



Request *for* Proposals

2027-2028 Grant Cycle

Texas Health Community Impact
Tarrant Region

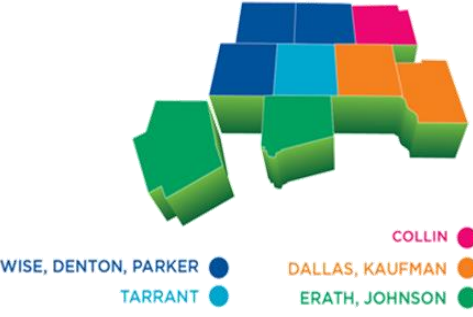
TEXAS HEALTH COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:	Texas Health Community Impact 2027-2028 Grant Cycle
REGION:	Tarrant
RFP RELEASE DATE:	April 13, 2026
DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS:	May 4, 2026, at 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT)
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	May 29, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. CDT
TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE:	Up to \$1,200,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Goal 1: Up to \$300K per ZIP code cluster • Program Goal 2a (Phase One): Up to \$75K total for up to 3 planning grants • Program Goal 2b (Phase Two): Up to \$205K
NUMBER OF AWARDS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Goal 1: Up to 3 grants • Program Goal 2a (Phase One): Up to 3 grants • Program Goal 2b (Phase Two): Up to 1 grant
PROJECT PERIOD:	Jan. 1, 2027, to Dec. 31, 2028 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Goal 1: Jan. 1, 2027, to Dec. 31, 2028 • Program Goal 2a (Phase One): Jan. 1 to June 30, 2027 • Program Goal 2b (Phase Two): July 1, 2027, to Dec. 31, 2028

ABOUT TEXAS HEALTH

As the health system that cares for more North Texans than any other provider, Texas Health Resources is committed to delivering support through programs and services that help lead to measurable and sustainable community improvements. We serve as a catalyst to transform lives by investing in the vision of a healthier future for our communities. We believe where you live should not play a major role in your health and well-being. Texas Health Community Health Improvement works to proactively address health disparities and the social and environmental conditions that affect overall health.

Texas Health Community Impact invests in community health and well-being through grantmaking and strategic collaborations. From data-driven, home-grown regional strategies to technical assistance, we offer creative grant opportunities to support North Texas organizations with a mutual desire to transform health and well-being in innovative ways. Our outcomes-focused approach seeks to address health disparities identified as non-medical drivers of health in specific ZIP codes. Texas Health's aim is to help identify and innovatively address the root cause of health disparities before they develop into poor health outcomes. Considered upstream, these approaches combat poor health outcomes by implementing solutions to reduce the negative impact of non-medical drivers of health.



Proposed solutions should align with the following guiding principles:

- Leverage data to identify needs and measure progress
- Drive equitable opportunities for optimal health
- Meet people where they live, work, play and pray
- Care for the whole person
- Pursue solutions that are efficient, innovative and sustainable

For the 2027-2028 grant cycle, Texas Health is investing a total of \$5 million in grants across its five regions, which spans nine counties. Groups seeking to work collaboratively on innovative upstream approaches to address priorities identified in each region are encouraged to apply for this competitive funding opportunity.

KEY REQUIREMENTS

The Texas Health Community Impact grant program is committed to fostering innovative, collaborative and strategically aligned initiatives that address critical health challenges in our communities. This outlines the standardized requirements for applicants seeking funds during the 2027-2028 grant cycle, emphasizing the importance of innovation as defined by the Public Health Accreditation Board. By setting clear expectations for project design, collaboration and sustainability. Texas Health aims to support impactful solutions that reduce health disparities and improve outcomes in high-needs ZIP codes.

Innovation



Texas Health has adopted the Public Health Innovation definition, as outlined by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB).⁴

Public Health Innovation

As described by the PHAB, public health innovation refers to the creation and implementation of a novel process, policy, product, program or system leading to improvements that impact health.

Tenets of public health innovation include the following:

- ✓ It is an ongoing, systematic process that can generate incremental or radical change.
- ✓ It requires both collaboration and co-production with people with lived experience who will be affected by the results of the innovation.
- ✓ It is an open process lending itself to adaptation or replication.

