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<p>When will the Texas Health Community Impact (THCI) Request for Proposals (RFP) open?</p>	<p>Applications for the 2027-2028 THCI grant cycle will open on April 13, 2026.</p>
<p>When is the deadline to apply?</p>	<p>The deadline is May 29, 2026, 11:59 p.m. Proposals submitted after May 29, 2026, will not be accepted.</p>
<p>Which ZIP codes or health priority areas are included?</p>	<p>The RFP identifies specific priority areas and ZIP codes that must be targeted. Proposed programs must focus on the ZIP codes or ZIP code clusters named in the Regional RFP. In addition, programs must address at least one non-medical driver of health that impacts health outcomes.</p>
<p>Who is eligible to apply for the RFP?</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Healthcare systems, individual hospitals or hospital districts can be part of a collaboration but cannot serve as the lead applicant.</p> <p>Organizations that are for-profit can apply as a collaborator but not lead applicants.</p> <p>Organizations that applied for a previous THCI grant cycle and were not awarded <i>are eligible</i> to apply this cycle.</p> <p>Organizations previously funded <u>as lead</u> applicant are not eligible to apply under this funding opportunity.</p>

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What are the key requirements for THCI funding?	Applications must fulfill all four key requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Propose an innovative approach,2. Demonstrate a collaborative effort between two or more organizations,3. Align with strategic priorities, and4. Promote sustainability.
Are salaries allowed?	Yes, salaries are allowable within reason and consistent with grant responsibilities.
How much can I apply for?	RFP states total amount of funding available for each region. The amount of funding requested should be proportionate to the scope of work and/or within reach of the proposed program (i.e., number of priority ZIP codes listed in proposal). Please be mindful in the requested amount.
When will a decision be made?	Notification of grant awards is expected Dec. 18, 2026. Recipients of grant awards will be required to attend an onboarding session and meet with their assigned THCI Program Manager January 2027.
When does the grant cycle begin and end?	The grant cycle begins Jan. 1, 2027, and ends Dec. 31, 2028. <i>*Grant recipients must implement activities within four months of executed MOU. However, the Southern and Tarrant regions both have 6-month planning grants that expect activities to begin within one month of executed MOU.</i>

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<p>Is there a matching percentage?</p>	<p>This is not a matching grant.</p>
<p>Is capital equipment allowed?</p>	<p>Capital expenses, construction projects, and purchase of large equipment are not allowed. If the equipment is mission critical, the purchase may be considered by Texas Health Community Impact leadership.</p> <p><i>For example: Can funds be used towards the purchase of a van or vehicle for use by the program? This request would be considered by leadership based on need and budget.</i></p>
<p>Who can I reach out to regarding questions?</p>	<p>Email THCI-grants@texashealth.org</p> <p>Deadline for all questions is May 4, 2026, at 5 p.m. CDT.</p>
<p>What are the indirect cost limits?</p>	<p>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, or rent support.</p>
<p>Can you expand 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?</p>	<p>Reimbursable Healthcare Service is a service or program eligible for a provider of 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 is an eligible expense.</p> <p><i>Example: If a local behavioral health authority receives government funding to offset costs for indigent counseling services, then that would be an ineligible expense.</i></p>
<p>Does the organization need to be in a targeted ZIP code to be eligible to apply?</p>	<p>Organization(s) can be in another ZIP code, but the project needs to serve the individuals of the target ZIP codes.</p>

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Is it possible for an agency to apply as the lead applicant and be a collaborating partner on another application?	Yes, an organization can apply as a lead and as a collaborating partner on separate applications.
The following were submitted after May 1st.	
Is a lead organization eligible to apply if it is in its first year of formal operation, assuming it has established partnerships and demonstrated capacity to implement the proposed work?	A sub-awardee needs to be established for a minimum of 2 years and the lead for a minimum of 3 years.
Is it required that all collaborators receive funding through the grant, or can some partners participate strictly as referral sources or service providers without direct funding allocation?	Collaborating partners can be both/either funded (sub awardee) and unfunded. Most collaborations do have funded partners so that there is buy-in and a true collaboration where all organizations have a part and voice in the planning and implementing of the program. Collaborators (sub-awardees) that receive funding and contribute data tend to make stronger collaborations.
Could you provide more clarity on how Texas Health defines or prioritizes the role of a Community Health Worker within proposed projects? Are there expectations around certification? How have CHWs been effectively utilized in past funded collaborations?	Community Health Workers need to either be on track to be a certified CHW or perhaps hired under a different job title. CHW's are staffed throughout Texas Health departments, mobile clinics, outpatient clinics, and community outreach settings.

