



Impact and Capacity Grants

The Impact and Capacity Grants (ICG) initiative is an open application grant opportunity for capacity building and impact awards for organizations whose missions align with one or more of KHF's impact areas – access to care, healthy behaviors, educational attainment or civic/community engagement. KHF allocates a total of \$2 million annually for ICGs, and nonprofits can apply for grants of up to \$25,000. Organizations can only submit one application each calendar year.

Applications should address health needs of vulnerable populations based on factors that influence health outcomes – including race/ethnicity, income, geography and education level.

Impact Grants:

Applications should focus on making improvements in one or more of the following four impact areas:

Access to Care:

In Kansas today, 1 in 7 adults age 18 to 64 lack health care coverage. And, 1 in 3 do not have dental coverage. KHF supports efforts to address gaps or barriers to access care, to help improve the health of all Kansans.

Healthy Behaviors:

Tobacco use and obesity remain the leading causes of preventable death and illness in Kansas. Nearly 1 in 3 Kansans are obese (32.4%), and just over 17 percent of Kansans smoke. KHF invests in programs and supports policy efforts that promote healthy eating, physical activity and tobacco use prevention. Some of this work is focused on encouraging healthier individual behaviors, and some is shaping the environment so Kansans have access to healthy food and ways to be physically active. And, other efforts are to change policies to affect larger populations.

Educational Attainment:

Research shows that individuals with more education live longer, healthier lives than those with less education. The state average for graduation rates (2018) was 87.3 percent, which means that 12.7 percent of students were left behind. In addition, 63 percent of fourth graders are not proficient in reading. KHF believes that by improving educational attainment, we can work toward better employment opportunities and better health outcomes.

Civic and Community Engagement:

KHF invests in programs that help to build stronger communities and to encourage more Kansans to be civically engaged, and provides the support for leadership, information and data. The result is improved health outcomes for residents and healthy, vibrant communities for all.

Capacity Grants:

Applications should address ways that the organization can build internal capacity to better address health needs or target populations.

Areas include:

- Communication/marketing
- Evaluation/learning
- Funding/financial management
- Leadership (ex. Board development, strategic planning)
- Management (ex. Organizational culture improvements, staff training)
- Programs/services
- Relationships/collaboration

Available funding is designed to support:

- New effort(s), referring to a new project, initiative or other work in which the organization has not previously engaged, or
- Expansion effort(s), where the organization has identified a sustainable way to serve new populations or additional geographic areas (for example, through a previously-established program or initiative). Preference is given to non-recurring internal capacity building needs.

Grant funds **may not** be used for any of the following activities:

- Medical research
- Vehicles (such as vans or busses)
- Contributions to capital campaigns
- Medical equipment
- Operating deficits or retirement of debt
- Direct mental health services
- Construction projects, real estate acquisitions, or endowments, not part of a Foundation-initiated program
- Grants to individuals
- Annual fund drives
- Fundraising events
- Direct medical services

Application timeframe:

The 2019 ICG grant applications will be accepted from May 1-Aug. 30. Be watching the KHF website (www.kansashealth.org) for the request for proposals and online application process in late April.

For a description of 2018 ICG grant awards, see the news release at www.kansashealth.org/2018/12/11/icg-2018/. For questions about the ICG Initiative, contact the KHF Program Team at 316-262-7676.

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KHF Mission: To improve the health of all Kansans