

BID Plymouth Request for Proposals Q and A

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Community-based Health Initiative (CHI) Process Overview

The CHI process is guided by BID Plymouth's Hospital Community Benefits Advisory Committee (CBAC). The CBAC selected the health priority areas of focus and an allocation committee will determine the grant recipients.

RFP details include:

- Funding available: \$1,606,039.94 over three years to address upstream social determinants of health
 - Housing: one (1) 3-year grant for a total of \$803,019.97
 - Equitable Access to Care: up to three (3) 3-year grants for a total of \$803,019.97
- Priority Areas: Housing and Equitable Access to Care
- Priority Community: Plymouth
- Organizations to be funded: Up to 3 for Access to Care and 1 for Housing
- Important dates: April 13, 2026: Submission date; Applicants notified end of May; July 1st: grant term begins

Questions

Can an organization submit multiple applications?

No, organizations can submit a maximum of one application as a lead organization. An organization can be listed as a partner in multiple applications, though organizations should consider their capacity to complete their responsibilities as partners should multiple projects receive funding.

Are non-profits with a fiscal agent eligible to apply?

Non-profit organizations with a fiscal agent (also known as a fiscal sponsor or fiduciary) are eligible to apply for funding

Is this a one-time only award?

Yes, this is a one-time only award.

In the evaluation sector of the application, can an organization only indicate that they will work with the BI Plymouth evaluator or is evaluation detail expected?

While there will be a formal evaluation planning phase, it is expected that in the application the organization provide details related to the anticipated impact and data collection process. This section should not be left blank.

When do the funds need to be expended by?

It is expected that funds are used within 12 months of the last payment date.

Are there a specific number of grantees?

The CBAC voted to support up to 3 grantees for Access to Care and 1 for housing. The Allocation Committee will determine the number of awards in order to maximize impact.

Will all grantees be awarded the same amount of funds?

No, grant allotment can vary due to amount requested and allotment per grantee could be different per number of grant awards.

What types of upstream interventions or strategies are you hoping to see in proposals?

This depends on the organization and different initiatives will vary. They must include addressing social determinants of health, addressing root causes, and having a plan to sustain impact. Examples are provided in the RFP.

Are reporting requirements standardized or adaptable based on project size and organizational capacity?

Some standardized metrics will be required to streamline and assess overall impact, but organizations will be able to implement metrics specific to their project.

Will grantees receive support with data collection, evaluation, or measurement?

Yes, there will be an evaluator paid by BILH, but grantees will be responsible for collecting data on their own as well. Grantees should plan to budget 10% separately to support this. Grantees will have assistance from the outside evaluator to develop SMART Goals, logic models, etc.

What is the meaning of “resident”?

Residents are defined as people who live, work, and/or play in Plymouth.

Does the program/project need to occur in Plymouth? yes

Do beneficiaries need to be residents of Plymouth? yes

Would a non-resident not be eligible?

The focus should be on Plymouth residents, which is defined above.

How would you be able to measure short-term and long-term impact given that residents often move from one municipality to another?

This is something that could be addresses during the planning phase with the evaluator

Is there a match required by other sources?

There is no standardized match percentage required, but it will be looked upon favorably by the allocation committee in the scoring process.

What happens in the 3-month planning process?

The 3-month period is a planning and implementation plan where grantees will receive assistance on goals and objectives from the external evaluator. This 3-month period could also be used to hire staff associated with the project.

Is there any allowance for marketing expenses in the budget?

Yes, marketing expenses can be included as an indirect cost.

Why is it important to have partners?

Collaborating agencies on the application would be scored as a priority, especially in addressing social determinants of health

I see that direct clinical service delivery is not allowed. I'm curious about case manager roles that support rapid rehousing and stabilization — connecting clients to housing and/or services and providing ongoing wraparound support. Is this allowed?

Case managers, social workers and/or navigators that assist clients by connecting them to wrap around services such as workforce development, education opportunities and behavioral health services are allowed. The applicant is encouraged to identify and share how these services address the root social, economic, and structural conditions. Projects that address upstream approaches will be scored more favorably by the allocation committee.

Is direct assistance an allowable expense? For example, flexible funds for clients to help with moving costs (first, last, security), rental or utilities arrears, storage facility rental, etc.?

No, direct assistance is not an allowable expense

Is it allowable to use these funds to support a capital project to build affordable units of housing?

Funds can be used to provide “gap” funding or to complete a “housing stack”