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<p>Can you keep the same title of the project if you are reapplying?</p>	<p>Yes, but we are not funding the same program, there needs to be an added component that is innovative.</p>
<p>The following are questions specific for Tarrant. QUESTION</p>	<p>ANSWER</p>
<p>I have a question regarding the RFP information for zip code 76115. The majority of the refugees our organization resettles reside within that zip code, but I am wondering if we will be eligible to apply if we were not part of the Trust Building Task Force since this grant is intended to build on their community work.</p>	<p>Yes, you can apply. You do not need to be a part of the Thrive in 76115 collaboration, although that would be a great group to tap into if you are funded.</p>
<p>Also, I have a question about this part of the RFP: <i>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.</i> I interpreted the Program Goal 2a to be a planning period from January-June 2027, and Program Goal 2b to be a program implementation period from July 2027-December 31, 2028. Is that correct or is this entire funding cycle intended to strengthen our ability to administer a program in a future funding cycle?</p>	<p>Goal 2a is a planning period in which funded collaborations will work with a consultant on getting a plan together for how they will build capacity and ultimately infrastructure within the ZIP code in phase 2 (Goal 2b) for the last 18 months of the grant. By building capacity and infrastructure you are setting the ZIP code up to successfully implement a programmatic grant in the 2029-2030 funding cycle. This funding cycle we are not awarding programmatic grants in 76115.</p>
<p>Would we be applying for both cycles by May 29, or just the Program Goal 2a?</p>	<p>Only goal 2a, and then at the end of the planning period only those who were funded for 2a would then apply for 2b funding.</p>

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<p>Partnership Expectations: Could you clarify what qualifies as a collaboration for this grant? Do partner organizations need to receive a portion of the grant funding, or can partnerships consist of in-kind contributions such as providing space, volunteers, or program support?</p>	<p>Collaborating partners can be both/either funded (sub awardee) and unfunded. Most collaborations do have funded partners so that there is buy-in and a true collaboration where all organizations have a part and voice in the planning and implementing of the program. There does have to be at least one funded collaborator outside of the lead organization.</p>
<p>Service Area: Our organization serves both Tarrant County and Johnson County, though not all areas within each county. Is it appropriate to select both counties on the application and then specify the ZIP codes we serve within the proposal?</p>	<p>Yes, however, there will be an application for Johnson County and a separate application for Tarrant County because each area has unique priorities.</p>
<p>Target ZIP Code Clusters: If we currently serve at least one ZIP code within a priority cluster (e.g., 76010/76011 or 76105/76119), is it acceptable to apply under that cluster while expanding services to additional ZIP codes within it?</p>	<p>Applications must serve all the ZIP codes within the cluster (ex: if you select 76010 and 76011 both ZIP codes must be served.) Community Impact funding can only be used in our target ZIP code clusters. Serving ZIP codes outside of the target ZIP code clusters must be paid for with other funding/dollars.</p>
<p>Allowable Health Services: Regarding the exclusion of “direct delivery of reimbursable healthcare services,” would basic health screenings such as A1c and blood pressure checks be allowable?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Mansfield Mission Center serves uninsured patients in our clinic and does not bill for services; however, some individuals accessing our food pantry and assistance programs may have Medicare or Medicaid coverage.</p>	<p>This would be acceptable</p>

