

2026 Foundation Application Guide



About the PacificSource Foundation

Founded in 1992, the PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement is an independent, private foundation serving communities statewide in Idaho, Oregon, and Montana. We are focused on finding ways to improve access to high-quality healthcare for everyone—with an emphasis on building resilience and helping underserved people and vulnerable populations.

Our work

We advance health equity through strategies that increase access to healthcare and eliminate health disparities for marginalized people and communities.

2026 grant opportunities

The Foundation plans to hold three grant cycles in 2026, corresponding with the schedule below. Interested organizations should access the [online grant portal](#) to submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI). An LOI is a brief proposal outlining your project and its alignment with the priorities below. We are currently accepting proposals for **one-year grants** ranging from approximately **\$10,000 to \$50,000**.

2026 grant cycles

	LOI Deadline	Application period*	Notification
Q2: Winter	January 23	February 9–20	Mid-April
Q3: Spring	April 24	May 11–22	Mid-July
Q4: Summer	July 24	August 10–21	Mid-October

**If LOI is advanced*

Funding priority areas

1. Access to healthcare services for vulnerable and underserved populations.

- **Direct healthcare services:** Medical, behavioral, dental, etc
- **Indirect/support services:** Traditional Health Workers, navigation, etc.

2. Prevention of health inequities through clinical and community-driven solutions, including interventions that advance equity and improve the health and well-being of those experiencing health disparities.

- **Infant and maternal health:** Home visits, developmental screening, lactation support, etc.
- **Early childhood and parent education:** Adverse Childhood Experiences prevention, developmentally appropriate parent education, protective factors, etc.
- **Supportive housing:** specifically focused on supportive services within a housing context (we fund programs, not capital or construction).
- **Nutrition access and education:** nutrition support and education to promote health, prevent negative health outcomes, treat disease, etc.

Eligibility and guidelines

- **Organizations:** Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations or otherwise meet the IRS's requirements for a tax-exempt organization. Please inquire in advance if you are using a fiscal sponsor. Organizations must be based in or serve Idaho, Montana, or Oregon.
- **Grant size and duration:** While there isn't a limit on grant request amounts, awards typically range from \$10,000–\$50,000. The Foundation is currently considering one-year grant requests. We may consider multi-year projects, depending on the availability of funds.

Application process

1. **Submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI).** To submit an LOI, log into our [Online Grant Portal](#) (or create a new account) and select the “Apply” icon from the top menu bar. Then click the “Apply” button on the “2026 PacificSource Foundation Grants” grant opportunity.

Depending on the timing of your submission, the LOI review process can take 3–4 months. LOIs will be reviewed based on the 2026 grant schedule (see previous page).

2. **Submit application.** Please note: Not all organizations that submit an LOI will be invited to complete a full application. Invitations are based on alignment with priorities and funding availability.
3. **Await notification.** Application outcomes will be communicated directly with the applicant. If awarded, grant payment can take 6–8 weeks. A W-9 and Electronic Funds Transfer form will be requested during the grant notification process.

Funding limitations

At the discretion of the board, the foundation may periodically engage in philanthropic collaboration or invest in opportunities beyond the priority areas stated above.

We **do not** provide funding for the following:

- Academic or medical research
- Art, politics/advocacy, or faith-based causes
- Capital campaigns, construction costs, and “brick and mortar needs”
- Workforce capacity building and training: We do not fund projects that are *exclusively* focused on developing the workforce or providing training.