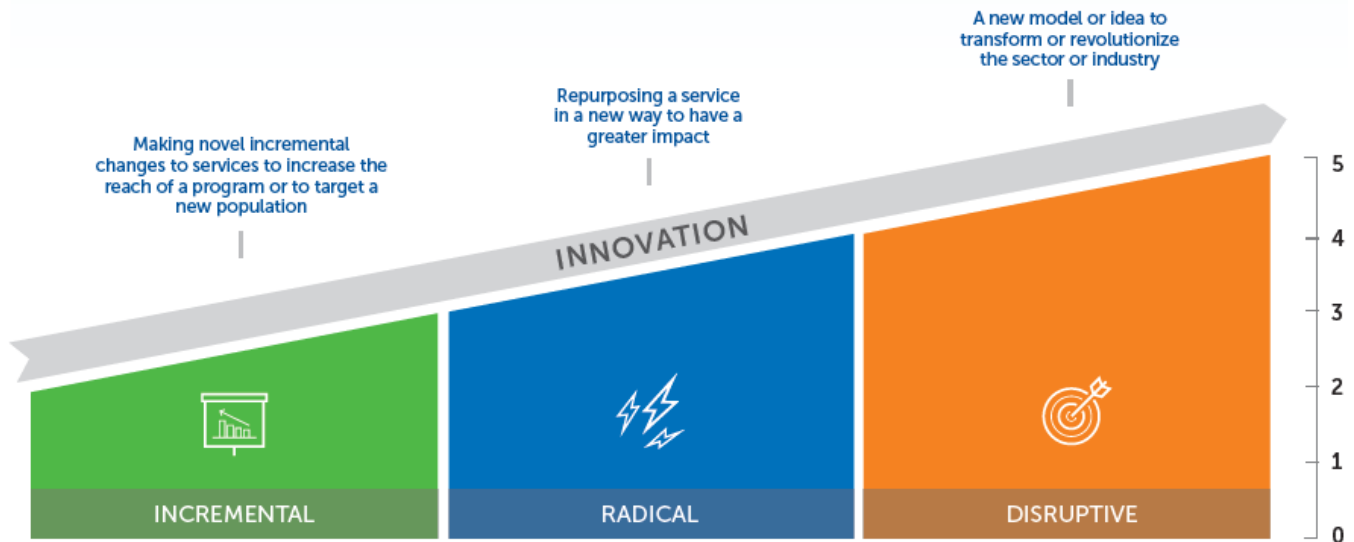
Strategic Alignment



Applicants are expected to detail how proposed initiatives adequately respond to the regional priorities and fulfills the requirement to serve the targeted ZIP code areas.

Proposed projects are expected to:

- ✓ Focus on reducing the negative impact of non-medical drivers of health for the populations in high-needs ZIP codes.
- ✓ Incorporate innovative solutions to improve health in communities with worsening health outcomes.
- ✓ Have a solid implementation plan that considers cultural sensitivities and addresses community needs.
- ✓ Clearly demonstrate the level of involvement and contributions from collaborators, including deliverables and budgetary commitments.
- ✓ Identify opportunities for Texas Health to engage through volunteering.



Collaboration



Collaboration means working together to address systemic problems with the community at the center. According to the National Network for Collaboration, approaches that “bring individuals, agencies, organizations and community members” together to generate solutions for current and emerging problems collectively are at the core of collaboration.

Collaborative approaches integrate service offerings, building meaningful connections between agencies to eliminate gaps in community services. As indicated in Figure A, collaboration involves multiple organizations aligning efforts and working collectively toward a shared goal.

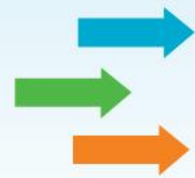
INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS

- One or more organizations working in silos
- No communication with others
- Does not qualify for this funding



ISOLATED IMPACTS

- Separate business objectives
- Little time together
- Poor communication
- Distant



COORDINATED EFFORT

- Shared goals and objectives
- Strong communication among collaborative organizations
- Dedicated time
- Close



Figure A. Visual representation of what Texas Health Community Impact means by collaboration as a coordinated effort.
Adapted from Collective Impact at UC San Diego

Promoting Sustainability



Texas Health also focuses on improving the potential for sustainability, by ensuring applicants clearly understand the evaluation requirements, offering personalized technical assistance and supporting the efforts of our third-party evaluation in strengthening data collection and reporting.

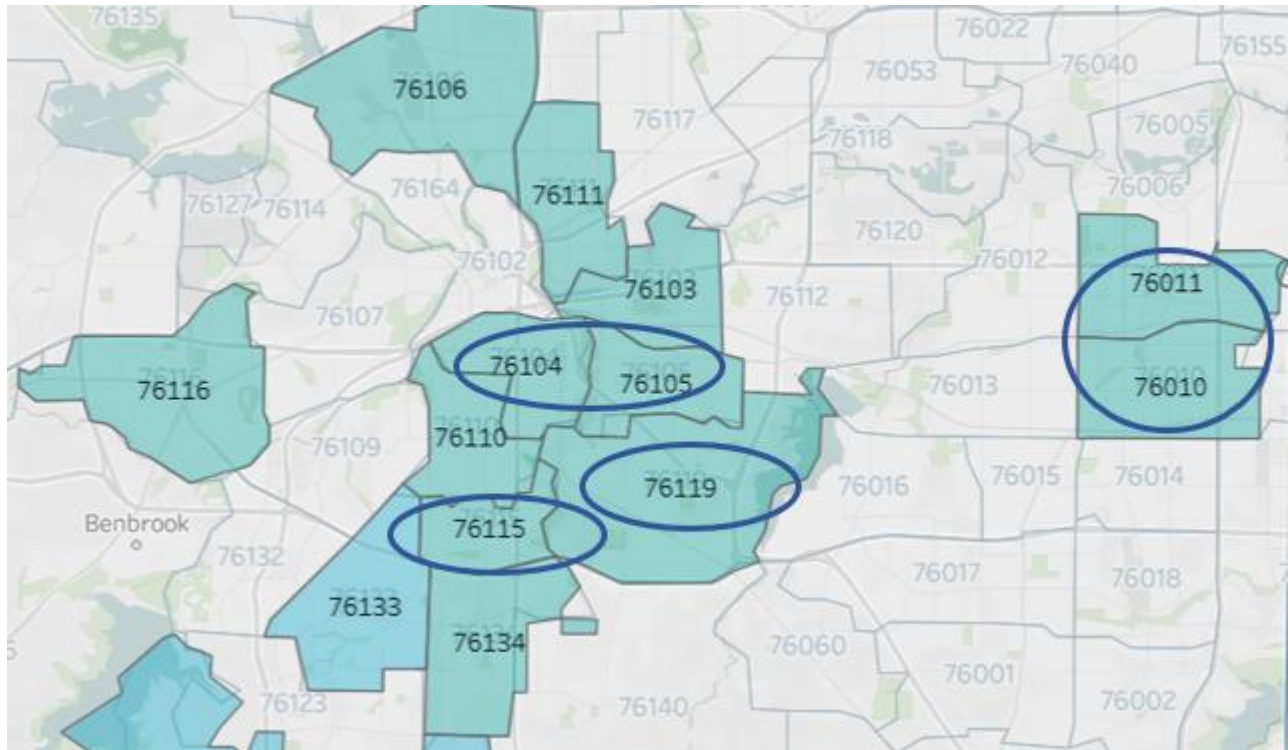
By adhering to these standardized requirements, applicants can ensure their proposals reflect the core values that drive the Texas Health Community Impact. Our shared commitment to addressing non-medical drivers of health, fostering meaningful partnerships and promoting sustainability will help create lasting improvements in the communities we serve. Together, we can advance health outcomes and build a foundation for impactful, data-driven solutions that endure beyond the grant cycle.

