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EASTERN OREGON
COORDINATED CARE
ORGANIZATION

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

For

Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestments (CBIR)

Public Health Funds

January – December 2027 funding cycle

Part 1

BRIEF INITIAL SCREENING FORMS DUE BY:

September 4, 2026, by 5 pm PT

Part 2

FULL APPLICATION FROM INVITED APPLICANTS DUE BY:

October 16, 2026, by 5 pm PT

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Application Information

1.1 Deadline

Brief Initial Screening form due: September 4, 2026 by 5pm PT

Full Applications from invited applicants due: October 16, 2026 by 5pm PT

All screening forms must be submitted through Smartsheet, a HIPAA-compliant platform, at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019f23cbfde374d594270a048595e276> or via the QR code.



EOCCO will not accept or review screening forms submitted via email.

1.2 Background

Eastern Oregon's local public health departments (PHDs) play an important role in supporting and promoting the health and wellbeing of EOCCO members and their communities. Recognizing PHD's deep understanding of the communities they serve, ability to collaborate with varied partners to address gaps in care, facilitate prevention efforts, and address equity issues including the social determinants of health, Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) has created a Public Health Fund.

The Public Health Fund will be used to support projects led by the PHDs to improve the health and wellness of EOCCO members and their communities. PHDs in the 12 EOCCO service areas are invited to submit one or more proposal.

These proposals may be for projects that are implemented for **up to two years**.

1.3 Project Areas

Public Health Fund

Projects may focus on one or more of the following focus areas:

- Addressing state-mandated incentive measures
- Addressing the roots of early childhood trauma and developing resiliency skills (e.g., parenting support, technological innovations, early intervention and referrals wraparound support for families, etc.)
- Providing non-billable pre- and post-partum care with a focus on at risk and vulnerable populations.
- Implementing new technologies such as electronic health records or new data tracking and visualization software (e.g., Tableau, GIS, Power BI)
- Developing partnerships and collaborative efforts with primary care practices, hospitals, behavioral health, and other key stakeholders.
- Building or developing collaborations and infrastructure including but not limited to emergency preparedness, Public Health Accreditation, hiring external consultants to support capacity building, and expanding collaborations with school-based health centers.

Grant Type	Funding Amount Available Per Grantee
Public Health Fund	Awards will be no less than \$8,000/county and no more than \$50,000/county. Counties may join together and request higher amounts (e.g. two counties may request a minimum of \$16,000 and a maximum of \$100,000.)

1.4 Eligibility and Application Requirements

Applicants: Only Eastern Oregon public health departments are eligible to apply.

Population: Preference will be given to projects that primarily benefit EOCCO members. If the proposal aims to target a specific population, those populations should be clearly defined.

Budget Restrictions - Budgets cannot include these items:

- Medicaid-covered services;
- Expenses reported separately, such as health-related services (HRS) or in lieu of services (ILOS);
- Items or activities fully funded from another source;
- Any covered services or benefits in Oregon's [Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\) waiver](#) (housing or employment supports for eligible members) or [1115 Medicaid waiver](#), including Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) covered services and [Community Capacity-Building Funds \(CCBF\)](#) for eligible members;
- Indirect administrative costs cannot be requested for equipment or supply costs and are capped at 10%.
- Staff positions funded should not be primarily administrative. However, grant funds can be used to establish new roles that are substantially devoted to improving the health of EOCCO members.
- Generally, funds will not be provided for individual provider, Community Health Worker (CHW), or Traditional Health Worker (THW) trainings. Please contact THW@eoocco.com if interested in learning about EOCCO sponsored training opportunities. Proposals requesting training intended to assist communities achieve CHIP plan priorities, health equity, healthcare interpreter, and incentive measure targets may be considered.
- Proposals cannot include requests for capital construction, building renovations, or major non-medical equipment like vehicles. Proposals cannot include expanding SDOH services like food, housing, and transportation. If your organization would like to apply for funding to cover these items, please apply through the Supporting Health for All through Reinvestments (SHARE) application found here: <https://www.eoocco.com/providers/grants>.
- Current grantees will be required to request decreasing amounts of funds over time and will not be awarded beyond three grant cycles.

1.4 Application Process and Timeline

This round of CBIR applications will involve a **two-part application process**. Interested applicants will first complete a brief screening form. Proposals that meet grant criteria will then be invited by email to submit a full grant application.

