



Community Benefit Initiative Updates & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Updates

The Willamette Health Council (WHC) is pleased to announce that we are increasing the total available funds for Community Benefit Initiative (CBI) grants by \$285,132. This increases the total available funds from \$564,594 to **\$849,726**.

Given the increase in available funds, as well as the natural disasters that have recently impacted our community, the WHC is extending the due date for applications from September 25, 2020 to October 9, 2020 (two additional weeks).

FAQs

1. **Question:** If my organization is awarded a CBI grant, does the funding need to be used by the end of 2020?

Answer: No, the funding does not need to be used by the end of 2020. Your organization will discuss a reasonable time frame to spend the funds with the WHC. A timeline should also be included in the application.

2. **Question:** Is there a maximum or minimum amount that my organization can apply for?

Answer: While there is not a maximum amount that an applicant can apply for, it is the intent of the WHC to fund multiple projects that reflect the goals outlined in the CBI application. There is not a minimum amount that an organization can apply for.

3. **Question:** Can funding be used to purchase and/or build physical structures?

Answer: In accordance with the guidelines set by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), CBI funds cannot be used for the purchase of physical structures, or the construction of physical structures. The WHC encourages applicants to consider diverse funding models if their projects include the purchase or construction of physical structures.

4. **Question:** Can my organization partner with another agency on an application?

Answer: Yes, organizations can partner to submit applications. Please keep in mind that one of the partnering organizations must be the official recipient of the grant.

5. **Question:** Will CBI grants be available in future years?

Answer: The WHC will make CBI grants available in future years; however, there is no guarantee that the same organization will be awarded for multiple years. The total amount of CBI funds will be determined on an annual basis and may differ from year to year.

Please note that the OHA has published a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page related to all Health-Related Services (including CBI). Please click on the following link to view their document.

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/dsi-tc/Documents/Health-Related-Services-FAQ.pdf>

The Willamette Health Council will continue to update this page as new questions are submitted.

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