



Grant Guidelines and Policies

The Copper Shores Community Health Foundation's (CSCHF) mission is to positively influence a healthful community through enhanced Philanthropy and Collaboration. In order to fulfill this mission, CSCHF utilizes six areas of targeted emphasis addressing the following - to influence safe and healthful communities; to help improve access to care for mental and physical health services; to increase the number of well-nourished individuals in our community; to increase the number of mentally, emotionally, and physically-well and resilient people in our community; to empower individuals to achieve family-sustaining financial stability; and to help make higher education accessible and affordable – to define and establish giving priorities and identify grant project criteria that ensures our service area's (Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon Counties) success.

Grant Applications are accepted under the following:

1. For a specific Request for Proposal (RFP) basis
 - All applications must meet the criteria stated in the RFP and be received by the application deadline date (no late applications will be accepted).
2. Non-RFP applications can be submitted at any time.
 - Funding will depend on resources available and alignment with CSCHF goals.

CSCHF utilizes a grant application. All requests for funding must utilize this form. For more information regarding completing a grant application, please visit our FAQ page on our website: www.coppershores.org.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a grant under this program, the applicant must:

- Be recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; or a local unit of government or a public institution of education;
- Be domiciled (incorporated) in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and/or Ontonagon counties in Michigan and serve the citizens of the same;
- Have a current certified financial audit and/or 990, 990-EZ or 990-N filing;
- Have adequate and demonstrated organizational capacity to successfully execute the proposed grant, including all reporting requirements and;
- Applicants must be current with their tax status and have a current License to Solicit Charitable Contributions, unless exempt under MCL 400.283.

Application Evaluation Criteria

The Copper Shores Community Health Foundation will evaluate each application on the following criteria:

- Does the proposal have goals/objectives that advance CSCHF's mission?
- Does the proposal identify an unmet community need/health risk?
- Does the proposal have measurable goals and objectives?
- Does the proposal have a budget that identifies and covers all necessary expenditures?
- Does the proposal identify a plan for sustainability?
- Is there potential to achieve significant long-term impact by implementing effective models or supporting need innovation;
- Does the proposal demonstrate collaboration, including leveraging other resources; and
- Does the proposal have the potential to be replicated in other settings, including opportunities for learning, knowledge dissemination, and to inform public-policy?

Additional Considerations:

Multi-Year Requests

In order to provide the greatest immediate impact and to respond to current needs, multi-year requests are not accepted.

Multiple Submissions

Organizations can submit more than one grant proposal under a single RFP grant solicitation period; however, the application must be for a different project/program.

City or county governments can submit multiple applications only if they are from different departments.

Applications for the following are excluded from Funding Consideration

- Loans;
- Lobbying/Political activities;
- Organizations that discriminate based on age, race, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender;
- Proposals where granted funds will be used to maintain existing program(s) or solely fill a budget-gap for current services;
- For-profit businesses, and;
- Religious purposes.

If you have additional questions or need more information, please email info@coppershores.org or contact our office at (906) 523-5920