

# 2024 Foundation Application Guide



## About the PacificSource Foundation

Founded in 1992, the PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement is an independent, private foundation, not connected to any PacificSource entity. We are focused on finding ways to improve access to high-quality healthcare for everyone –with an emphasis on helping under-served and vulnerable populations. Serving communities statewide in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and within the following areas of Washington State: Clark, Pierce, and Spokane Counties.

## Our Work

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

## Funding Priority Areas

1. **Access** to healthcare services for vulnerable and underserved populations.
  - a. **Direct Healthcare Services** – Mental/Behavioral Health, Medical, Dental
  - b. **Indirect/Support Services** – Peer Support, Traditional/Community 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 wellbeing for those experiencing health disparities.

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*The areas noted below are examples of approaches that we believe to be well aligned; however, we look forward to exploring opportunities with community partners, as we learn and refine this new priority area.*

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- a. **Infant & Maternal Health** – i.e. home visiting programs, developmental screening promotion, lactation support, etc.
- b. **Early Childhood & Parent Education** – i.e. ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) prevention, developmentally appropriate parent education, protective factors.
- c. **Supportive Housing** – Specifically focused on co-located services, permanent supportive housing (program, not capital), and services that aim to improve health within a housing context.
- d. **Nutrition Access & Education** – i.e. nutrition support and education to promote overall health, prevent negative health outcomes, or treat disease.
- e. **Building Resilience** – Healing-centered, community driven solutions that strengthen the resilience of marginalized people and communities. i.e. non-clinical behavioral health, accessibility, LGBTQ+, youth development, social connection, and climate-related health impacts.

## Summer Grant Schedule

	<b>LOIs Accepted</b>	<b>Application Period*</b>	<b>Outcome Notification</b>
<b>Summer Cycle</b>	May 15 – June 30	July 22 – August 9	Mid-October

*\*If LOI is Advanced*

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## Grant Programs

### Foundation Grants

- Provides one-year and multi-year funding to support organizations working to advance health equity, as described in the funding priority areas and examples shown above.
- Grants awarded through this program adhere to the eligibility criteria, application process, and schedule described on the following page.

### Healthcare Access Partners Program

- The HcAP Program provides five-year funding commitments, shared-learning opportunities, as well as technical assistance to help strengthen community-supported safety net providers (aka free clinics).
- This program is open by invitation only and requires at least three-years of prior funding history with the foundation (before being eligible for an invitation to apply).

## Application Process

- **Submit a Letter of Inquiry**
  - To submit an LOI, log into our [Online Grant Portal](#) (or create a new account) and select the “Apply” icon from the top bar.
  - From there, click the blue “Apply” button on the “2024 Foundation Grants” grant opportunity.
  - LOIs will be reviewed based on the schedule above.
- **Submit Application**
  - Please note, not all organizations that submit an LOI will be invited to complete a full application. Invitations will be based on alignment with priorities and funding availability.
- **Await Notification**
  - Grant applications results will be communicated directly with the applicant.
  - If awarded, payment would be received within 6-8 weeks of final notification.

## Eligibility & Funding Guidelines:

- **Types of Organizations** – Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations or meet the IRS’s requirements for a tax-exempt organization. We do not fund proposals aimed at art, political, or faith-based causes.
- **Grant Size & Duration** – Generally speaking, one-year grant requests are appropriate for organizations that are new to the foundation. Multi-year grant requests may be suitable for organizations known to the foundation and in good standing with prior awards. There are no firm limitations on the level of a grant request but typical awards range from \$10,000-\$50,000.
- **Limitations** – Foundation does not fund capital campaigns or brick and mortar needs (unless otherwise determined by the Board). The foundation will consider requests for funding key equipment and capacity building related to programs and staffing.
- **Other Opportunities** – At the discretion of the board, the foundation may periodically engage in philanthropic collaboration or invest in opportunities outside of the focus/priority areas stated above.