



January 2, 2024

Dear Community Partner:

Every three years, Valley Health conducts a Community Health Needs Assessment [CHNA] as a tool to better understand the health of the communities in which we serve.

The 2022 CHNA process has enabled Valley Health to collect and analyze data from over 1,800 surveys, interview nearly two hundred community leaders and conduct six community response sessions led by six work groups from across our region. As a result, key socio-impact and health needs were identified and targeted for implementation strategies designed to improve and sustain change in health outcomes. The CHNA can be found at [www.valleyhealthlink.com/CHNA2022](http://www.valleyhealthlink.com/CHNA2022).

Valley Health's next step is to share this study with the public and invite community partners to work with the region's health care system in overcoming barriers that might make achieving our most healthy communities possible. Healthy people build strong, stable communities and by working collaboratively with community partners - Valley Health believes a collective effort will achieve meaningful results and improve the health outcomes of the populations in our service area and region.

After a thorough analysis of the Community Health Needs Assessments results, Valley Health hospital stakeholders agreed to focus on the following community needs during the 2023-2025 period with hope of achieving maximum impact in community health:

#### Identified Needs

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| 1. Mental Health and Substance Use       | 3. Access to Care/Clinical Care |
| 2. Health Behaviors and Chronic Disease* | 4. Social and Economic Factors* |

#### Strategies to Achieve Better Health

The following strategies have been identified to address and improve community health:

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| 1. Education and Navigation*              | 4. Social Determinants of Health, Health Equity and Community Collaborations* |
| 2. Telehealth                             |   |
| 3. Integrated Behavioral Health Continuum |   |

#### Desired Impacts

The following impacts are anticipated from priority strategies:

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| 1. Connect the community to the services* needed to improve health and ensure health equity.  | 3. Establish a behavioral health integration model within the primary care settings that support mental health professionals and psychiatric provider consultation. |
| 2. Create a digital health center that is consistent, effective, and prepared to serve and connect multiple clinical programs simultaneously. | 4. Develop community collaborations to address disparities in the community involving social determinants of health and health equity.*                             |

*\*2024 Priority needs, strategies and desired impacts.*

## **Request for Partnerships**

### **Valley Health Community Partnership Grant**

As Valley Health works to fulfill their mission: ***Serving our Community by Improving Health***, you are invited to become our partner in strengthening community health with sustainable programs, projects and activities that meet and exceed health-related challenges present in the region.

The deadline for submitting a proposal is February 28, 2024 with the projected date for funding to begin no later than June 2024, for a one year period ending July 2025 [*subject to annual approval*]. Selection and award announcements will be made no later than April 2024.



## Community Partnership Grant Guidelines

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The following guidelines have been developed to help those interested in applying for a Valley Health Community Partnership Grant opportunity. The grant proposal will focus on the needs identified in the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment [CHNA]. The award period of performance is one-year and a total of \$200,000 will be awarded as follows:

- One, \$100,000 Award focused on education & navigation of community resources
- Two, \$25,000 Awards
- Four, \$10,000 Awards
- Four Mini-Grants, \$2,500 Awards

To apply, applicants must show a clear vision and plan on how they will address identified needs and desired impacts. The application must include a timeline and deliverables that include a comprehensive budget and demonstrated path to sustainability [not required for mini-grants].

### VALLEY HEALTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Grant funding will generally fall into three categories:

- ◆ *Program or Direct Service Grants* – for costs associated with implementation of a program
- ◆ *Capital Grants* – for costs associated with capital equipment, software or other infrastructure
- ◆ *Organizational Development and Capacity Building* – for activities related to management systems, program planning, and facility planning

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A VALLEY HEALTH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT?

Grant funding will be restricted to those organizations:

- ◆ Located in and providing services within the Valley Health service region
- ◆ Classified by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS; or publicly supported organizations such as school districts and municipalities

### WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES ARE NOT SUPPORTED?

As a rule, Valley Health Community Partnership Grants will not be supported for:

- ◆ Special event fundraisers or sponsorships
- ◆ Endowments
- ◆ Political or partisan purposes
- ◆ Assistance to individuals
- ◆ Retroactive expenses that occurred before the grant decision deadline

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- ◆ Completed application will not exceed space provided on fillable application. Do not alter the form in any way. Incomplete or out of compliance submissions will be disqualified.

### **NOTICE OF GRANT DECISION**

Applicants will be notified of approval or declination, following a review by both internal and external partners. An unsuccessful application does not reflect a judgement about the worthiness of a particular project. Valley Health receives more requests than it can fund. If your request is denied, you are encouraged to contact the Director of Community Health to discuss strengthening your next application.

### **DEADLINE & DECISION**

Application Deadline – February 28, 2024

Decision Deadline – April 2024

Disbursement of Funds – June 2024

### **APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE**

- ◆ List of your Board of Directors [if applicable]
- ◆ Mission Statement and Policy Statement on Nondiscrimination
- ◆ Description of proposed program and how program aligns with one of the desired impacts
- ◆ Current operating budget

### **WHAT MAKES A SUCCESSFUL PROPOSAL**

The Organization:

- ◆ Establishes why it is the appropriate organization to implement the proposed project that addresses community need
- ◆ Clearly demonstrates the ability to accomplish the proposed activities
- ◆ Fosters collaborative approaches and diverse participation in conducting its work, demonstrates measurable impact on target populations and supports partnership outreach and contributes to filling Valley Health's mission
- ◆ Is in good fiscal condition

The Project/Activity:

- ◆ Demonstrates a vital connection to an identified need and desired impact, with sustainability
- ◆ Has a clearly defined project plan and accompanying activities
- ◆ Identifies achievable, measurable outcomes with a deliberate plan for evaluating outcomes
- ◆ Secures and illustrates other sources of financial and in-kind support
- ◆ Is a viable long term project and shows a plan for acquiring future funds

## **CONSIDERATIONS**

Prioritization will be given to projects that meet the following criteria:

### Community Partnerships

Relationships and partnerships with other community organizations throughout the Valley Health service area clearly defined and demonstrated by a letter of support or memorandum of understanding. Impact on partnerships and resources clearly defined. Documented partnerships with community-based organizations outside of VH.

### Capacity Building & Sustainability

The proposal is able to move forward in the future if funding is not available, bringing about systemic change, with actions that will live and grow beyond the initiative. Funding enhances the program's ability to have a positive impact on lives and communities it intends to serve.

### Supports needs identified in the most recent 2022 CHNA and associated strategies and desired impacts

Program services clearly linked to CHNA priority area and desired outcomes.

### Program Goals

Program goals are specific, measurable, and achievable. Program goals are relevant & time-bound. Program demonstrates innovation & evidenced based practices.

### Measuring Outcomes

The outcomes and benefits of the program are clearly defined with reliable indicators.

### Target Populations

Proposal focuses on identified target populations in discrete markets, concentrating services to vulnerable populations.

### Program Reporting

Proposal has clearly defined what the intended outcomes of the program are and has provided sufficient data to back up why the program should have the intended outcomes. Ability to report on success measures.

### Capacity To Perform Project Implementation Successfully

Past performance & experiences demonstrate the organization's ability to successfully implement this initiative.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Any questions regarding Valley Health's Community Partnership Grant application process should be directed to the Valley Health Community Health Department:

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