward it.
- Qualitative and quantitative data is used to inform approach and measure impact.
- Underlying social and economic challenges contributing to poor health are addressed, such as racial inequity, poverty, as well as barriers to healthy food, quality housing and safe parks/recreational spaces.
- Projected outcomes include change in policies, systems and environments to help make healthy options practical and readily available in an equitable manner to all residents.
- Requested funds will leverage other public and private funding sources.
- Partners from different sectors, including public health, government, education, healthcare, etc., have been engaged to develop shared priorities and strategies.

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 Robin Perry at rperry@hcpmahoningvalley.org or 330-743-5555 to be connected.

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