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<p>COLLABORATIVE PARTNER REQUIREMENTS — The FOA requires a collaborative effort between two or more nonprofit organizations. Does the collaborating partner organization need to be registered in the Texas Health e-Portal, or is only the lead applicant required to register and submit?</p>	<p>Only the lead org will register and apply within the e-Portal</p>
<p>BUDGET — Are there any restrictions on how unrestricted grant funds may be allocated between the lead applicant and the collaborating partner? Specifically, may the lead applicant retain 100% of the grant funds for program delivery while the collaborating partner serves in a non-financial capacity?</p>	<p>At least one collaborator must be a funded/sub-awardee, other collaborators can be unfunded.</p>
<p>PROGRAM FOCUS — Our application will address the intersection of reentry, family health, and child wellbeing — specifically the documented connection between paternal incarceration and negative health outcomes for children. Does this population and program focus align with the Community Health Improvement Grant's priority areas?</p>	<p>Tarrant county is looking to improve access to chronic disease services for adults 18 and older within the target ZIP codes by addressing one or more of the following non-medical drivers of health:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access, navigation, & literacy 2. Transportation 3. Connectedness 4. Food insecurity <p>The program should focus on chronic disease and have a measure or metric that shows how it is positively impacting chronic disease. We do not focus on children in the Tarrant Region, however if the adults you are serving have a child that could benefit from the program you are providing, they would not be restricted from participating.</p>
<p>AWARD RANGE — The award range is listed as \$33,333 to \$1,500,000. Is there a recommended ask range for first-time applicants, or is the award determined entirely by scope of work and budget justification?</p>	<p>We have not seen this range and do not know where this number came from. The Tarrant RFP has a table within it that clearly outlines the funding available.</p>

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<p>WEBINAR RECORDING — Is the regional webinar recording from the week of April 21 available at TexasHealth.org/THCI-RFP, and will it remain accessible through the application deadline of May 29, 2026?</p>	<p>The webinar recording will be posted on the webpage you mention above by April 30th and will remain posted through the deadline.</p>
<p>I am reaching out about the Tarrant Region RFP. I have questions regarding the Program #1 goals for 76104 & 76105:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthcare access, navigation, and literacy• Transportation• Connectedness• Food Insecurity <p>Can you provide me with a definition of “connectedness” and what THR is looking to impact in this area?</p>	<p>Connectedness can mean any number of things, including social isolation/loneliness and a lack of it can lead to depression or anxiety. We also know that individuals with chronic disease are much more likely to isolate themselves resulting in depression. The converse might be true as well- people who are isolated/depressed might have a lifestyle that leads to chronic disease (e.g. poor diet and low activity level).</p> <p>We would want you to link connectedness and chronic disease (high BP, diabetes, and/or obesity) and how addressing connectedness would increase access to chronic disease services and move the needle on chronic disease.</p>

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The following Q&As are reported from the THCI region-specific webinars.

Southern 4/17/2026 WEBINAR QUESTION	ANSWER
During the innovation seminar it was mentioned that precise amounts were preferred, does this remain the case rather than round up?	Yes, you will list specific funding amounts for each line item in the budget.
Can I get a copy of the slides for our preparation of the grant opportunity?	Yes, the webinar recording will contain the presentation, and we will make a PDF version of the slides available.
For organizations who wish to collaborate, but not as the lead, please suggest ways that we might support other applications.	That is a great question and there may be a convening opportunity for next time. We encourage you to reach out to organizations you already collaborate with and/or others in your network that could be a good fit for the regional priority to see if they are interested in collaborating.
Could the focus on caregivers focus on determinants of health — not only caregivers?	The Southern Region seeks to decrease stress in caregivers within the geographic areas of greatest need by increasing community support. We do not want to be too prescriptive in how to address these areas to allow room for innovation.
For sustainability, are you looking for initiatives that could receive federal and/or state funds?	Yes, that would be great if the proposed program is able to receive additional funding. Sustainability is a key grant requirement, as Texas Health will only fund a lead organization for two grant cycles.

