

Purpose and Priorities:

The NorthShore Edward-Elmhurst Health (NS-EEH) South Region Community Investment Fund will support NS-EEH's mission to help everyone in our communities be their best. In 2023, NS-EEH plans to distribute up to \$5 million in awards to local partners to create or expanded benefit above what currently exists in the community that we serve and that align with the following priorities:

Community Health & Wellbeing

- Access to healthcare by underserved populations, including screening, primary care, and specialty care
- Prevention and management of chronic conditions
- Advancing health equity
- Addressing social determinants of health
- Behavioral health care and substance use disorders treatment
- Prevention of violence, including gun violence

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

Priorities are primarily although not exclusively guided by:

- **NS-EEH South Region Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan**
- Health and human service priorities established by **Impact DuPage** and **Will County Mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP)**
- 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 South Region Community Investment Fund program is intended to support sustainable projects and programs that create meaningful impact within the communities served by the NS-EEH South Region, including: Edward, Elmhurst, and Linden Oaks hospitals and related Medical Group offices. New applications will be reviewed and awards granted on an annual basis.

Guidelines:

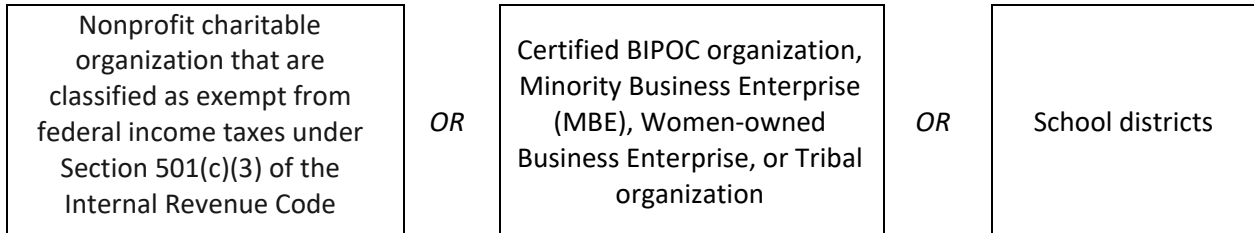
- Proposals may be for new programs or expansion of existing programs
- Collaborations involving multiple local groups is welcomed and encouraged
- Single year proposals and multiple year proposals up to 3-years will be considered. In the case of multiyear grants, funding for years 2 and/or 3 will be contingent on reporting guidelines and meaningful progress towards deliverables and goals.
- Grant awards will vary based on the proposed programming. In 2022, awards ranged from \$100,000 to \$500,000. To learn more about these recipients and the programs supported through the Community Investment Fund, visit **<https://www.eehealth.org/community/community-investment-fund/2022-partners/>**.
- 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 2023, up to \$5 million may be distributed. Any funds that are not distributed will remain in the Community Investment Fund for distribution in future years.

- Applicants are encouraged to seek funding from multiple sources as needed. NS-EEH 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

Organizations must meet eligibility criteria **for both #1 and #2** below to be considered:

1. Eligibility is restricted to:



2. Programs funded will primarily **serve residents in the communities** served by the NS-EEH South Region.

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)
- Public Health Departments

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

Evaluation Criteria

The following information will guide award decisions:

- **Program Design & Service Delivery**
 - Evidence of unmet community need, health or socioeconomic disparity provided, including scope, scale, and impacted population
 - Program is well aligned with the unmet need and purpose of the community investment fund
 - Target populations for services are primarily within the **service area of NS-EEH South Region**
- **Program Financing & Sustainability**
 - Funding to support the project design is detailed
 - Project sustainability plan beyond the grant funds
- **Program Impact and Measurement**
 - Intended impact on the community, unmet need, and target population
 - Measurement that provides insight into program impact
- **Organizational Alignment & Capability**
 - Program is consistent with mission and/or organizational goals
 - Evidence of capability of leadership and organization to successfully execute on the program, including financial viability

Proposals for the 2023 funding cycle will be accepted until 11:59pm on April 15, 2023. Only online submissions will be accepted. To submit an application, visit <https://www.eehealth.org/community/community-investment-fund/>.

If you have a question, please review the **Frequently Asked Question (FAQ)** first. If you still have questions, please email Melissa Burroughs at Melissa.Burroughs@EEHealth.org.