



TO: Prospective Applicants

FROM: Kiana Trabue, President

SUBJECT: Multi-Year Funding Opportunity  
Letters of Intent (LOI) Now Being Accepted

- Workforce Development
- Direct Service

Date: August 1, 2024

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[The HealthPath Foundation of Ohio](#) (HealthPath) is now accepting letters of intent (LOI) for multi-year grant investment projects related to our three result areas: Oral Health, Healthy Ohioans, and Age-Friendly Communities. From these letters of intent, HealthPath will invite selected organizations to submit full proposals. In the past, grant awards have ranged from around \$10,000 to \$87,000 annually over a three-year period contingent on year-end reporting.

HealthPath’s shift to multi-year funding is a direct result of hearing feedback from grantees over the past several years and supports HealthPath’s commitment to [Trust-Based Philanthropy](#). These deep, concentrated investments will help produce improved health outcomes for communities across Ohio.

The **DEADLINE** for receipt of LOIs is no later than **12:00 noon on Friday, August 30, 2024**. LOIs must be submitted through our [online application portal](#).

### TYPES OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED:

We are interested in **workforce development** & **direct service** projects that address our result areas:

Focus Area	Result Area	Result
Preventive Oral Health Care	Oral Health	Ohio’s children ages 0–12 have healthy mouths.
Strengthening Ohio’s Safety Net	Healthy Ohioans	Ohioans have access to the services they need to be healthy, including access to care and healthy food.
Prevention of Family Violence	Age-Friendly Communities	Older adults living in the community are supported and safe from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

## WORKFORCE PROJECTS COULD INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

### Oral Health

- Enhance dental professional training to include treating children ages 0-3
- Embed oral health in inter-professional education, such as for community health workers or school nurses, or in primary care or early childhood education settings, etc.
- Develop pipeline programs for young people to recognize a career path in oral health
- Expand or maintain dental residency programs

### Healthy Ohioans

- Engage middle school, high school, and college students to explore solutions and introduce them to health careers
- Provide training to help better address cultural, socio-economic, and special needs
- Physician recruitment and retention for underserved areas

### Age-Friendly Communities

- Train professionals and paraprofessionals who interact with the older adults to recognize and report abuse, neglect, and exploitation
- Provide training to help better address cultural, socio-economic, and special needs for workers who care for the older adults
- Enhance communication and collaboration among care providers, family caregivers, and older adults

## DIRECT SERVICE PROJECTS COULD INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

### Oral Health

- Bring oral health services to rural or under-served areas

### Healthy Ohioans

- Use community health workers to coordinate client care
- Plan and implement integrated care within health care sites
- Bring affordable, healthy foods to food deserts

### Age-Friendly Communities

- Test the reliability of promising programs and practices for increasing the safety of older adults
- Support the development and scaling of a representative payee model

**Suggestions listed above are examples of what HealthPath would fund but are not limited to these.**

For questions concerning the letter of intent, please contact Abby Haynes, Grants Manager/Administrator, at [abby.haynes@healthpathohio.org](mailto:abby.haynes@healthpathohio.org).

## Funding Criteria

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This funding award is intended to support expenses related to the initiatives noted above. Allowable expenses could include but are not limited to:

- Salaries, stipends, and benefits for staff and consultants
- Program materials and supplies
- Travel and meeting expenses
- Training and staff development activities related to the project
- Support for capital costs associated with the start-up or expansion of safety net dental clinic services or a mobile unit servicing an underserved county within the Foundation's service area.

Funds must not be used for:

- University indirect costs

HealthPath will use the following criteria to evaluate letters of intent and subsequent invited proposals.

Selected organizations will:

- Demonstrate the impact their programs have had in the communities they serve
- Demonstrate need for the proposed program or service
- Use evidence-informed and promising practices
- Propose to target program participants from the Foundation's [36-county service area](#) and/or provide training activities within the service area
- HealthPath urges rural and Appalachian organizations, BIPOC and women-led organizations, and smaller organizations demonstrating need and effectiveness to apply for this grant funding opportunity.

Application instructions will be sent to organizations invited to submit a full proposal. Grant awards may vary in size depending on the projected number of patients/clients served or training and/or technical assistance program participants, and implementation strategies proposed. **Grant terms will begin on Monday, January 6, 2024.**

## Eligibility

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Nonprofit organizations, colleges or universities, school districts, and government or quasi-government agencies are eligible to apply. Single organizations or a coalition or collaborative of organizations may apply. Coalition or collaborative applicants must select a lead organization that will apply for the grant and serve as fiscal agent for the project if a grant is awarded. The lead organization must meet the eligibility criteria.

## Timeline

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August 1	Request for LOIs released
August 30	LOIs due 12:00 PM
October 1	LOI decisions communicated and invitations for full proposals
October 31	Full proposals due 11:59 PM
December 9	Application decisions communicated and grant awards announced
January 6	Grant period begins

## Letter of Intent Guidelines

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To apply for funding, applicants must first submit a letter of intent through our [online application portal](#).

The form will ask you for:

- Your organization's name and address
- Contact information for the person completing the form
- The counties you serve
- The amount for which you are applying
- Information about your current programs you offer and how these programs help your organization accomplish its mission; and
- A brief overview of the need for the proposed program or service, how you intend to use the requested funds and how the proposed program or service will help you accomplish your mission.
- Executive Staff & Board Demographics

HealthPath staff will review all letters of intent and invite full proposals from those eligible applicants whose letters best meet the funding criteria. Letters of intent must be submitted through our online application portal no later than **12:00 PM on Friday, August 30, 2024**. Applicants will receive a reply email confirming that their submission was received.

If you have difficulty accessing the online portal, please contact Abby Haynes at [abby.haynes@healthpathohio.org](mailto:abby.haynes@healthpathohio.org).