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Dallas & Kaufman 04/16/2026 WEBINAR QUESTION	ANSWER
Can you provide the target zip codes please?	Dallas County: 75210, 75220, 75116 Kaufman County: 75142, 75143, 75147, 75160, 76161
Is it allowable to submit applications in more than one area (e.g., Tarrant & Dallas)? How (if at all) will that impact our chances of being funded?	Yes, it is allowable to submit applications for more than one region. It will not have an impact on your chances of being funded. Although it would be worth mentioning it in the application that you are also applying for funding to another region.
We are current grantees and are seeking to sustain key services initiated through our existing grant. Could you please clarify if our organization is eligible to apply for continued funding to maintain these specific programs, or if the current grant cycle is strictly limited to new projects?	You are eligible to apply again as you have been funded for only one grant cycle as a lead organization. However, we are looking to fund innovative pilot programs. You would need to have something new or improved in the program since we are not funding continuation grants at this time.
Do you need to submit two applications if you plan to write for two different regions?	Yes, you need to submit one application per region if you are responding to multiple RFPs.
If a pilot program's goal will serve only about 350 individuals, will that patient size be a competitive grant, or no?	Yes, every grant application is reviewed to its entirety. The number of participants reached should be commensurate with the depth of engagement of the program.
What is the typical funding range?	There is no typical funding range. It varies per grant cycle.

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<p>Are there examples of what success looks like for a pilot? Also, are there winning grants available for review?</p>	<p>Yes, information on prior grants is available on our website https://www.texashealth.org/community-health/community-impact.</p>
<p>Would bringing together some individual initiatives (that are currently active) to serve foster children and foster families, into a single program of Foster Care Stabilization and Retention be considered? Bringing in multiple agencies, non-profit and the community into a single goal of serving the kids in foster care, kinship and adoption in a streamlined way.</p>	<p>Yes, collaboration is encouraged, and the proposed initiative must meet all the key requirements. Be mindful of how bringing these organizations together will promote innovation and explain how this will be sustained beyond the grant period.</p>

<p>Denton-Wise-Parker 04-17-2026 WEBINAR QUESTION</p>	<p>ANSWER</p>
<p>Does your non-profit have to be in those zips? Or can it include people in those zips?</p>	<p>Your organization does not need to be in the high need zip codes but needs to serve those high need communities.</p>
<p>What is the population to serve? Adults or ISD's? Anyone in particular? Target Populations?</p>	<p>We provide a generalization allowing the organization to tell THCI what they want to achieve with which population.</p>
<p>How long does your non-profit need to be open or in status?</p>	<p>A minimum of 2-year status, for a sub-awardee and a minimum of 3 years for a non-profit Lead.</p>
<p>Number of collaborators. Is there an ideal number of collaborative entities?</p>	<p>There is not necessarily a minimum or maximum, but needs to be a true collaboration and not just numbers on paper that are applying together. Quality versus Quantity collaboration.</p>

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Can organizations that are not non-profits also apply? Gyms? Counseling centers?	Yes, they can apply as collaborators but not lead applicants.
We are a state placement organization run by the State of Texas. Our Community, Our Kids. Are we eligible?	State, county, city or township governments, independent school districts, public housing authorities, public or state-controlled institutions of higher education, and nonprofits with a 501(s)(3) IRS status are potential lead organization that may be eligible to apply.
Since you all provide a third-party vendor to collect data, is it beneficial to include a collaborator who provides data support and analysis?	Not necessarily. If your organization is not familiar with collecting data and unfamiliar with the process, then it could be helpful to pay for an employee to help,
If we are paying an organization to assist with transportation, is that a collaboration or service provider?	If they provide a service to the project participants, they can be a collaborator if they are on mission with you.
We are a university with two separate proposals, is that allowable?	Yes, you can submit different proposals, but they will compete against each other for funding.
I noted that there's a four-month time window before organizations are expected to begin delivering services. When does that countdown start? After grants are awarded in January 2027? I just want to be sure I have the right timeline!	The 4-month planning period starts as soon as the MOU is executed, target date is January 1, 2027.

