Fred Hutch Cancer Center Community Grants Program 2026 Request for Applications

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM SUMMARY

Who can apply: Community-based organizations, non-profits, local health departments, community clinics, and Tribes in Washington State (WA). One application per organization. Awardees that have been funded through this grant mechanism two years in a row (2024 and 2025) are not eligible to apply in 2026.

Project Period: April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

Award: Up to $15,000 total costs per one-year award. Fred Hutch Cancer Center intends to fund up to 9 community grants. Funding is competitive, and renewal in future years is not guaranteed.

Funding Priorities: Projects must align with at least one of the 2025–2028 Fred Hutch Community Benefit Implementation Plan priority areas (see "Project Focus Areas"). Additional consideration will be given to projects that serve priority populations.

Requirements: Applications must include:

- Cover Letter
- Organization Summary
- Project Proposal
- Budget
- Letter of Support (if applicable)

Deadline: Apply by Friday, February 27, 2026, at 12:00 PM PST.

Where to Apply: Submit your grant documents online at
https://fredhutch.infoready4.com/#freeformCompetitionDetail/2002003

Info Session: January 16th, 2026, 12-1pm PST. Register by clicking here.

ISSUED BY

Fred Hutch Cancer Center (Fred Hutch), on behalf of the Fred Hutch/University of Washington/Seattle Children's Cancer Consortium (Cancer Consortium). Fred Hutch unites innovative research and compassionate care to prevent and eliminate cancer and infectious disease.

BACKGROUND

The goal of the Community Grants Program is to support community-led solutions that address cancer related prevention, screening, education and access to care with communities and Tribes in Washington State. This program strengthens collaborations between the Consortium and Washington communities and Tribes by building the capacity to design and implement sustainable programs.

PROJECT FOCUS AREAS

Fred Hutch invites proposals that improve <u>cancer related health and well-being</u> by addressing barriers to care and promoting opportunities for healthier lives. Projects must align with one or more of the following **2025 - 2028 Community Benefit Implementation Plan priorities**:

1. **Access to Care** – improving pathways, reducing barriers, and making health services more reachable.
2. **Socio-economic Drivers of Health** – addressing root social and economic factors that affect health outcomes like housing, income, transportation, and education.
3. **Prevention and Screening** – enhancing early detection and health education around cancer prevention through culturally appropriate outreach.

Additional consideration will be given to projects focused on the following priority populations whose cancer rates, outcomes, or barriers to care significantly vary compared with regional averages:

- American Indian/Alaska Native populations.

- Black/African descent populations.

- Rural communities and counties.

At least one project will be funded with the following area of focus:

- K-12 or undergraduate students and/or their teachers/faculty.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants include community-based organizations, 501(c)(3) non-profits, local health departments, community clinics, and Tribes located in WA. Services must benefit WA residents. Applicants should have demonstrated experience working with underserved communities. Organizations that have received funding through this grant for two years in a row in 2024 and 2025 are not eligible for funding this year.

FUNDING

- Applicants may request up to **$15,000 total costs** (direct + indirect).

- Indirect costs (if applicable) should not exceed 10%.

- Projects must be completed within one year, April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027.

- Fred Hutch expects to fund up to 9 community grants. Award amounts may be adjusted depending on reviewer recommendations and availability of funds.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications must be prepared in Arial 11-point font and submitted by 12 PM PST on Friday, February 27, 2026. Applications must include the following:

1. Cover Letter (on organizational letterhead)

Include:

- Project title (max 140 characters)

- Project lead name

- Names of collaborators (if any)

- Requested grant amount

- (Optional) Name of Cancer Consortium advisor or Office of Community Outreach and Engagement partner

2. Organization Summary (limit: 1 page)

Describe your organization's mission, expertise, relevant experience, programs, accomplishments, collaborations, and staffing/resources.

3. Project Proposal (limit: 4 pages)

Include:

1. **Introduction (1 page max):** Describe the community need, population served and what county or counties you will provide services in and supporting data. If building on prior projects, explain how this differs or expands.

2. **Goal & Objectives (½ page max):** State one project goal and up to three SMART objectives (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Time-bound).

3. **Collaboration (¼ page max):** Describe partners, roles, and responsibilities. Letters of support are encouraged but not required.

4. **Methods (up to 2 pages):** Address setting, engagement, implementation, evaluation, measurable outcomes, communication of findings, and sustainability.

   - How will the project be implemented?

   - How will you measure and evaluate your work? How will information or data be collected?

   - What are the expected outcomes of your project? How will you measure those outcomes and communicate your project's findings to others?

   - How could you sustain or grow this work over time?

5. **Timeline (¼ page max):** Monthly milestones.

6. **References:** Cite all sources used (not included in page limit).

4. Budget & Justification

Allowable costs:

- Personnel directly related to the project.

- Supplies necessary for the project.

- Local travel directly related to project activities.

Not allowable: direct patient care, fundraising, lobbying, construction, deficits, or activities funded by another grant.

5. Letter(s) of Support (if applicable)

For collaborators, letters must be on partner letterhead, signed, and describe their commitment.

GRANT WRITING ADVISOR

Applicants have the option to request an advisor for support with project design, evaluation, and proposal writing. To request an advisor, email **enddisparities@fredhutch.org**. Advisor availability is limited and first-come, first-served. Requests for advisors must be made by February 4th, 2026.

GRANT AWARD INFORMATION

1. **Project Plan:** Awardees will complete a project plan using a provided template.

2. **Payment:** 85% of award upon submission of project plan, W9, and invoice. Remaining 15% upon final report submission.

3. **Check-In:** Required mid-point meeting with staff (October 2026).

4. **Final Report:** Due April 30, 2027, with final invoice, and evaluation. Template provided.

TIMELINE

- **Jan 16, 2026:** Info session (Zoom): 12-1pm PST. Register using link below: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/VAfLIWUES5aGJXD0svedOw

- **Feb 4, 2026:** Advisor request deadline.

- **Feb 27, 2026:** Application deadline.

- **Mar 16, 2026:** Award notifications.

- **Mar 31, 2026:** Awardees submit project plan, W9, invoice.

- **Apr 1, 2026 – Mar 31, 2027:** Grant activity period.

- **Oct 2026:** Mid-year check-in: Date to be scheduled once funding is awarded.

- **Apr 30, 2027:** Final report & invoice due.

- **May 2027:** Optional opportunity to present a project poster at the Pathways to Health Symposium in Seattle.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Applications will be peer-reviewed on:

1. **Significance:** Does the project address a documented community need?

2. **Alignment:** Does the project align with priority areas and/or populations?

3. **Team:** Does the applicant have the expertise and capacity to succeed?

4. **Approach:** Is the project well-planned, feasible, and measurable?

5. **Impact:** What difference will the project make? Will it strengthen future partnerships or initiatives?

CONTACT

For questions, contact the Office of Community Outreach & Engagement: **enddisparities@fredhutch.org**

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