TARRANT REGION-SPECIFIC CONTENT

Identified Need

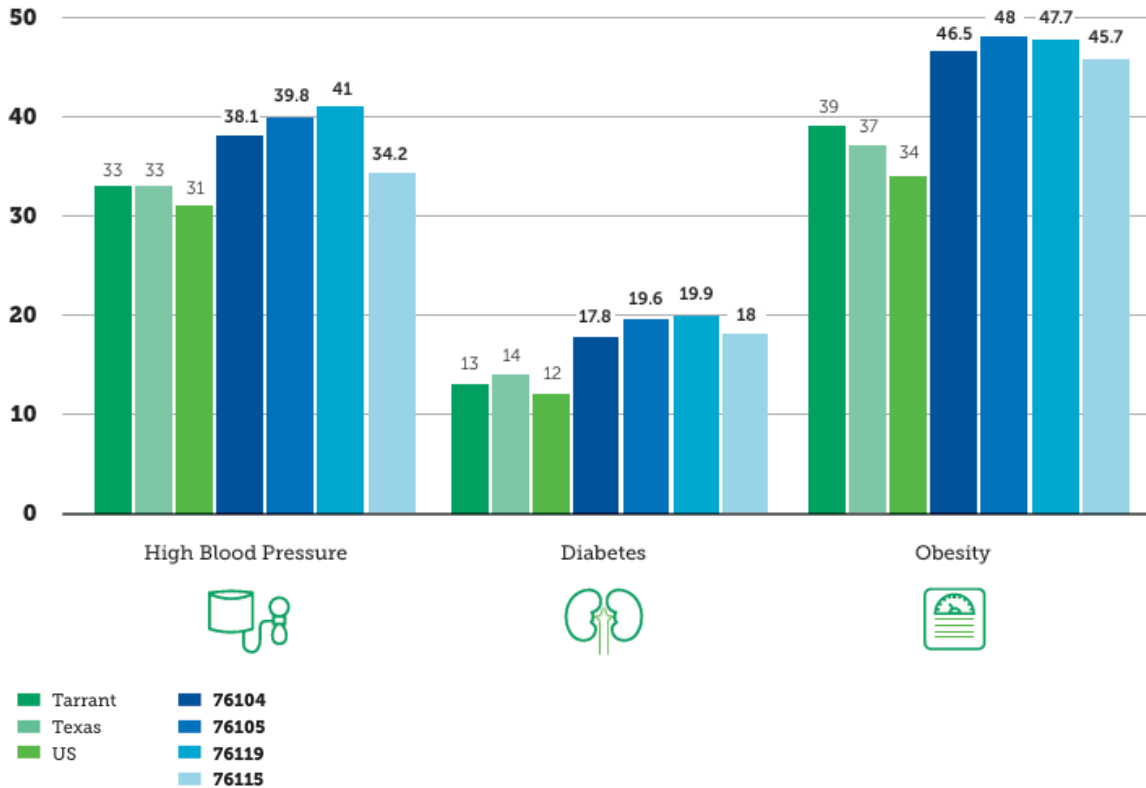
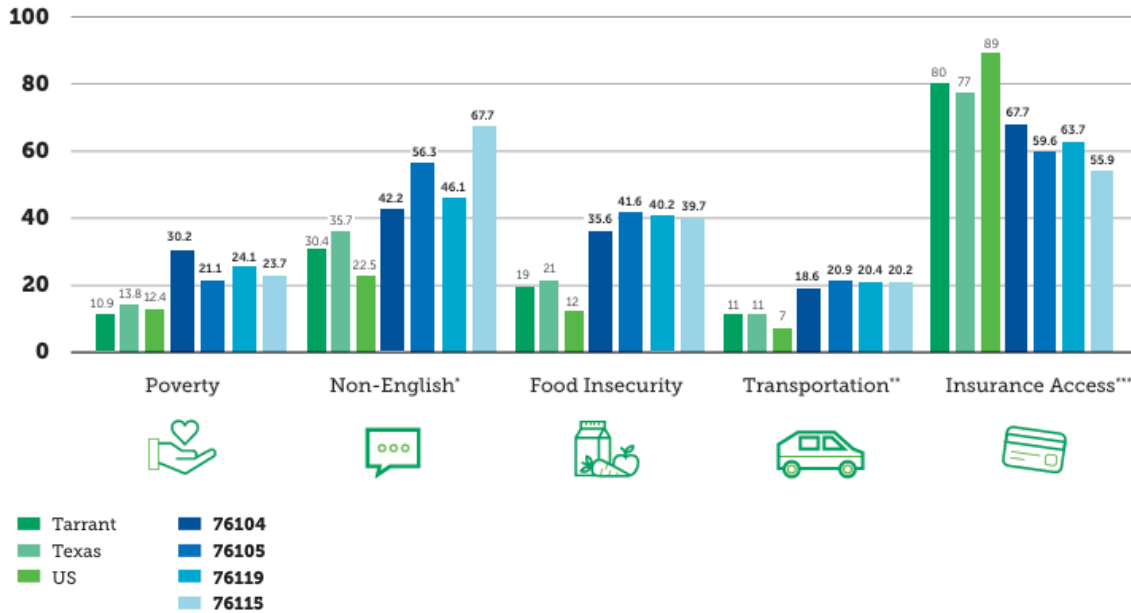
Uninsured rates have risen in Tarrant County, and the prevalence of high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity remains high. The Tarrant Leadership Council intentionally prioritized focusing on access to chronic disease resources in Tarrant County priority ZIP codes because the data is so compelling. **Grants that advance to the funding stage must demonstrate *innovative solutions*** that remove barriers, expand access to chronic disease services, and achieve *measurable* improvements in health outcomes.

