

Edward-Elmhurst Community Investment Fund

Purpose and Priorities:

The Edward-Elmhurst Community Investment Fund (“the Fund”) will support Edward-Elmhurst’s mission to advance the health of our communities by contributing to programs that provide new or expanded benefit above what currently exists in the community and that align with the following priorities for 2022:

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- ▶ Access to healthcare by underserved populations
- ▶ Advancing health equity
- ▶ Addressing social determinants of health
- ▶ Addressing mental health and substance use disorders

LOCAL ECONOMIC GROWTH

- ▶ Expanding supply chain diversity
- ▶ Education, job creation and career development, with a particular focus on further developing and promoting diversity and equity in the health care workforce

Prioritization is primarily although not exclusively guided by:

- ▶ EEH’s Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan (<https://www.eehealth.org/-/media/files/edward-elmhurst/about-us/final-fy20-fy22-community-health-needs-assessment-and-implementation-strategy.pdf>)
- ▶ Health and human service priorities established by Impact DuPage (impactdupage.org) and Will County Mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP): <https://willcountyhealth.org/mapp-data-and-assessments>
- ▶ Local demographic and economic data indicating evidence of income and racial disparities, service and programmatic gaps and workforce needs
- ▶ Internally generated data indicating challenges to achieving System goals related to enhancing health equity, reducing the burden of social determinants, expanded supply change diversity, and workforce development

Award Guidelines:

The intent of the Community Investment Program is to support sustainable projects and programs that will have a meaningful impact on the communities served by Edward Elmhurst Health. Award guidelines are provided below.

- ▶ While exceptions will be determined on a case-by-case basis, it is expected that typical funding awards will be \$250,000 or greater.
- ▶ Awards will be granted on an annual basis.
- ▶ Awards will be considered for both single year and multiple year programs and projects, with multiyear funding contingent on meeting reporting guidelines and project deliverables.
- ▶ The number of awards granted annually will be based on the strength of the proposals received and the impact they can have on the community. In 2022, the Fund has a total of \$4 million to distribute. Any funds that are not distributed will remain in the Fund for distribution in future years.
- ▶ Applicants are encouraged to seek funding from multiple sources as needed. Edward-Elmhurst will consider collaborative partnerships with other funding organizations on a case-by-case basis, and as needed to amplify the impact of its award.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility is restricted to not for profit and/or nonprofit charitable organizations that:

- ▶ Are public charities classified as exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- ▶ Primarily serve residents in EEH Primary Service Area communities

Restrictions: The fund does not provide grants to:

- ▶ Individuals
- ▶ Organizations seeking funding for religious or political activities (Secular activities provided by religious organizations may be eligible for grant funds).

The primary purpose of the Fund is to support community partner organizations. As such, health system projects will not be eligible for funding in the first year. This policy will be re-evaluated in future years.

Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will guide award decisions:

RELEVANCE:

Alignment with community needs, priorities and stated fund purpose

POPULATION SERVED:

- ▶ Size and characteristics of communities and populations to be served
- ▶ Current and projected reach within DuPage and Will Counties
- ▶ Evidence of unmet needs, health or socioeconomic disparity

IMPACT:

- ▶ Magnitude of the problem and projected benefit that will be delivered
- ▶ Projected impact on local health and economic equity

OUTCOMES:

- ▶ Projected benefit and measurements relative to baseline

ALTERNATIVES:

- ▶ Limited availability of alternatives to meet program outcomes

SUSTAINABILITY:

- ▶ Project sustainability beyond initial funding horizon
- ▶ Commitment to long-term (multi-year) impact

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT:

- ▶ Evidence of broad-based support including:
 - ▶ Community partnerships and endorsements
 - ▶ Financial commitments by partner organizations and third-party donors

ORGANIZATIONAL ALIGNMENT, COMPETENCIES AND COMMITMENTS:

- ▶ Consistency with organizational mission and vision
- ▶ Evidence of organizational commitment to address diversity, equity and inclusion
- ▶ Operational and financial capabilities as needed to support program execution
- ▶ Leadership, management and governance
- ▶ Overall financial health
- ▶ Historic use of charitable dollars, including overhead versus direct program allocations

Proposals for the 2022 funding cycle will be accepted until May 1, 2022. Only online submissions will be accepted. To submit an application, visit [EEHealth.org/Community-Investment-Fund](https://eehealth.org/Community-Investment-Fund).

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