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Question:	Answer:
When will the Texas Health Community Impact (THCI) Request for Proposals (RFP) open? When is the deadline to apply?	Applications for the 2025-2026 grant cycle RFP will open June 15, 2024. August 1, 2024, at 3pm is the deadline for all proposals. Proposals submitted after 3pm CDT will not be accepted.
Which ZIP codes or health priority areas are included?	The RFP will specify the targeted area and high-need ZIP codes. Programs must target at *minimum* **one** of the priority ZIP codes and **one** of the health priority areas.
Who is eligible to apply for the RFP?	Examples, but a non-exclusive list: state, county, townships, independent school districts, public or state-controlled institutions of higher education, public housing authorities, non-profits having a 501© (3) status with the IRS, and hospital systems can be a part of a collaboration but cannot serve as the lead applicant. Organizations that applied for a previous THCI grant cycle and were **not** awarded *are **eligible*** to apply. Organizations previously funded <u>as lead agency for two cycles</u> are **not** eligible to apply under this funding opportunity as a lead.

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What are the key requirements for funding?	Applications must fulfill three key requirements: (1) Demonstrate a collaborative effort between two or more organizations, (2) Propose an innovative approach, and (3) Align with strategic priorities.
Are salaries allowed?	Yes, salaries are allowable.
How much can I apply for?	The RFP will state the total amount of funding available for each region. The amount of funding requested should be proportionate to the scope of work and/or reach of the proposed program (i.e., number of high-need ZIP codes listed in proposal).
When will a decision be determined?	Notification of grant awards is December 6, 2024. All awarded recipients will attend an onboarding seminar and meet with their assigned THCI Program Manager in January of 2025.
When does the grant cycle begin and end?	The grant cycle begins January 1, 2025, and ends December 31, 2026. *Recipients must demonstrate ability to implement activities within four months of executed MOU.
Is there a matching percentage?	This is not a matching grant.

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Is capital equipment allowed?	Capital expenses, construction projects, and purchase of large equipment are not allowed. If the equipment is mission critical the purchase may be considered by THCI leadership case by case. For example: Can funds be used towards the purchase of a van or vehicle for use by the program? This is something leadership would consider based on need and budget.
Who can I reach out to about questions?	Email THCI-grants@texashealth.org. Deadline for all questions is July 24, 2024, at 4pm, CDT.
What are the indirect cost limits?	Not to exceed 10% of the total collaborative direct costs. Indirect costs are expenses that do not relate to a specific intervention or service such as overhead, utilities, accounting, and rent support.
In Tarrant County, is the funding only available for programs that address high blood pressure, (HBP)?	Address Social Determinants of Health that have a positive impact on health outcomes for low-income adults 18+ living with high blood pressure and/or diabetes in the target ZIP codes.

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Can you expand on the funding exclusion direct delivery of reimbursable health care services? Does that mean that healthcare services provided through the grant can only be given to individuals free of charge or at a fixed rate? Can we provide healthcare services to individuals with Medicaid/Medicare/CHIP using grant funds?	Reimbursable Healthcare Service is a service or program eligible for a provider Medicare, Medicaid, WIC, or Commercial Insurance; those expenses **are not** eligible for grant funding. If a person is not eligible to receive the above listed services, then that it is an eligible expense. *Example: If a local behavioral health authority receives government funding to offset costs for indigent counseling services, then that would be an ineligible expense.*
We fall outside of the Fort Worth ZIP code on the RFP but realize that some participants in our programs live in the specific ZIP code in the RFP. The location is 76116. Will this preclude us from participating?	Organization(s) can be in another ZIP code but serve the target ZIP codes.
Is it possible an agency can apply as the lead applicant and be a collaborating partner on another application?	Yes, you can apply both as a lead and as a collaborating partner on separate applications.
Would you entertain proposals in the $150,000 range with 2 or at the most 3 organizations participating and working more in depth with 50-100 households?	Yes, we would be comfortable with a smaller collaboration of 2-3 organizations requesting $150K and working more in-depth with 50-100 households.
We are interested in applying for the Quality Assessor. We do not see a budget for this proposal. Can you provide the budget range for the Quality Assessor?	It is up to $100,000 for both counties.