The Texas Health Community Impact Tarrant Region is targeting four priority ZIP code clusters for the 2027-2028 funding cycle: 76010 & 76011 in Arlington; 76104 & 76105, 76119, and the newly added 76115 in Fort Worth. Efforts will be made to fund in all ZIP code clusters and the selection of applications should address a variety of non-medical drivers of health. For example- if several applications address food insecurity and one addresses transportation, the review process will likely prioritize selecting one transportation proposal and one food insecurity proposal, rather than funding two food insecurity proposals. Likewise, applications that address more than one non-medical driver of health and conduct their own research to understand the unique needs of the community they seek to serve, rather than simply reiterating data from this request for proposals, will be more competitive and receive a higher score.



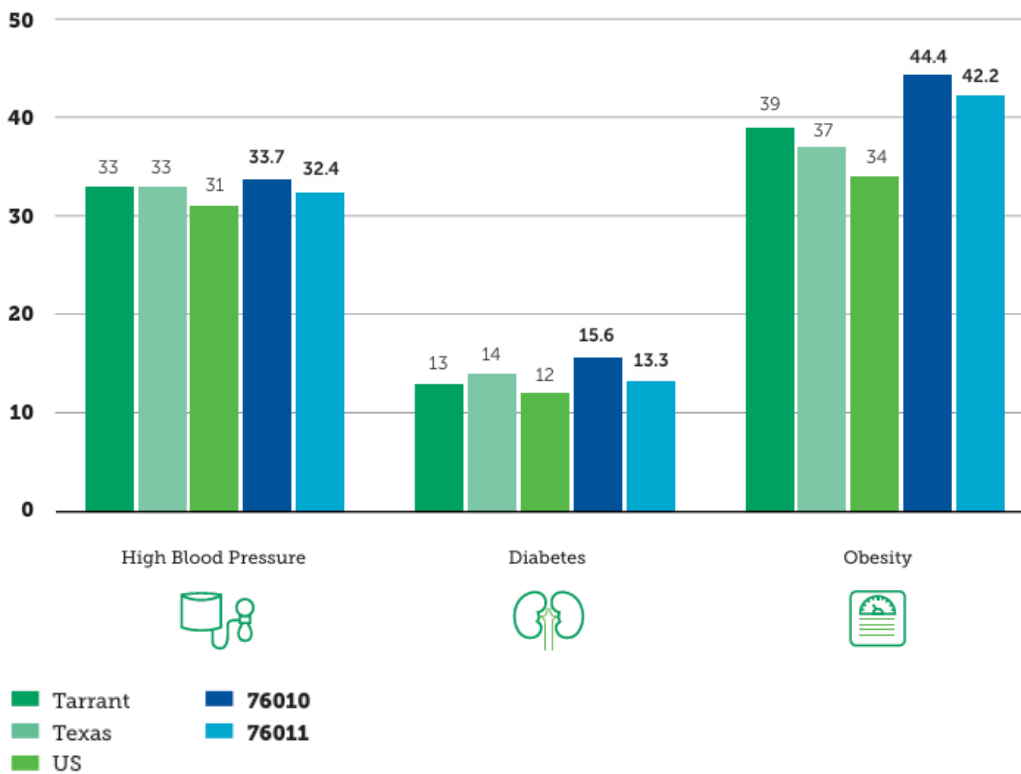
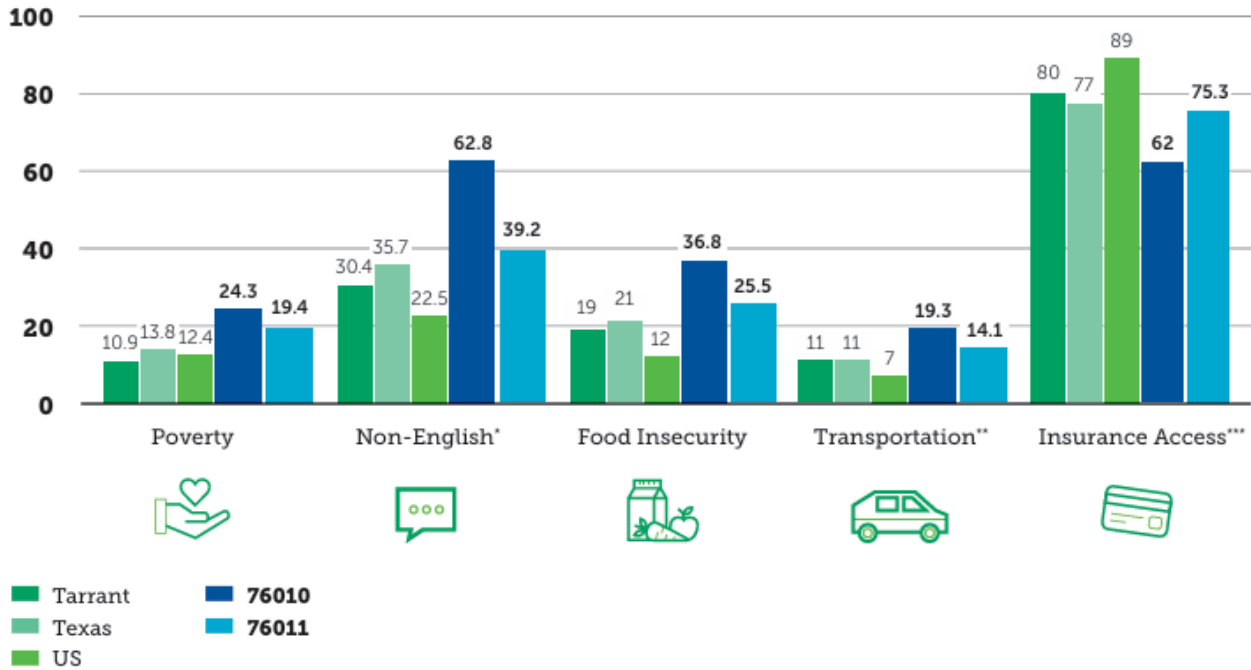
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Fort Worth Data Review



