



Indiana University Health
Community Impact Investment Fund
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Background

What is the Community Impact Investment (CII) Fund?

The CII Fund is a \$200 million board designated fund to be managed and overseen by the IU Health Foundation to financially support high impact community-based projects. The focus of these efforts will address social determinants of health and support communities, especially those most at-risk for adverse health outcomes. Through the grants provided by this CII Fund, IU Health can strategically and intentionally address the social, economic and environmental factors that impact the health of our surrounding communities.

What is the grant award range or maximum?

A grant award from the CII Fund can be a minimum of \$250,000 to up to a maximum \$1 million per proposal, to be spent over no more than a three-year term.

What is the anticipated funding announcement and fund distribution date for grant funded projects?

Grant awards will typically be announced by November of each year. The expectation is that funding for awarded grants will be distributed by the end of the first quarter in the year following the notice of award.

Will you consider multi-year grants?

Grants may be awarded for a period of up to three (3) years, and annual continuation of the grant award during the agreed upon grant term will depend on the recipient progress in meeting project goals and objectives, timely submission of the requested data and reports, and compliance with all grant agreement terms and conditions. Grant funds will not be renewed beyond the term of the initial grant award. However, this does not prohibit a grantee from submitting a new grant application for a different project after the initial grant term is complete.



Eligibility

Who can apply for funding?

Non-profits operating in the State of Indiana. Excludes institutions of higher education, as well as faculty and research expenses.

How will funds be awarded/distributed to community-based organizations?

Funding will be awarded initially to IU Health, who will serve as grant awardee. IU Health will then make sub-awards to the community-based organization engaged in the project. Sub-agreements must be signed prior to making and sub-awards.

Can multiple community-based organizations and other partners be engaged in a project?

It is encouraged that multiple community partners contribute to or support the project in some way. The role and expectations of these partners is not prescriptive and will vary among projects. Partnerships help demonstrate community support and engagement, either financially or programmatically, and can help the proposed project be more successful.

If I am not selected for a grant in a given round, may I apply again in the future?

If an applicant is not selected in a given year, they are permitted to apply for a grant when the next funding round is opened if they have a project that meets the focus of the current year. There is also not a limit on prior awarded recipients from again, but it must be for a new project and not a renewal of funding for a prior award and also after the first grant has ended.

Focus Areas and Considerations

Where can I learn more about the pillars for the CII Fund?

The CII Fund has three funding pillars: place-based initiatives, educational attainment and workforce development. More information on these pillars can be found in the annual opportunity for CII Funds, as well as the CII website, located [here](#). Projects may focus on one or more pillars, but your primary pillar must align with the identified population focus.

Population Focus

For 2026 and 2027, we are seeking initiatives and programs specific to advancing infant and maternal health outcomes by improving community conditions to ensure all women and infants have the greatest chance to be healthy and thrive in each region across the state. Projects can impact one or more counties or communities within a region. Information on regions and priority sub-populations can be found in the 2026 Opportunity.



How can I learn more about the Community Health Needs Assessment for my area?

Community Health Needs Assessments are conducted by IU Health every three years for each of our hospitals to help identify the specific needs and challenges our communities face and are used to help define strategy focus areas for the CII program. These reports can be found on the IU Health website: [IU Health's Community Needs Assessment](#). The CHNA reports are one tool we use to understand how proposed projects meet the needs of our communities.

Can funds be used for capital projects?

Capital funding is being paused for the 2026 grant cycle. All funding requests for 2026 should be programmatic.

Can funds be used for staffing costs?

Yes, but in such cases it is critical that a solid sustainability plan be in place to ensure any on-going personnel costs can continue to be funded independently after the grant period ends. Although we may be a partner in a project, IU Health salary costs should not be included.

Is there an allowable indirect cost rate or cap when applying for a CII grant?

CII Funds are intended to be used for direct project costs, but we recognize there may be a need for CII Funds to be used for indirect cost. While not prohibited, indirect costs (i.e. cost such as administrative, operations, and other costs that are not directly related to the project goal or purpose) are discouraged and in no event should exceed 10% of the project budget.

Other Questions

How can I connect with a potential IU Health collaborator?

For organizations invited to submit a full application, they must have an IU Health team member serve as a collaborator to the project. If you need support in identifying an IU Health team member, reach out to communityimpact@iuhealth.org and let us know where you are located. We will put you in connection with team members in your area. A collaborator is not required at the Letter of Interest stage.

Can an organization submit multiple projects for consideration?

If your organization is considering multiple projects, we suggest working with your IU Health collaborator to determine the stronger project or if the two projects can be combined. An organization can submit a letter of interest and also possibly be a partner in another organization's submission, however, please provide clarity around the duplication of any services and your organization's capacity to participate in both projects if they were to be funded.



What makes a good letter of interest?

A good letter of interest concisely identified the project, how it will support the population of focus, and how it will address a root cause of a social determinant of health associated with one or more of the pillars. Project ideas, collaborations, and evaluation plans do not need to be fully developed at the time the LOI is submitted but will need to be if invited to submit a full application.

Can the requested funding amount change between the LOI and full application phases?

A quality letter of interest includes anticipated costs, but there may be aspects of the project which are not fully developed at the time of the LOI submission. While the budget may change as the scope is refined, it should still remain within the funding limits established for the grant and any changes should be noted.

Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

Please send questions to communityimpact@iuhealth.org, and the team will respond as soon as possible.