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THCI Collin Region Webinar:	
I know there will be three rewards issued in Collin, but what if there are smaller projects that are submitted, are they considered?	Yes, smaller projects are considered.
With regards to getting folks access to some kind of insurance coverage can we set aside a budget amount for premiums for 3-, 6-, or 12-months coverage? Is that allowable?	This is not something that Texas Health has previously funded but include it in your proposal for leadership to determine.
If awarded, in the past you have accepted our invoices and funded monthly? Is that still the same?	The initial payment is 30%, followed by three quarterly payments of 20%. The remaining 10% is paid at the end of the grant cycle. Texas Health establishes a payment schedule tied to the performance and data reporting. Lead organization receives funding to distribute.
Can the community-based organization (CBO) also serve as the clinical provider if they do both?	Yes
Are you looking at the focus criteria described in the presentation? Or do you also fund education focused proposal?	Yes, healthcare education focused projects would qualify. Regardless of project idea, the outcomes must align with THCI Collin health priority areas and objectives.

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Can the budget be amended if the proposal is not funded in the amount requested?	Yes, if the proposal is selected leadership will ask the lead organization to re-submit the budget with the amount of funding that is being allocated.
Are independent school districts and external mental health providers considered community-based organizations?	Yes
In the RFP, it says "Fundraising activities or event sponsorships" are not considered allowable expenses. However, can our proposal budget expense for an event that marks the "Grand Opening" of our program?	No, you will not be able to include those kinds of expenses in the budget line items.
If I want to expand on the services provided by collaborators beyond the 1000-word limit, can I expand on those services in the Letter of Commitment?	Yes, however, please keep the number of applications coming through and for that reason we would prefer to keep the word limit within a 1000-word maximum.
THCI Dallas/Kaufman Region Webinar:	
Regarding the ZIP code requirement - what if the project includes, for both ZIP codes in Southern Dallas (75227,75217) and only one ZIP code in West Dallas (75212)? Would we be eligible to apply? Also, must the ZIP codes include serving a certain quantity of individuals, (for example, one ZIP code serves the bulk, but another ZIP code serves a smaller number)?	The budget needs to reflect the appropriate anticipated number of participants to be served for the two areas.

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Southern Dallas is listed as a service area but only includes two ZIP codes. Does the ZIP code have to be listed to be an eligible area?	Yes. The qualifying ZIP codes areas are the four identified for Dallas County and the five for Kaufman County.
Expanding on the ZIP code question -- the families we serve come from various areas, but our program is not located in that ZIP code. They are served in a ZIP code not listed as a priority but are residents of a prioritized ZIP code.	Families must reside in the ZIP code areas in the RFP.
We have an existing program in other states, but it has never been done in Texas. Would it qualify for the grant?	Yes, if the program aligns with the priorities in the identified ZIP codes and is collaborative.
If we are a current lead organization (just one cycle) - would expanding/improving our current THCI project be permissible? or would this not qualify as a pilot intervention?	If there is a new element or component being piloted, that would be an opportunity. If what is being proposed is a "continuation" of existing services, then no.
The ZIP codes 75210 and 75215 are in Southern Dallas and score low on the SDOH index, but they are not included in your eligible areas?	The focused ZIP codes are selected based on the Texas Health Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) data and local leadership.
For underserved populations ZIP code areas, how old is the data that this RFP is based?	[Data in the RFP is based on current Texas Health Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) available for each Texas Health hospital.]

