

Health First is a not-for-profit healthcare system committed to improving the wellness and health of Brevard County. As part of that mission, Health First strategically partners with non-profit organizations to expand the wellness and health of our community.

Health First focuses these efforts on the disparities identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) which is completed every three years in partnership with the Space Coast Health Foundation. The most recent CHNA (2019) identified access to healthcare and physical activity and nutrition of children as our focus areas.

Program Guidelines

- Applications must be received within the application window.
- Only applications that are 100% complete will be considered.
- Community organizations are encouraged to connect with the Health First Community Engagement staff with any questions about the process or the types of programs supported.
- Organizations meeting the grant criteria will be invited to make a presentation to the Health First Community Health Improvement Committee.
- Decisions of the Community Health Improvement Committee are final.
- All approved grants will require quarterly reporting to ensure goals are being met. Not reporting on the quarterly schedule provided will affect funding decisions for the next cycle.

Grant Criteria

Grant applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for funding:

- Organization is a 501c3 non-profit organization (or equivalent)
- Program serves residents of Brevard County
- Program addresses one of the selected focus areas or the social determinants of health that will reduce the need for future assistance for those served by the program
- Priority given to new or expanding evidenced-based programs and activities
- Potential sustainability options are identified
- Funding is not for general operations, endowments, campaigns or debt reduction
- Initial proposals should not exceed \$100,000

Grant Application and Selection Calendar

April 1: Application Opens

May 30: Application Closes

June: Community Benefit Committee reviews Proposals

June 30: Initial Notifications Sent

July 15-August 30: Presentations by Selected Organizations to Community Health Improvement Committee

September 15: Final Notifications Sent

October 1: Funding Available

Visit HFgivesback.org to apply during April 1- May 30. Click on “Submit requests for support.”