Application Process

Step 1: Brief Initial Screening form

- Interested organizations must complete a brief screening form in Smartsheet by **September 4, 2026 by 5pm PT**. The screening form should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.
- See **Appendix A: 2027 Public Health Fund Brief Screening Form Questions** for more information.

Step 2: Invitation to Apply

- EOCCO will review screening forms on a rolling basis. Organizations whose project proposals align with the grant criteria will be invited to submit a full application, which will be due by **October 16, 2026 by 5pm PT**. See **Appendix B: 2027 Public Health Fund Application Details** for more information.
- Applicants may be contacted for a brief technical assistance call to further discuss their idea before receiving an invitation. Organizations that are not invited to apply will be notified and, when possible, offered guidance on other funding opportunities that may be a better fit.

Timeline

- **July 31, 2026:** Request for Applications (RFA) released and initial brief screening form opens.
- **September 4, 2026:** Brief screening forms due (no later than 5:00 PM PT).
 - Screening forms reviewed and invitations to apply sent on a rolling basis through September 24.
- **October 16, 2026:** Full grant applications due (no later than 5:00 PM PT)
- **November/December 2026:** Award notifications
- **January 1- December 31, 2027:** Grant period

Brief Screening forms must be submitted by September 4 for projects to be considered for this funding opportunity.

1.5 Technical Assistance and Support

If you have questions about this application, please contact EOCCOGrants@eocco.com.

The EOCCO Grants team will be hosting several informational technical assistance (TA) webinars for interested applicants to learn more about this RFA and answer general questions. **All applicants must receive TA before applying, either by attending one of the Phase 1 webinars or by scheduling a 1:1 TA call with the EOCCO Grants Team.**

- **Phase 1 TA Webinar (Brief Screening)**
 - August 12 @ 12-1pm PT | Register here: <https://shorturl.at/VbYpa>
 - August 26 @ 12-1pm PT | Register here: <https://shorturl.at/DC0AQ>
- **Phase 2 TA Webinar (Full Application):** October 5 @ 12-1pm PT | Invite only

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Please complete the screening form in its entirety. Incomplete screening forms will not be accepted. The screening form should take between 15-20 minutes to complete.

It's highly recommended to review the **Eligibility and Application Requirements** before completing the screening form.

If you have questions about this screening form, please email the EOCCO Grants team at EOCCOGrants@eoocco.com.

Applicant Information

- Organization Name
- Primary Contact Name, Title, Email
- Proposed Project Title
- Estimated funding request (no less than \$8,000/county and no more than \$50,000/county)

Project Information

1. Provide a brief summary of your project, project area of focus, and the target population(s) your project will serve. (3-8 sentences)
2. Describe the community need for your proposed project. When possible, include data showing this need. (2-5 sentences)
3. How many EOCCO members do you estimate will benefit from your proposed project? How will you collect data on both EOCCO and non-EOCCO members who will benefit from the program? (2-5 sentences)
4. Is there anything else you'd like grant reviewers to know about your project? (Optional)

Public Health Fund Project Questions

5. What is the proposed project period for this proposal?
 - ☐ 1 Year (January- December 2027)
 - ☐ 2 Years (January 2027- December 2028)
6. How could this project be sustained after the funding period ends? (2-5 sentences)

Appendix B: 2027 Public Health Fund Project Full Application Details

Organizations that submit a brief initial screening form and are invited to submit a full application will be notified via email and provided with additional instructions for submission. Please note that an invitation to submit a full application does not guarantee funding.

A summary of the information that applicants will be asked to provide in the full application is included below.

Full Application Forms: Additional instructions will be included in the full Request for Applications (RFA).

Full applications will ask for the following:

- Application Coversheet
- Project Narrative
 - Project Description
 - Need for Project
 - Population Served
 - Project Plan and Timeline
 - Project Personnel
 - Barriers and Risks
 - Sustainability
- Outcomes Data and Budget Tables
- Financial Information
- Letters of Commitment (if applicable)

Submission: Full applications will be submitted through Smartsheet no later than **5pm PT on October 16, 2026**.

Funding Decision: A committee appointed by the EOCCO Board will make final funding decisions, subject to approval by the EOCCO Board. Decisions will be shared in November/December 2026.