TARRANT REGION-SPECIFIC CONTENT (continued)

Arlington Data Review



TARRANT REGION-SPECIFIC CONTENT (continued)

Grantmaking Approach, Goals, and Objectives

Texas Health Community Impact funding is not intended to replace lost funding. Texas Health does recognize that non-profits' budgets have been affected by recent changes and acknowledge the great work that is being done by Tarrant non-profits and community-based organizations to serve communities in need; however, we are focused on innovative, disruptive programs that are not already in place.

In Tarrant County, the strategic priority is to maximize access to chronic disease services for *adults 18 and older* by addressing one or more of the following non-medical drivers of health in ZIP code clusters 76010 & 76011, 76104 & 76105, and/or 76119:

- Healthcare access, navigation & literacy
- Transportation
- Connectedness
- Food insecurity

NOTE: 76115 has a separate program goal, more information is provided below.

Applicants should select one of the following Program Goals*:

Program Goal 1 <i>Current ZIP code clusters</i>	Program Goal 2 <i>Specific to 76115</i>
<p>To improve prevention and/or treatment of chronic disease, the Tarrant Region aims to address one or more of the four identified non-medical drivers of health in ZIP code clusters- 76010 & 76011, 76104 & 76105, and/or 76119 by December 31, 2028.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare access, navigation, and literacy • Transportation • Connectedness • Food insecurity 	<p>To strengthen organizational capacity within 76115 ZIP code by developing the infrastructure necessary to support improved health outcomes by December 31, 2028.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Goal 2a (Phase One) Apply for planning grant • Program Goal 2b (Phase Two) Apply for capacity building grant

***Applicants may select more than one ZIP code cluster in Program Goal 1.**

TARRANT REGION-SPECIFIC CONTENT (continued)

Program Goal 1 Examples

Example 1



Healthcare access navigation & literacy:

Develop an innovative technological approach that brings services to assist in the management or prevention of chronic disease to individuals in priority ZIP code(s).*

Example 2



Transportation: Provide innovative solutions that address transportation barriers to chronic disease management programs/clinics. This should include fresh ideas and/or new approaches.*

Example 3



Connectedness: Address barriers that limit the ability to make connections that can impact chronic disease health outcomes and/or increase risk factors contributing to chronic conditions such as stress and loneliness.*

Example 4



Food insecurity: Introduce a creative, new pathway to navigate individuals to healthy food resources currently available in Tarrant County priority areas that will improve health outcomes or mitigate risk factors that contribute to chronic disease.*

****Proposals should include a measure/metric that will demonstrate impact on chronic disease.***

Information About 76115 ZIP Code Applications

New for the 2027-2028 funding cycle is the addition of 76115 ZIP code. This area in south Fort Worth has significant needs related to health and the non-medical factors that influence it; however, capacity is limited. For example, the area has resources, but lacks infrastructure, and organizations are not working together to effectively serve residents. The Tarrant Leadership Council established a Trust Building Task Force to intentionally strengthen relationships and deepen trust within this ZIP code. Through its efforts, the Task Force convened a collaborative network of organizations that meet regularly and is dedicated to serving the area.

This funding cycle, the focus for 76115, is to build on the foundation established by the Tarrant Leadership Council and strengthen organizations' capacity to implement and administer a programmatic grant in a future funding cycle. ***As part of these capacity-building efforts, Texas Health will provide a consultant to support grantees during the planning phase and help establish the infrastructure needed for effective, successful collaboration.***

TARRANT REGION-SPECIFIC CONTENT (continued)

Tarrant Region Funding Allocation

Zip Code Clusters	Program Goal 1:	Program Goal 2a: (Phase One) Planning Grant	Program Goal 2b: (Phase Two) Capacity Building
Arlington: 76010 & 76011 East and Northeast	Up to \$300K		
Fort Worth: 76104 & 76105 Hospital District and Stop Six	Up to \$300K		
Fort Worth: 76119 Southeast Fort Worth	Up to \$300K		
Fort Worth: 76115 South Fort Worth	Up to \$95K for one or more 6-month planning grants*		Up to \$205K for 18-month capacity building grant**