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Collin 04-20-2026 WEBINAR QUESTION	ANSWER
Typically, how many applicants in Collin County do you receive each cycle?	The Collin region averages 13 applications per grant cycle, (early years are lower, the last two cycles are 19 (23-24) and 20 (25-26) applications started.
Is \$900,000 the total amount for all counties or Collin only?	Only for Collin County.
Is the \$900,000 over one year or 2-year cycle?	\$900,000 is available for the two-year grant cycle, which begins January 2027 and ends December 2028.
How many grants does THCI plan to fund in Collin?	No more than 4 projects/grants.
If initiatives include volunteers to serve participants, would recruiting efforts, training and honoraria be funded?	Depending on the nature of your specific funding request, this may be considered an allowable expense. Please include this as a line item in your budget workbook when you submit your proposal.

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Tarrant Region 04/22/2026 WEBINAR QUESTION	ANSWER
Can organizations providing services be outside the targeted ZIP codes?	Yes, but clients being served must be within the target ZIP codes.
For the 76115 ZIP code planning period- is the entire proposal focusing on the activities we (and our collaborators) would do with the consultant, not mentioning potential programs that directly serve clients for this phase?	Yes. Applicants for the planning grant will have to create a proposal outlining their planning activities. Selected applicants will work with the consultants on those activities as well as their proposal for the 18-month capacity building grant.
I noticed on the e-Portal that you could check off more than one region. If your project works with more than one region, should you submit an application for each region?	Yes, you can apply for more than one region, and yes, you will need to make an application for each of those regions. NOTE: Each region's RFP has its own unique focus and priorities.
For the goals section within the grant application, is there a specific format or expectation around impacting a health outcome such as obesity, heart disease, or diabetes?	Yes, we use the SMART goal format. For each non-medical driver of health selected, there should be a measure or metric showing impact on chronic disease.

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<p>If I want to partner with an organization that has received this grant in the past, is it possible?</p>	<p>Organizations funded as lead organization only once are eligible to serve as lead organization for an additional cycle. It would be allowable for you to partner in this particular case. Organizations that have been funded as lead organization for two funding cycles can only serve as a collaborating organization. You may collaborate as well, but it would just be with a different lead organization.</p>
<p>Just to clarify, the selected strategic priority must be geared toward adults, correct? Or can our program serve youth as well?</p>	<p>Tarrant region's priority targets adults 18+, however, if an adult being served has a family member, such as a child, who could benefit from the program, that would be allowed. Example: A woman with diabetes is being served by a grant funded program and states that her children are overweight and could benefit from the program as well. We would allow those children to be included. (There might be special reporting required by our 3rd party evaluator.)</p>
<p>Is it preferred or mandatory that one of the collaborators be a medical or health-based organization or are you more concerned with the priority of the program being offered and its alignment with the strategic priorities?</p>	<p>No. Organizations do not need to be medical or health based. Yes, it is imperative that the program being offered align with Tarrant's strategic priorities.</p>

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Do all collaborators have to be organizations registered in Texas?	No; however, prior experience indicates that organizations based outside the county are not always perceived as trusted partners.
We are virtual and do not have a physical building. Is that a requirement for leadership council site visits?	No. A collaborating organization can host a site visit or anywhere in the community where you are doing the work on this grant.
When it comes to measuring improvements to clients' health outcomes, can these be self-reported improvements from the client (like from a pre- and post- survey) or will data need to be more like recorded blood pressure or blood sugar levels, etc.?	Yes, information can be self-reported from surveys, but we do like biometric data as well, such as blood pressure readings and A1c labs/levels.
Is it ok for Texas Health Resources to be a collaborating partner?	Yes, however, Texas Health Resources (THR) cannot be a funded partner. In your application, do not call out THR as a partner because the leadership council makes the funding decision and we do not want them to sway one way or the other. We do not want to give the impression that we are funding a grant because they are referring clients to us.

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	Example: If you are referring clients to THR in some way, just refer to this as referring clients to a community service or community healthcare provider.
Will you provide feedback prior to submission?	Yes, but feedback will be high level with no specific examples provided.