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If the lead organization is in Dallas County, would a project with a collaborator in a rural county outside of Dallas/Kaufman be eligible?	If the purpose is to serve clients from other counties outside of the region, then no.
Just to clarify - hospital system partners can be a part of a collaboration but **can or cannot** receive funds?	Texas Health entities cannot be listed as a partner and cannot receive funding. Other hospitals or health systems **can** serve as a collaborator.
Can a community health center be the lead applicant?	Yes, if they meet the RFP eligibility requirements.
Can the collaboration be between a lead organization and a for-profit organization, is it mandatory that various nonprofits collaborate to apply?	It is possible to have a mixed implementation group of collaborators. The **lead** organization must meet the eligibility requirements of being a 501c3.
Are there any guidelines regarding the amount requested in relation to the size of the nonprofit? Specifically, what is the maximum percentage of the organizational budget that can be requested?	There is not a requirement in relation to the size of the nonprofit. Collaboration is the key requirement.
For the Dallas and Kaufman region, are the available funds per county or both counties?	The total funding available for the region (including both counties) is $1,150,000.
Can a children's hospital be a collaborator?	A hospital may collaborate in a grant but not be the lead organization.

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Would expenses for home repairs for asthmatic children be considered capital expenses?	The mentioned repairs may qualify as a program cost provided the pilot program includes a component to connect home repairs to improved health conditions and the same type of repairs are offered to all eligible clients.
THCI Denton/Wise/Parker Region Webinar:	
When you state that transportation is a priority in Denton, do you exclude other priorities like nutrition? To clarify: if we cannot address the priority in a successful way, should we not apply?	Transportation is a determent for community members to access services, but there are other needs that can be addressed.
When you specify ZIP codes that are targets, are you asking for us to exclusively serve those ZIP codes?	Yes, the ZIP codes to focus on are based on our CHNA and other factors.
Can funds be set aside for transportation vouchers specific to the Transit Providers in the area?	Yes
Do we have to serve all the ZIP codes or are we at the liberty to serve one of them?	One or all of them.
As we are formulating ideas, can we run them by you for feedback?	Yes

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Can you set aside a capitated budget for premiums for low-income individuals to assist with access to insurance and healthcare coverage?	Include it in your proposal and leadership will determine the feasibility.
THCI Southern Region Webinar:	
Is Phase Two invitation only?	All the community collaboratives who earn a Phase One grant will be eligible for the Phase Two award. The THCI Southern Leadership Council will be responsible for reviewing each Phase One community collaborative's 10-pronged plan (Objective 1) as well as the assessment of each collaborative provided by the quality assessor (Objective 2), and the Leadership Council will determine which of the collaboratives will be awarded the funding for Phase Two.
Are the components on the logic model inputs or broad interventions? It is listed both ways on the instructions page.	Within the workbook, the written Logic Model Instructions indicate "components," "inputs," "interventions" and "approaches" are all part of the same step in a logic model: Components. For an application for a THCI Southern Region Phase One grant, "components" should reflect the broad or high-level resources needed to perform the actions that will result in accomplishing the goal. For example: education, technology supports, consultant/contracts.

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Are you making slides of presentation available as well? How do we access the webinars for the other counties?	Yes, we will send an email to all Southern Region online seminar registrants.
For the Phase One application, do we project the budget for Phase One only or for both phases?	You will project the budget for Phase One only for your Phase One proposal submission. THCI is interested in understanding how the funds would be used to accomplish Objective 1 or Objective 2 for Phase One.
When will the 10-pronged plan be due to be reviewed?	The deadline for Phase One Program Objectives 1 and 2 is June 1, 2025. THCI Southern Leadership Council will score each collaborative's innovative 10-pronged plan, and the independent quality assessor's assessments, on the quality of each collaboration to determine which community collaboratives are awarded. Phase Two grants begin July 1, 2025.
Is the budget for Phase One $50,000 per awarded collaboration or per county?	The budget is up to $50,000 per community collaborative and each county can have between two to four community collaborative awards granted.