**A portion of this allocated dollar amount to be used for a consultant to work with Phase One applicants.*

***Only Phase One grantees will be eligible for Phase Two funding.*

EXPECTATIONS OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Fulfill Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Requirements. Lead applicants of awarded collaboratives and Texas Health will execute an MOU detailing the following:

- Project Goals, Deliverables and Outcomes
- Data Sharing Agreement
- Payment Terms
- Reporting Requirements
- Terms and Conditions
- Texas Health Grant Promotion Expectations

Lead applicants serve as the direct point of contact with Texas Health Community Impact – i.e. signs the MOU, responds to requests, presents on progress. The lead applicant also coordinates with collaborators to ensure progress and resolve conflicts and administers funding payments to collaborators.

Engage with Texas Health Community Impact. Lead applicants and respective collaborators should engage with Texas Health in the following ways:

- Receiving technical assistance from the Texas Health Program Manager — including but not limited to regular touch base calls (and as needed), guidance on budget changes or project adjustments, and connections to enhance outcomes.
- Fulfilling communication requirements.
- Participating in learning opportunities either convened or facilitated by Texas Health.
- Hosting at least one site visit to highlight progress to key stakeholders associated with Texas Health.
- Presenting the collaborative approach and/or results at meetings convened by or with Texas Health.

ELIGIBILITY

Project Implementation. Applicants must demonstrate the ability to begin implementing activities within four months of execution of the MOU. *Phase One Planning Grant applicants must demonstrate the ability to begin implementing activities within one month of MOU execution.* Exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Prior Applicants. Organizations that applied for funding in a previous Texas Health Community Impact grant cycle and were not awarded are eligible to apply.

Not Eligible. Organizations previously funded as lead agency for two cycles are not eligible to apply. **Existing or proposed programs with funding directed to Texas Health are not eligible for this opportunity.**

The following is a non-exclusive list of potential lead organizations that may be eligible to apply:

- State, county, city or township governments
- Independent school districts
- Public or state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Public housing authorities
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS

Healthcare systems, individual hospitals or hospital districts can be part of a collaboration but cannot serve as the lead applicant.

FUNDING EXCLUSIONS

The following expenses are not allowable:

- Indirect costs exceeding 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.
- Endowments or capital campaigns.
- Capital expenses, construction projects and purchase of large equipment. Mission-critical equipment purchases may be considered and must be approved by Texas Health.
- Fundraising activities or event sponsorships.
- Direct delivery of reimbursable healthcare services.
- Grants or scholarships to individuals.
- Advertising reimbursement of pre-award costs.
- Lobbying activities, including publicity or propaganda, preparation, distribution, or use of any material designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

2027-2028 Grant Cycle Proposal Timeline

Date(s)	Activity	Details
April 13, 2026	RFP Released	Proposals must be submitted through the Texas Health Resources Grants e-Portal at https://www.TexasHealth.org/Apply .
April 13 – May 4, 2026	Q&A Period	Questions will be accepted by the Texas Health team during this period via THCI-grants@texashealth.org . Please include “RFP Question Tarrant Region” in the subject line. Questions will not be accepted after 5 p.m. CDT on May 4. Webinars will also be available regionally. Tarrant Region Webinar and Q&A can be accessed here: Tarrant Region Webinar Registration
May 29, 2026	Submission Deadline 11:59 p.m. CDT	The submission period will close at 11:59 p.m. CDT on May 29, 2026 . Proposals will not be accepted after the deadline. <i>Applicants are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the e-Portal to avoid missing the deadline.</i>
June 1 – Dec. 1, 2026	Review Process	All submissions will be reviewed, and applicants may be asked to respond to clarifying questions about their proposals.
Dec. 18, 2026	Grant Award and Onboarding Process Begins	Notification of grant awards is expected to occur by Dec. 18, 2026. Recipients of grant awards will be required to attend an onboarding session and meet with their assigned Texas Health Program Manager in Jan. 2027.



**All proposals must be submitted through: [TexasHealth.org/Apply](https://www.TexasHealth.org/Apply)
Late submissions will not be accepted.**

Please note: The lead applicant will submit one proposal on behalf of the collaborative*.

**New users will need to register in the e-Portal to gain access to the application.*

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- Questions regarding this RFP will be accepted via email to THCI-Grants@TexasHealth.org until **5 p.m. CDT on May 4, 2026**. Please use the email subject line “*RFP Questions*” and indicate which region(s) you are inquiring about.
- For information about previously funded projects, visit: [Texashealth.org/Community-Impact](https://www.texashealth.org/Community-Impact)
- FAQ section on the Texas Health Community Impact website will be updated **May 1 and May 10: [Community Impact RFP FAQs](#)**.
- Region-specific webinars will take place between April 14 and April 24. **Tarrant Region Webinar is April 22, 2026, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Visit [Tarrant Region Webinar Registration](#) to register or watch a recording.

