Grantseeker FAQs

What is the funding range that Elevance Health Foundation awards?

Elevance Health Foundation does not have a set range regarding the amount of funding it will approve for grants.

Rather, we expect applicants to request the appropriate amount of funding necessary to accomplish the goals and objectives set forth in the application. Requested funds should be primarily focused on expenses directly related to implementing the grant program, and no more than 15% of the total grant funding requested should be for general operating/overhead/admin costs and/or indirect costs.

What types of programs does the Elevance Health Foundation support?

Elevance Health Foundation supports programmatic grants within our stated focus areas, for which measurable outcomes can be reported. We prioritize innovative and scalable programs that support the most vulnerable populations by addressing health related social needs to reduce disparities.

The Elevance Health Foundation *does not fund*:

- Private foundations
- Capital-related initiatives
- Endowment funding
- Legislators or legislative efforts
- Political, fraternal or labor/union-related initiatives
- Fundraising efforts by service organizations (i.e. Kiwanis, Rotary, etc.)
- Advertising, marketing or sponsorship initiatives
- Direct medical care in a clinical setting
- Underwriting of film, music, television or other media/broadcast productions
- Programs that exclusively support Elevance Health (and affiliated company) membership
- Pass-through funding (the grant recipient must be the one responsible for program implementation)

My program is in a state that is not listed under Location Programs in your RFP. Can I still apply?

While we accept grant applications from any state, to be transparent and respectful of applicants' time and resources – and in an effort to keep our investments balanced across the country – each RFP will specify the states we are prioritizing for that opportunity..

With this understanding, it is at the discretion of the non-profit to determine whether to apply for support outside our geographic areas of focus. Please note that we receive a large volume of grant requests, and the process is highly competitive.

Our organization has a program that aligns well with one of your focus areas, but we are small and have limited capacity for measurement/evaluation. Should we apply?

We understand that non-profit organizations have varying levels of capacity, which is not always an indicator of their impact among those they serve.

If your organization is aligned with our desired goals but you lack capacity for certain components of the RFP, you can consider including a request for capacity support within your budget (i.e. use of a third-party evaluator).   Any capacity-related funding requested should be directly related to the grant program and include a plan to sustain capacity beyond the grant term.

If we are awarded funding, what are the reporting requirements?

Once an organization is approved for funding, they are required to sign a Letter of Agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the grant. The terms include submission of quarterly impact reports, which are timed based on the program start date, and a final report due thirty days after the conclusion of the grant program.

How long after we apply will it take to be notified of a decision?

Due to the volume of applications received, and in order to ensure each application is given appropriate consideration, it can take between 4 to 6 months from the time an RFP closes until a final decision is made.   During this time, the Elevance Health Foundation team will notify a nonprofit if any additional information is needed. Nonprofit organizations should not reach out to the Foundation.

Why was our application not funded?

We appreciate the time and effort of each grant application submitted. We evaluate and review the potential of each grant. Reasons your application was denied could include:

• Program does not align with our areas of focus
• Lack of adequate budget justification
• Cost of the program compared to its reach was high
• Missing or uncertain measurable health outcomes
• Existing program(s) being funded in similar geography
• Competing proposals weighed against limited resources