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Is the 10-pronged plan designed to outline the budget for Phase Two?	Yes, the Phase One Program Objective 1 grants are intended to offer time, funds, and support for community collaboratives to join forces and work together, to create an innovative 10-pronged plan. The plan will need to address mental health and social determinants of health for a target population within the geographic areas of need—including the development of a budget for plan implementation.
Can we add collaborators during Phase One?	Yes—and clear communication with the THCI Program Manager is needed. For the 3 p.m. proposal deadline on Aug. 1, please be sure to carefully answer the proposal questions, so THCI has a clear understanding of your collaborative's ideas and who has committed to do what. Due to the Phase One approach, THCI understands a community collaborative may determine the need to expand to achieve the program goal.
Our organization serves all of Johnson County, but the ZIP codes in the RFP are not our highest client zones. How will this affect our chances of being funded?	THCI grants are specific to the ZIP codes outlined in the RFP. The collaborative will need to make clear how their ideas will implement THCI grant funds to serve individuals in the identified high need ZIP codes. Please refer to the Community Collaborative Proposal Responsiveness criteria for how proposals will be scored.

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If we did approach a hospital, is there a recommendation for who the point person should be?	No, direct that question to the hospital with whom the organization is looking to collaborate.
Can one of the collaborators be an entity that receives government funding for their programs?	Need to clearly define what the government is paying for and what THCI grant funds would pay for. If the THCI funded services/products are a reimbursable expense, by the government, that is **not** an eligible THCI expense.
For service in a specific ZIP code, do the partnering agencies need to be in one of the specified ZIP codes and serve clients from that ZIP code? Or is a location in the ZIP code of each agency sufficient? If it must be clients served, is there a minimum number or percentage of clients from that Zip code that must be served if all other clients come from a variety of Johnson County ZIP codes?	The lead and partner organization(s) can be in another ZIP code and serve the target ZIP codes. While there is not a minimum number or percentage of clients, that must be served from the THCI target ZIP codes, THCI grant funds may only be used for the target ZIP codes.

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THCI Tarrant Region Webinar:	
Can the grant fund direct services that cannot be funded by the provider who is providing services? For instance, mental health services are covered by Medicare/Medicaid, but only for LPC, LCSW, LMFT. What about LPC-Associates, LMSW in Clinical Supervision, LMFT-Associates who are licensed, but otherwise ineligible to bill Medicare/Medicaid because of current restrictions on approved licenses?	Yes
Is this considered a reimbursement grant in which only services completed by paid employees will be covered? Or can we set an amount to charge for completed services, regardless of how much or little is paid to employees?	Yes
Do we need to submit a letter of commitment from each collaborator or is it just one letter from the entire collaboration and signed by all collaborators?	One letter signed by **all** collaborators.
Is the $1.25M funding cap net for all of Tarrant, or per award made? If net, does THR have a goal to evenly distribute the $1.25M over a specific number of awards?	Includes all five ZIP Codes and Leadership Council will determine how to distribute.

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Do you anticipate that a new funding cycle will start in two years?	Yes
Will applications proposing to serve a specific population (e.g., older adults age 60+) be considered or is it preferable to serve all adults 18 years and older?	If a compelling case can be made for a specific age group, then yes.
Do the proposal answers have a word or character limit? The portal has a character limit?	Yes, there is a character limit. *Tip: Creating a Word document to cut and paste into the application will allow for flexibility.*
Since a third-party evaluator is being hired by Texas Health, do we not need our own project evaluator?	No
Is there any established method/resource for identifying organizations seeking collaborative partnerships for this RFP?	Not currently. Please review webinars and social media post for comments from interested organizations. .
Our building is outside the target ZIP codes and we serve all of Tarrant County, but we do not have a way to track where our participants come from. Would we be considered within the bounds of your guidelines?	The organization does not have to be in the target ZIP code, but there will need to be a way to track people in the ZIP code.
Can you **only** apply to one region?	An organization can apply to more than one region (Dallas and Tarrant for example) and/or apply for more than one ZIP code/area within the same region.