RESPONSIVENESS

Proposal responsiveness will be assessed using the following criteria:

10% Alignment with Priorities & Strong Collaboration	1. Alignment with Priorities and Strong Collaboration (10%) Strategic alignment with Texas Health Community Impact priorities and community needs. Demonstrated engagement of diverse capable partners in the project plan. A broad focus or an unclear connection to the region's priorities and inexperienced partners will not score highly.
35% Innovation	2. Innovation (35%) Use of innovative or novel practices and approaches. Proposals seeking to continue or simply expand existing services without any defined innovation will not score well.
30% Well-defined Output & Outcome Measures	3. Well-defined Output & Outcome Measures (30%) SMART goals outline expected outputs, outcomes, and demonstrate potential to impact the target community(ies) served. The Management Center has some great resources on writing SMART Goals. Visit their site for more information: https://www.managementcenter.org/resources/7-tips-getting-started-goal-setting/
25% Clear Implementation Plan	4. Clear Implementation Plan (25%) Strong, realistic implementation plan, financial planning, targets, and timeline. Clear vision for how goals and outcomes will be achieved. Demonstrated capacity to launch proposed activities successfully within four months of an executed grant agreement. Evidence of participant recruitment strategy, collaborators, appropriate staffing, and budget. Proposal identifies several opportunities for funding acknowledgment and dissemination of results.

RIGHT TO REJECT

Texas Health reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all proposals submitted.
- Request additional information from any or all applicant organizations.
- At their sole discretion, conduct discussions with any applicant organization to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to the RFP requirements.

Applicant organizations will not be reimbursed for the cost of developing or presenting a proposal in response to this RFP. For administrative purposes, proposals must be submitted through Texas Health's e-Portal. Submission of the proposal does not constitute an obligation to fund. All proposals will be reviewed, and finalists determined solely as described in this RFP.

PROGRAM GOAL 1 PROPOSAL QUESTIONS*

Questions for applications in ZIP code clusters 76010 & 76011, 76104 & 76105, and 76119

1. Quick Pitch (900-character maximum w/ spaces)

Please summarize your proposed project. This section should grab the reviewer's attention and make them want to read more. Be succinct but thorough. Identify the non-medical driver(s) of health you are focusing on, what you intend to do, which collaborators are involved, and how this is innovative.

2. Responsiveness to Regional Priorities (2,000-character maximum w/ spaces)

Explain why your proposal is responsive to this RFP. Include relevant data points to support the need for your proposed project and describe who will benefit from your efforts (i.e., demographic details of target group(s) served, community descriptors). Provide an original answer. Please do not copy RFP details.

3. Proposed Project

- a. Describe your proposed project and the anticipated impact on the targeted community. (1,200 characters w/ spaces)
- b. Which aspects are innovative, spell out what is unique and explain how it differs from what currently exists (refer to the Innovation section on page 2). (2,000 characters w/ spaces)
- c. Provide concrete insights that support the viability of this proposed project. Why do you think this will work? (1,000 characters w/ spaces)
- d. Detail participant recruitment efforts/client journey (include potential relationships outside of the collaborative or others who may be involved). Recruitment is essential because it can lead to success or derail the plan. Describe opportunities, barriers, and anything else that may be relevant. (2,100 characters w/ spaces)

4. Collaborative Capacity & Qualifications

- a. Complete the Role & Responsibilities table in the e-Portal form. List the Key Personnel for each collaborator, indicate their time commitment (% of time), and their primary function. Key personnel are individuals who are essential to implementing and carrying out the responsibilities of the project. Key personnel roles may include project coordinator, director, and/or manager.
- b. Be explicit as to why the collaborative is uniquely qualified to do this work and why the chosen lead organization is the ideal choice to lead the collaborative. (2,000 characters w/ spaces)
- c. How will the lead organization ensure accountability from the collaborators. Be specific (1,300 characters w/ spaces).

5. Measures, Impact & Sustainability

- a. State the goal(s) and/or objectives of the proposed project. Use the SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Timely) format. Be sure to use bulleted lists for ease of review. (2,000 characters w/ spaces)
- b. Provide proposed outputs and outcomes for each goal, explain how they will be measured, and how the collaborative will assemble the results of its collective work. Be sure to use bulleted lists for ease of review (3,000 characters w/ spaces). NOTE: Texas Health Community Impact uses a third-party evaluator to assist with data reporting and analysis. Awardees are required to work with the evaluator.
- c. Discuss how sustainability efforts will be integrated throughout the project. Comment on what is envisioned for this project in the future and the relationship with collaborators. Begin with the end in mind – what will happen after the funding cycle concludes? (1,500 characters w/ spaces)

6. Project Promotion & Funder Acknowledgment

- a. Detail the plan to promote the project and build awareness in your area and community from beginning to end. Be specific as to how Texas Health's support will be acknowledged. This should include efforts by the lead organization and collaborators. (2,000 characters w/ spaces)
- b. Describe how Texas Health might engage with the project such as volunteering and sharing expertise. (1,300 characters w/ spaces).

7. Attachments/Uploaded Items

- a. Workbook with budget templates for the lead applicant and collaborators. Template will be available in the e-Portal application form. Download, complete and upload to the application form in the e-Portal.
- b. Letter of Commitment – Include one letter of commitment, describing the collaborators and their commitment to this project. All collaborators must sign.

PROGRAM GOAL 2a (PHASE ONE) ELIGIBILITY AND PURPOSE

****These questions are for Phase One, Planning Grant applications in 76115 only****

To be considered for Phase One funding, applicants must demonstrate the following:

- A collaborative consisting of at least two organizations (note: collaborative membership may evolve during the Phase One planning period).
- A strong connection to the 76115 ZIP code, including demonstrated experience or presence in the community.
- A clear understanding of the Texas Health Community Health Needs Assessment priority focus areas, which include:
 - Healthcare access, navigation, and literacy
 - Transportation
 - Connectedness
 - Food insecurity

Phase One Planning Focus

Phase One is designed to help collaboratives develop a strong foundation for a future Phase Two Capacity Building grant. During this planning phase, applicants will:

- Identify the key concern or issue that needs to change
- Determine which organizations are best positioned to address that need
- Assess what infrastructure, systems, and capacity must be developed—both within individual organizations and across the collaborative—to successfully implement a Phase Two grant

Example

For example, high blood pressure may be identified as a significant health concern in the 76115 ZIP code. In Phase One, a collaborative could conduct a deep dive to better understand the underlying social factors contributing to high blood pressure in the community. Through this process, applicants would identify the root causes, determine the most appropriate organizations to address those causes, and assess each organization's current strengths and gaps.

