



PITKIN COUNTY HEALTHY COMMUNITY FUND GRANT GUIDELINES

PURPOSE: The mission of the Healthy Community Fund is to help Pitkin County citizens and employees be independent, healthy and safe. Pitkin County's grant program works to support non-profit organizations that provide critical health and human services and community resources to people who live and/or work in Pitkin County.

In November of 2018, the voters of Pitkin County elected to renew the Healthy Community Fund property tax for 9 years, allowing ongoing access to funding for organizations who qualify. The programs to be funded shall promote and achieve the priorities listed in the ballot question. The Healthy Community Fund will support agencies that are working towards the community goals and objectives set forth by the Board.

It is estimated that each year the Healthy Community Fund agencies reach and support over 55,000 people from Aspen to Parachute, improving access to health services, prevention and treatment for substance use, diminishing the impacts of mental illness, protecting vulnerable children and adults, caring for the terminally ill and their families, and optimizing the quality of life for residents and workers in Pitkin County.

ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS: Non-profit organizations that are dedicated to working together to strengthen the quality of life in Pitkin County are eligible to apply. These include:

- **Health & Human Service agencies (HHS)** are defined as agencies addressing issues related to youth, family, and senior well-being, physical health, mental health, and substance use that provide a continuum of health care services. These services include prevention, intervention, education and outreach programs, regardless of clients' ability to pay. Oftentimes these programs require case records and supervision of services provided.
- **Community Non-Profit organizations (CNP)** are defined as agencies that enhance and enrich community life, complement basic health and human services agencies (HHS) offered by additional needed services, and optimize efforts to improve and sustain the County's natural resources. They must serve the Community Goals (see below).

Applicants must be tax exempt under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The Healthy Community Fund provides general operating support for eligible non-profits.

NON-ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS: The Healthy Community Fund does not consider applications for funding in the following areas: capital projects, the Arts (e.g. theatre, art, music programs), childcare, one-time sports events, or for grant-making foundations or organizations which distribute funds to recipients of their own selection.

COMMUNITY GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

The HCF Grant Application Outcomes Section uses an outcomes focused approach that allows Pitkin County a better understanding of how programs deliver benefits to the community as a whole. The intention of gathering this data is to answer questions like:

Who do we need to help? What do their lives look like? How can programs deliver real and lasting outcomes for as many people as possible? Which areas should be prioritized? Are programs being as effective and efficient as possible? Completing this portion of the application will give all organizations a shared understanding of the priorities from community needs assessments. This will illustrate the way organizations work together on common goals to benefit the community.

The HCF staff worked in collaboration with organizations who receive funding to develop strategy maps linked to formal community needs assessments regionally and nationally. Key Indicators were identified and considered for the collection of output data. The intention is to gather baseline data in the first year, and continue to refine as needs change in the community. The outcomes in this section of the application are linked to the goal areas of the HCF (seen below), and allow each organization to choose specific outcomes that are measurable. See the outcomes that correlate to each goal area here:

Goal 1: Community Well-Being (Including Families and Youth)
Increase social, emotional and well-being of families and youth.

- Increased # of children, families, and individuals (people) who are served.
- Increase access to affordable basic needs (ie: food, housing, transportation, etc.)
- Increase healthy behaviors
- Expansion of core public health

Goal 2: Physical Health
Increase the well-being of individuals.

- Increase people who receive care and can access health care and primary care.
- Decrease hospitalizations due to injury and disease.

Goal 3: Mental Health and Substance Use Prevention
Increase psychological well-being of individuals, provide treatment and promote prevention.

- Increase people who receive care.
- Reduce suicide deaths.
- Increase healthy behaviors around mental health and/or substance use for people.

Goal 4: The Well-Being of Seniors
Increase social, emotional, economic, and physical well-being of senior adults.

- Increase access to and awareness of supportive health and community services.
- Increase housing and supportive living options.
- Increase access to and awareness of supportive wellness and enrichment activities.

Goal 5: Education and Cultural Treasures
Increase and optimize the quality of life for residents and workers in Pitkin County and enhance and sustain natural resources.

- Increase educational activities for the community.
- Increase health, safety, and learning educational and community settings.
- Increase neighborhoods and environments that promote educational opportunities.

Goal 6: Environmental Health
Increase quality of life as a result of the preservation of the natural environment and resources.

- Increase access to environments that promote healthy living
- Increase healthier environments to improve health.

- Increase awareness of environmental issues that improve health.

An electronic copy application is due August 1, 2022 @ 4 p.m.

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

Grant application forms are available at <https://pitkincounty.com/579/Application-Process>

GRANT CRITERIA: Your grant request will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Application is complete, clear and concise. **Consider using a program to check grammar and spelling.
2. Fulfills the intent of the ballot language and a Community Goal
3. Services address essential community need
4. Serves people who live and/or work in Pitkin County
5. Does not duplicate existing services or programs
6. Collaborates and partners with other agencies
7. Clearly demonstrates an appropriate need for public funding
8. Demonstrates financial stability and presents accurate budgets and financial reports
9. If request exceeds \$10,000, identifies an outcomes-based performance plan (performance measures)
10. Identifies other funding partners
11. Agency has a track record of successful service

Pitkin County awards both annual and multi-year (up to 3 year) partnership grants based on a 3 year cycle, agency requests and committee evaluation of proposals.

The Healthy Community Fund Citizen Grant Review Committee will evaluate each proposal carefully against these standards.

Required to Fill Out

A **New Agency** to the Fund:

- Full HCF 2023 Application

An agency that received an **Annual Grant** in 2022:

- Full HCF 2023 Application
- 2022 Mid-Year Report

An agency that is in a **Current Partnership Grant**:

- 2022 Mid-Year Report

- If you are seeking a City Grant, you will need to apply separately at:
✦ <https://www.cityofaspen.com/383/Grants>

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- All grantees are required to submit calendar year end report of services delivered, due at the end of January of each year for the preceding year.
- **All grantees from 2022 cycle (Annual and Partnership) are required to submit a mid-year report.**

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