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# **CHIP FUNDING GUIDANCE**

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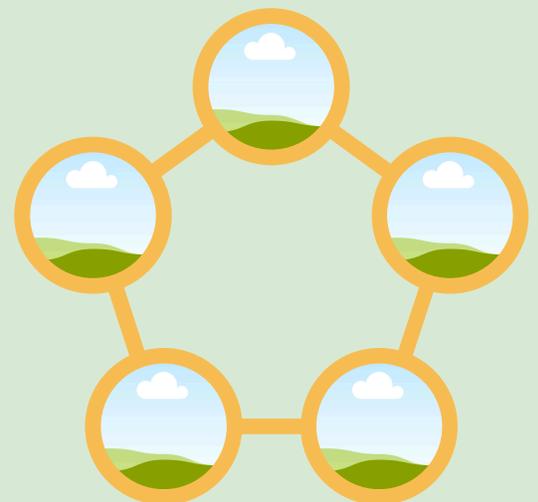


# FOUNDATION OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

**UHA:** Umpqua Health Alliance is one of 16 coordinated care organizations in Oregon that has served members of the Oregon Health Plan since 2012. Deeply rooted in Douglas County, UHA connects more than 40,000 OHP members to physical, behavioral, oral, health care through an integrated network of providers. Proud to call the Umpqua Valley its home, UHA collaborates closely with their community partners to evaluate ongoing health care needs and issues while collaborating on local solutions. UHA is managed through a locally based board of directors and **Community Advisory Council (CAC)** that ensures local health care needs are met.

**CHA:** In 2023, collaborative efforts of community and organizational partners led by UHA created the Community Health Assessment (CHA), a comprehensive review of the current health status of our shared communities and our most pressing health needs. This CHA identified evidence that suggests it is important to continue to focus on the four priority areas of:

- **Social Determinants of Health**
- **Behavioral Health & Addictions**
- **Families & Children**
- **Healthy Lifestyles**



# CHIP 2025-2029

## COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

**CHIP:** The Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA) Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) envisions a Douglas County where everyone can achieve health and optimal well-being in an environment of access, equity, and resilience. To achieve this vision, Douglas County communities are working on eliminating health disparities by embracing community voice, establishing trusted partnerships, and implementing evidence-based strategies and best practices to achieve equitable health outcomes for all. **CHIP 2025-2029** is a detailed roadmap that documents how UHA and its partners will address the four priority areas identified through the community health assessment. It is critical for creating a shared plan of strategies and actions to address the top health priorities for our region. It enables Douglas County to track progress, celebrate achievements, and modify course as the work unfolds to achieve greater and more equitable health for its communities. Through the unified commitment from multiple sectors across the county, we anticipate positive impacts on the issues the community finds relevant.

# OVERVIEW OF CHIP PROGRAM

**CHP Funding for Projects in 2026: Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA)** will provide funding through Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) program payments via the UHA **Community Advisory Council (CAC)** and its program partners. These funds are intended to support projects and programs that align with the CHP's goals and contribute to improving community health.

With this funding, UHA is prioritizing projects that:

- **Demonstrate broad community support and collaboration**
- **Address underlying prevention needs in our area**
- **Leave a lasting impact on future generations of Douglas County**



# CHP PROGRAM PROJECTS



Eligible projects should align the efforts of our diverse partners, strengthen collaborative relationships, and establish common progress indicators for the priorities identified in the CHIP 2025–2029.

By coordinating efforts among local organizations, healthcare providers, government agencies, and community members, 2026 funding will help maximize the impact of preventive interventions, meet the objectives of the CHP and ultimately improve the overall health of our community for years to come.

All funding must be used in accordance with Health-Related Services Guidelines as defined in OAR 410-141-3845 and CHP grant funds are **not permitted** to be used for the following purposes: **wages, advertising, covered services for an OHP member, administrative activities to support the delivery of covered services, CCO contractual requirements, provider workforce or certification training, building new buildings and other capital investment activities not related to safety.**

For more information, please complete the request for application using the link below.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0197ade4012573399070dfb46e051219>

# APPLICATION PROCESS



**Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA)** is excited to offer **2026 Funding** to support community projects aligned with the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) 2025–2029. Below are the steps to apply:

## Review Funding Guidelines

- Ensure your project meets Health-Related Services Guidelines (**OAR 410-141-3845**) [https://oregon.public.law/rules/oar\\_410-141-3845](https://oregon.public.law/rules/oar_410-141-3845).
- Projects should demonstrate broad **community support, collaboration**, and a **lasting impact** on Douglas County.
- After reviewing both the **CHP 2025–2029** and this guidance document, please submit a **Request for Application**. This application will help determine if CHP Spring Funding is the path for funding your project.

