



Grant Guidelines

Mission: The Healthcare Initiative Foundation (HIF) supports organizations that offer solutions to improve the quality and delivery of healthcare for residents of Montgomery County, MD. HIF envisions a Montgomery County whose residents are served by a high-quality, comprehensive, cost-effective and sustainable healthcare system.

Within our geographic and priority focus areas, we consider efforts to:

- Supports behavioral health and wellness across the lifespan;
- Expands the availability and access to comprehensive health and wellness services across the lifespan;
- Support sustainable service delivery systems and safety-net services across the lifespan focused on direct health and wellness services & place-based initiatives
- Support sustainable service delivery systems and safety-net services across the lifespan supporting systems-based approaches, knowledge and best practices, and collective impact models; and
- Develops a culturally competent healthcare workforce.

We make grants that:

- Start or grow well-conceived programs/organizations;
- Offer innovative solutions to improve the quality, accessibility and/or delivery of healthcare;
- Replicate successful (evidence based) programs from our own or other jurisdictions;
- Serve HIF's strategic priority areas and populations (e.g. aging, youth of opportunity; people of color, etc.);
- Build organizational capacity to enhance sustainability and/or improve service delivery (e.g. planning, management, finance; fundraising, communications, etc.); and
- Leverage resources, whether human or financial (e.g. revenue, partnerships, matching or aligned funds).

We do not make grants that:

- Give to endowment funds or annual campaigns;
- Fund lobbying or political activities;
- Make grants to individuals;
- Provide funds to private foundations unless for a particular grant purpose;
- Fund a nonprofit system or organization, including its affiliate(s) that owns or operates an acute care hospital in Montgomery County, Maryland;
- Provide funds to cover bricks and mortar capital expenses;
- Replace government funding; or
- Fund religious activities, although secular health programs provided by a religious institution or its affiliate(s) may qualify.

We take a comprehensive view of each application:

- Full compliance and in good standing with relevant state, federal, and county regulations;
- Financial sustainability of the organization (i.e., regular independent audits, D&O insurance);
- Organization receiving funding through an active grant cycle;
- The quality, completeness, and comprehensiveness of the application;
- Compliance with grant guidelines in current and previous cycles;
- Feasibility of planned program, project, and organization to implement the request;
- Attended a HIF grantee training and hosted a HIF site visit;
- Amount requested and allocation of funds aligns with HIF guidelines; and
- Geographic area of the county to be served (i.e., where services are being offered).