



## Capacity Building Request for Proposals

*Strengthening Our Sector: Stronger Nonprofits for a Healthier Kansas*

Since 2002, when Sunflower Foundation launched its first capacity building grant program, the foundation has recognized the importance of helping health-related nonprofits build their organizational capacity and, subsequently, their capacity to serve Kansans. With over two decades of work in this space, the foundation has partnered with more than 330 capacity building grantees to provide nearly \$12 million in direct funding.

The foundation believes that capacity building helps organizations develop the infrastructure they need to fulfill their missions and strengthen their impact. Hence, we are committed once again to providing nonprofits across Kansas access to another round of capacity building funds to support their critical organizational needs. This RFP also will include opportunities for targeted technical assistance from content matter experts, as well as peer learning and networking via Sunflower-sponsored learning collaboratives.

### Capacity Building RFP

- **Goal:** Augment the capacity of nonprofits, allowing them to routinely meet their goals, build and sustain day-to-day operations, mobilize partners, enhance systems, secure resources, grow influence and increase their visibility to better serve their clients and communities.
- **RFP release date:** Sept. 12, 2023
- **Deadline:** Applications must be submitted online by 5 p.m. CST, Oct. 19, 2023.
- **Eligible:** Nonprofits with a primary focus of improving individual or community health or the social, structural, and economic drivers that contribute to health outcomes.
- **Available funding:** Up to \$25,000 based on applicant's proposal.
- **Timeline:** Funding announcements are anticipated on or before Dec. 22, 2023, with an expected start date for projects of Feb. 1, 2024.

*Investing in People and Places for a Healthier Kansas*

## Funding

While grantees will have flexibility as to how they choose to invest their grant dollars, grant deliverables will be linked to proposed structural improvements within the organization. These improvements could include:

- Enhancing business functions (accounting, bookkeeping, data management, etc.);
- Amplifying communications (website design, social media, brochures, etc.);
- Diversifying revenue streams (developing targeted plans for fundraising and donor development);
- Increasing capacity for grant writing/grant management;
- Strengthening leadership and team culture and enhancing staff/volunteer recruitment and retention;
- Supporting board and staff development;
- Strengthening advocacy/public policy skills.
- Building and sustaining day-to-day operations.

## Target organizations

The grants are intended for organizations that are working in collaboration with cross sector partners to serve critical health or social issues and address community challenges to enhance local systems of care. Examples of organizations that could apply include:

- State and community-based organizations whose primary focus is to improve individual or community health and the social and economic drivers that contribute to health outcomes.
- Safety net organizations (Federally Qualified Health Centers, community health centers, primary care clinics, rural health clinics, free clinics, certified community behavioral health clinics and community mental health centers, safety net dental clinics, critical access hospitals).
- Local public health departments.

## Eligibility

Organizations must meet the following criteria:

- Have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code; or
- Be an instrumentality of state or local government, provided foundation support will not supplant work that would be considered core responsibilities of a government agency/organization; and
- Embrace diversity and inclusion across multiple dimensions, including race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, and socio-economic status.

**Note:** *Foundation grants can only support services provided in Kansas or for Kansans. If an organization is based in or provides services in another state, prorated support of the proposed work will be considered only if documentation is provided to verify the percentage of services provided in Kansas or for Kansans.*

## Questions

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