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Will the data entered on the portal save if we start and stop?	Yes, it will save and remain in draft form until submitted.
Do we budget for both the phases?	Yes, budget for the (grant cycle) two years.
Is there an option to see the questions without going into the portal?	No, an account will need to be created.
What is the funding release schedule?	The initial payment is 30%, followed by three quarterly payments of 20%. The remaining 10% is paid at the end of the grant cycle. Texas Health establishes a payment schedule tied to performance and reporting.
THR has a focus on and is hosting community meetings in 76115. This grant's target does not focus on 76115, curious why it was omitted since THR's Community Impact Team has been working on 76115?	Focused ZIP codes are selected based on the CHNA data and local leadership guidance.

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Questions received after 7/19/2024:	
In the workbook attachment, what is the budget period to include grant period? One year, two years?	The budget needs to reflect the entire grant cycle which is two years.
If awarded, will we be bound by budget line items for our spending, or is the budget being used to give a general spending framework to gauge overall spending?	Line items are important in showing how the dollars are being spent.
Do you have a set definition for what constitutes a collaborator? Is it an organization that will receive partner funding through this grant, or any org that is operationally part of the proposed grant process?	Yes, a collaborator is an individual, person(s) or entity with mutual goals, responsibilities, authority, and accountability who together maximize resources and efficiencies to affect a common initiative.
Our project is a community event that involves inviting local healthcare and service providers to partner as an exhibitor, providing screenings, and connecting families to resources.	Health fairs and/or community events **do not** qualify for THCI grant funding. THCI funds programs that span over two years aligning with the region's target area(s) and health priorities for long-term impact.
Are we required to submit an executed MOU or Letter of Commitment from collaborators?	You are required to submit **one** letter of commitment with signatures for **all** collaborators; if awarded THCI will draft an MOU.

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Do you require a minimal Sample Size for the Pilot Program to manage Diabetic and HBP populations?	The dollar amount requested should reflect the number of people served. For example: A proposal requesting $300K, to work with 35 individuals, is not a favorable request, but if the proposal is strong overall, the project may be asked to serve more individuals and resubmit the application.
Does the lead organization and its collaborating partners need to enter individual budgets and a combined budget with amounts for lead organization and all collaborating partners?	The lead organization must submit the budget that includes the total expenditures for each collaborating organization involved in the project.
While THCI grant does not cover capital costs, the proposed project requires **insurance** and/or **lease** on the building. Is this an allowable expense for this grant?	No, these are considered capital costs.
Security personnel and software must be included in the facility's budget. Are these types of contracts and subscription software permissible expenses?	No, the cost for security personnel is an indirect cost and depending upon the cost and need of the subscription software will determine whether it is approved.

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As a food distributor, we are looking to include food costs (to purchase additional items for the food pantry that we cannot get through donations in this budget). Is this allowable?	Yes
Is it allowable to include leasing equipment such as copiers, washer, and dryer. The washer and dryer are a part of a service provided for those needing to clean clothes.	Yes
Is the logic model in the Phase 1 application for how the collaboration will build the plan for Phase 2? For example: Collaboration will meet monthly to develop the budget for phase 2.	Yes
Or is the Logic Model for the Phase 1 application what the collaboration will be doing to improve SDOH? For example: Collaborative will ensure that clients will receive daily meals.	No

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Would providing $20 gift cards to clients for ride-share providers to access programming and to grocery stores to purchase food be considered an unallowable expense under the "grants to individuals" funding exclusion?	Yes, it is allowable as an expense of the program and no, it would not be considered a grant to an individual. This would be an expense assisting with access.
We have an organization who we collaborate with to execute the program we would propose. They however would not require requested funds. Can they still be listed as a collaborator on the letter of commitment? We have three other organizations that would be included in the budget.	Yes, the organization can still be listed as a collaborator on the letter of commitment; however, be specific about the nature of the collaboration in terms of the agency that would not require requested funds.
Can an organization apply for both a lead organization and a collaborating organization on different proposals?	Yes, an organization can serve as a lead organization on one grant and a collaborating organization on another grant.