At the end of Phase One, applicants should clearly articulate:

- The social factor(s) driving chronic disease,
- How addressing those factors is expected to improve chronic disease outcomes, and
- Which organizations will collaborate to implement the solution.

*Additionally, applicants should identify the **capacity or infrastructure needs** required to pursue and manage a larger Phase Two grant, such as financial systems, proposal development capacity, and/or grant management processes.*

1. Collaborative History (1,800 characters maximum with spaces)

Describe your collaborative's history of working together. If the collaborative is newly formed, please explain how it was established.

2. Key Personnel

For your collaborative, list each organization, the key personnel and their role within their organization. *Note: Key personnel are individuals who are essential to carry out the responsibilities of the planning grant.*

3. Community-Centered and Participatory Research Experience (3,000 characters maximum with spaces)

The 76115 ZIP code is an area where intentional relationship-building can help deepen trust in health care. While work has begun to reduce barriers and build trust, continued efforts are needed to help organizations collaborate effectively and build the infrastructure necessary to serve the area efficiently. Please describe your collaborative's experience with community-centered research and working with the community to prioritize their identified needs and brainstorm solutions. *Please also include any knowledge or experience you have with the 76115 ZIP code.*

4. Planning Grant Interest (1,800 characters maximum with spaces)

Tell us why your collaborative is interested in the Phase One planning grant opportunity.

5. Planning Grant Application (1,800 characters maximum with spaces)

Phase One is a planning grant, only one application for the Phase Two grant will be selected for funding. With that in mind, describe the activities your collaborative will carry out to develop a strong implementation plan for the Phase Two Capacity Building grant (if selected). Also describe what you hope to learn or gain through this planning grant (e.g., specific skills, relationships, or experience).

6. Innovation (1,800 characters maximum with spaces)

Innovation*, as defined by Texas Health, is essential. Through this planning grant explain how your collaborative will determine the approach it will use to launch an innovative capacity building grant in Phase Two. Please also share how the collaborative will work toward developing a program that has never been done before. **Note: Please refer to the Texas Health Community Impact Key Requirements section for the definition of innovation and the innovation scoring scale.*

7. Participation with a Consultant (1,800 characters maximum with spaces)

In addition to technical assistance from Texas Health, this planning grant includes a third-party consultant. Tell us about your collaborative's experience and approach to constructive feedback.

8. Funding Request

What is the total funding amount requested for this Phase One planning grant?

9. Attachments/Uploaded Items

Please provide the following documents:

- Phase One Budget. *Note: Applicants will need to upload the budget for the lead grantee and all funded collaborators. The template and instructions are available in the e-Portal application form. Download, complete, and upload budget to the application form in the e-Portal.*
- Letter of Commitment. *Note: Include one letter of commitment signed by each collaborator. The letter of commitment should describe each of the collaborators and their commitment to this project.*

NOTE: Page 17 of this document provides information on Tarrant Region's Program Goal 2b-Phase Two proposal, which will be the ultimate outcome of Phase One.

The Phase Two proposal questions and scoring criteria are provided in advance, so collaborative applicants are aware of what they will be working toward in Phase One.

PROGRAM GOAL 2b (PHASE TWO) PROPOSAL QUESTIONS

The intent of this section is to inform Phase One applicants of the forthcoming Phase Two proposal questions and responsiveness. **No action is needed at this time.**

At the end of Phase One, applications for Phase Two consideration should:

- Tell us what you are going to address and why it is important
- Who will collaborate with you and how the collaboration will work
- What the individual organizations of the collaboration need in order to be successful

Deliverable for Phase Two is for that collaboration to build out capacity and put that work into action (implement phase one), and by the end of Phase Two they will have a well thought out, innovative plan to address their identified needs through grant funding.

Phase Two questions will be made available to successful Phase One collaborations. Phase Two deliverables are:

- Built out capacity for the organizations and collaboration
- Establish a strong collaboration
- Innovative plan to address identified need from Phase Two

TARRANT REGION GOAL 2b / PHASE TWO PROPOSAL RESPONSIVENESS

Phase Two proposal responsiveness will be assessed using the following criteria:

1. Alignment with Priorities and Strong Collaboration (20%)

Strategic alignment with Texas Health Community Impact priorities and community needs. Demonstrated engagement of varied capable partners in the proposal and within the collaboration quality assessment.

2. Innovation (30%)

Use of innovative or novel practices and approaches. Proposals seeking to continue or simply expand existing services without any defined innovation will not score well.

3. Well-defined Output & Outcome Measures (25%)

SMART goals outline expected outputs, outcomes, and demonstrate potential to impact the target community(ies) served.

4. Clear Implementation Plan (25%)

Strong, realistic implementation plan, financial planning, targets, and timeline. Clear vision for how goals and outcomes will be achieved. Demonstrated capacity to launch proposed activities successfully within four months of an executed grant agreement. Evidence of recruitment strategy, collaborators, appropriate staffing, and budget. Proposal identifies several opportunities for funding acknowledgment and dissemination of results.