

HTO CHIP Project Grants 2024 Frequently Asked Questions

Commonly Used Terminology

- HTO- Healthier Together Oregon, the current title of the 2020-2024 State Health Improvement Plan
- SHIP- State Health Improvement Plan
- CHIP- Community Health Improvement Plan
- CHA- Community Health Assessment
- CBO- Community-Based Organization*

What is the goal of the CHIP grant?

To empower the work organizations are doing to address health inequities. Every county in the state has a CHIP, and the goal of the CHIP grant is to provide funding to organizations whose work aligns with their local CHIP. We hope to encourage partnerships between organizations who develop local CHIPs and community partners.

- **For further reading, please see the links below**
 - [CDC page about CHIPs and CHAs](#)
 - [OHA Tools for Community Health Assessments page](#)

General Questions

Where can I find more information about this grant opportunity?

- You can learn more about this grant opportunity, including recordings from past information sessions, on the application portal, linked [here](#).
- You can learn more about Healthier Together Oregon at healthiertogetheroregon.org

Where does the CHIP Grant money come from?

- The money comes from Centers for Disease Control (CDC) block grants to various state health agencies.

How many organizations will be awarded?

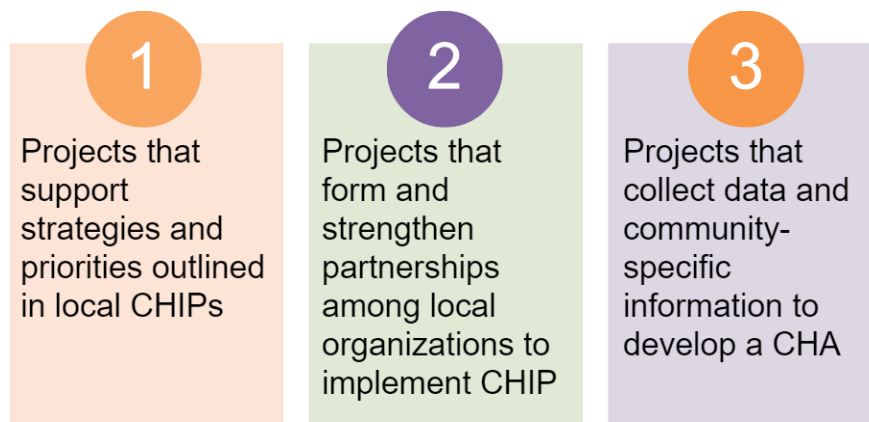
- There will be 5 grants awarded.

How can I get in touch with the grants team?

- Our email is SHIP.grants@oha.oregon.gov

What is on the grading rubric and what type of projects does the application committee prioritize?

- We are looking for an application that addresses local CHIP priorities set by your local Community Care Organization (CCO) or local public health authority (LPHA). To find your local CHIP, click this [OHA interactive map](#).



What is the type of payment we will be receiving if we are awarded?

- This is a reimbursement-style payment. The current processing time for payments is estimated to be between 6-10 weeks.

Eligibility and Partnership Questions

Do we need to be an established 501(c)3 organization to apply?

- CBOs that do not have 501(c)3 status can apply but need a sponsoring organization.

Can our project address more than one priority, as outlined in the grant requirements?

- Yes! Your project can address one to all the priority areas.

Can we still apply if we have received previous grants or funding from OHA?

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- Yes! You can still apply!

Are we unable to apply for the grant if we do not work frequently with our CCO or LPHA?

- You can still apply if you don't work with your CCO or LPHA frequently. While the CCOs and LPHAs set the priorities for your local CHIP, you do not have to partner directly with them to apply for this funding opportunity if your work aligns with your local CHIP.

Can the CBO be the applicant?

- Yes, the CBO can be the applicant.

Timeline and Location Questions

When does the project need to be completed by?

- The project needs to be completed by September 30th. Funds must also be spent down by this date.
- Final project deliverables will be due by October 31st, 2024.

Can we use the CHIP grants to fund other projects and/or pilot programs?

- Yes, but there needs to be a stand-alone product that is completed and submitted by September 30th 2024. It must also be clear what the \$25,000 were used for, and that it was spent by the September 30th deadline.

Are there restrictions with location of service or where our organization is located?

- There are no restrictions! You can do a CHIP project from anywhere in Oregon, including counties outside of the region where you are located.

Can a project support more than one CHIP or region?

- Yes! In the application, there is a section where you can select the county or counties where your project would take place.

Does our work need to take place in a rural setting?

- No. You can do your project anywhere in Oregon, but rural communities are one of the priority populations identified in HTO.

Grant Fund-Use Questions

For a full list of ineligible activities and explanations, please see the [budget template](#).

Allowable Expenses	Unallowable Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personnel salary and fringe.• Office supplies.• Travel.• Contracts.• Other supplies and services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct medical or behavioral health services.• Motor vehicles.• Politics, advocacy, and research related to policy, including lobbying.

What is considered direct medical services?

- Direct medical services include the purchase of medical equipment and supplies, vaccines and medications, Naloxone and syringes, drug disposal programs, supplies and equipment for screening or diagnoses, and clinical education including therapy, and counseling.

Is direct patient or community education allowable?

- Prevention-focused work like community outreach and education, hosting informational sessions or events, handing out information packet, are allowable expenses! If you have questions about a specific activity you have in mind, please email us at SHIP.Grants@oha.oregon.gov.

Are projects addressing behavioral health allowed?

- Yes! They are allowed, but there are specific restrictions to consider. See the question below for more information.

What types of behavioral health activities are prohibited? What forms of mental health and wellness programming is allowed?

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- Activities related to behavioral and mental health that **cannot be billed** to an insurance or Medicaid **ARE allowable** for this grant.
 - Examples: hosting community wellness events, creation or translation of educational materials, etc.
- Activities related to behavioral and mental health that **can be billed** to an insurance or Medicaid **ARE NOT allowable** for this grant.
 - Examples: Purchase of Naloxone, therapy or counseling, etc.

If you have specific activities you are still unsure about, please email us at SHIP.Grants@oha.oregon.gov.

Can the grant money be used to purchase food or provide housing assistance?

- No. Unfortunately, these funds cannot be used for direct support like food or rental assistance.

Can the money be used to pay for Community Health Workers (CHWs)?

- Yes! Funds can be used to pay for staff, including CHWs, but please include in your application how their role is connected to the local CHIP priorities addressed in your project.