

Food as Medicine

Request for Proposal

Background	<p>As a catalyst for positive change, the Elevance Health Foundation drives innovative and scalable solutions to address physical, behavioral, and social needs through a multi-lever approach to community investment.</p> <p>Over the next five years, we will continue to support meaningful Food as Medicine interventions that enhance the quality and accessibility of nutritious foods across the country. We invite qualified nonprofits with a history of successful community initiatives to join us in this mission.</p> <p>The Foundation will prioritize funding for programs that improve clinical health outcomes for individuals with diet-related conditions and that increase access to nutritious foods for populations experiencing food/nutrition insecurity.</p>
Types of Programs	<p>Elevance Health will consider proposals from qualified organizations across the U.S. with an emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National programs. Promoting scalable and sustainable systemic change. or• Local programs. Implementing relevant interventions in California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Missouri, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia.
Grant Program Goals	<p>Elevance Health Foundation is requesting proposals for programs and initiatives that support one or more of the following goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve clinical outcomes for individuals with diet-related conditions experiencing high social risk• Increase access to nutritious foods for populations experiencing high social risk and food/nutrition insecurity
Grant Range & Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant Range: Open <p>The amount requested should be limited to costs directly related to implementation of the proposed program, and may include support for measurement, evaluation and reporting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant Term: 1–3 years based on need (12-month increments)

Grant Requirements

Grantees will be required to provide semi-annual reports demonstrating progress towards achieving metrics specific to the program goal. Such metrics are included below:

Goal. Improve clinical outcomes for individuals with diet-related conditions experiencing high social risk

- **Metric 1.** Percent improvement in Biometrics among participants with one or more of the following chronic and/or maternal health conditions:
 - Diabetes
 - Obesity
 - Hypertension
 - Heart Disease
 - Gestational Diabetes
 - Gestational Hypertension/Preeclampsia
 - Preterm Birth
- **Food Metric.** Amount of healthy and nutritious food delivered to participants supported by the grant program (in pounds)

Goal. Increase access to nutritious foods for populations experiencing high social risk and food/nutrition insecurity. (Select one or more of the following metrics)

- **Metric 1.** Percent improvement in overall health among participants supported by the grant program
- **Metric 2.** Percent reduction in food/nutrition insecurity among participants supported by the grant program
- **Metric 3.** Percent increased access to nutritious foods among participants supported by the grant program
- **Food Metric.** Amount of healthy and nutritious food delivered to participants supported by the grant program (in pounds)

Priority Considerations

Proposals that will receive priority consideration include those that:

- Support whole-person health
- Address the health-related social needs of those being served
- Include interventions that are culturally relevant to the population being served
- Build trust through programming that considers the unique needs of those being served
- Offer innovative, scalable solutions
- Generate measurable outcomes

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Proof of status as a registered 501(c)3 charitable organization under one of these Internal Revenue Code subsections:
 - **170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. Receives substantial support from governmental units or the general public
 - **509(a)(2)**. Normally receives no more than one-third of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business income, and more than one-third from contributions, fees, and gross receipts related to exempt purposes
 - **509(a)(3)**. Operated solely for the benefit of and in conjunction with other exempt organizations (public charities):
Type I, Type II, or Type III functionally integrated
- Clearly define measures and accountability standards, including key milestones
- Track and record long-term outcomes of program effectiveness and sustainable change

Submissions

Nonprofit organizations seeking funding to implement community-based initiatives that align with these guidelines should submit an application by **July 31, 2025**, to be considered for this request for proposal.

Please note, the grant review period will take between 4-6 months. Elevance Health Foundation will contact you for additional information, or once a decision is rendered.

For additional information please visit:
elevancehealth.foundation/for-grantseekers