## Preparing the Application

- **Meet** with diverse community groups to establish collaborative partnerships. Once partnerships are formed, identify the organization that will take the lead in submitting the application for this round of funding.
- Submit a project idea that is **sustainable**.
- Before submission of your application, schedule a **one-on-one** guidance session to strengthen the chance of success.

# APPLICATION PROCESS



## Submit the application

- A link to a Smartsheet application will be sent upon review of the “Request for Application.” The lead organization will submit the application.
- As the online application is a Smartsheet, applicants are advised to allow enough time to complete the submission in one session or save their work in another document.
- All applications are due close of business on April 15, 2026.

## Application Review & Selection

- Applications will be reviewed by the UHA Community Advisory Council (CAC) and UHA Leadership
- Selection will be based on alignment with CHP goals, feasibility, and potential community impact.
- Applicants may be contacted for additional information or clarifications.

## Award Notification

- All applicants will be notified by UHA staff. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding of the project by UHA or its Community Advisory Council.



# UHA PROGRAM FUNDING

## **UHA Community Support**

- UHA is dedicated to supporting innovative, community-based projects that positively impact the health and well-being of our community. Through various grant opportunities and strategic investments, UHA invests in projects that align with the Community Health Improvement Plan with the goal to create a healthier, more equitable community by addressing the underlying factors contributing to health disparities.

## **2026 UHA Funding Availability**

- UHA acknowledges that the needs of our community far exceed the available funds in our grant programs. The 2026 funding aims to support diverse partners to create projects that are sustainable, and have long-term improvements in health. By launching collaborative initiatives through this funding, we aim to build strong partnerships that are well positioned to secure additional funding—not only through UHA but also through other opportunities available to our community .

# CHP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

**UHA acknowledges the importance of streamlining reporting requirements. Under the CHP 2026 Funding, awardees will receive 90% of their awarded funds upon contract execution, with the remaining 10% disbursed upon submission and approval of the closing report. UHA will require two reports, an interim report and closing report.**

## **1. Interim Report**

- Due Date: September 30, 2026
- Purpose: Provide an update on project progress, challenges, and any necessary adjustments.
- Summary of activities completed
- Progress toward stated goals and outcomes
- Budget expenditures to date
- Any barriers encountered and solutions implemented
- Community impact and engagement

## **2. Closing Report**

- Due Date: January 15, 2027 (Upon project completion)
- Purpose: Demonstrate project outcomes, financial accountability, and impact on the community.
- Final project summary and key achievements
- Measurement of outcomes against stated objectives
- Detailed financial report on fund usage
- Lessons learned and sustainability plans
- Testimonials or data showcasing community impact

# APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

## Connection & Collaboration-

- **Collaborative Approach:** Applications that demonstrate strong collaboration in project planning and implementation will be scored on a scale of 0-5 points.
- **Inclusivity & Prioritized Populations:** Applications that emphasize inclusivity and address the needs of prioritized populations will be scored on a scale of 0-5 points.
- **Geographic Reach:** Applications that focus on more than one geographic area will be scored on a scale of 0-5 points.



## Sustainability and Impact-

- **Diversified Funding:** Applications that demonstrate a budget incorporating multiple funding streams beyond UHA grant funding will be scored on a scale of 0-5.
- **Project Sustainability:** Applications that outline a fully funded project with long-term sustainability for future generations will be scored on a scale of 0-5.
- **Comprehensive Budget:** Applications that include a detailed and well-structured budget will be scored on a scale of 0-5."





# UMPQUA HEALTH

- **UHA aims to create a local health care system that is responsive to the needs of the community.**
- UHA's **Community Advisory Council (CAC)** includes community members and representatives from healthcare and related organizations from across Douglas County. The CAC meets monthly to evaluate healthcare needs, issues, and strategies for increasing access and improving the delivery of services. Among the CAC's activities are also issuing annual grants to support community programs aimed at creating a healthier Douglas County. The CAC also leads a detailed Community Health Assessment (CHA) every five years to help guide local services and inform program planning.
- **Since 2016, UHA has partnered with dozens of community partners and provided over \$33,000,000 in grant funding to improve the health and well-being of the community we serve.**

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