



HEALTHY COMMUNITY FUND

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Southcoast Health is a not-for-profit, community-based health system founded in June 1996. It serves southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island with more than 55 service locations and operates three acute care hospitals and a robust network of over 900 providers.

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United Way of Greater New Bedford is a non-profit organization founded in 1953 that mobilizes local resources, volunteers, and partnerships to support healthy community, youth opportunity, financial security, and community resiliency across New Bedford and eight surrounding South Coast towns.

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This partnership reflects a shared understanding that community health extends beyond clinical care. Factors such as housing stability, food access, economic opportunity, and environmental conditions all play a critical role in shaping health outcomes. The Healthy Community Fund prioritizes innovated approaches to improving health.

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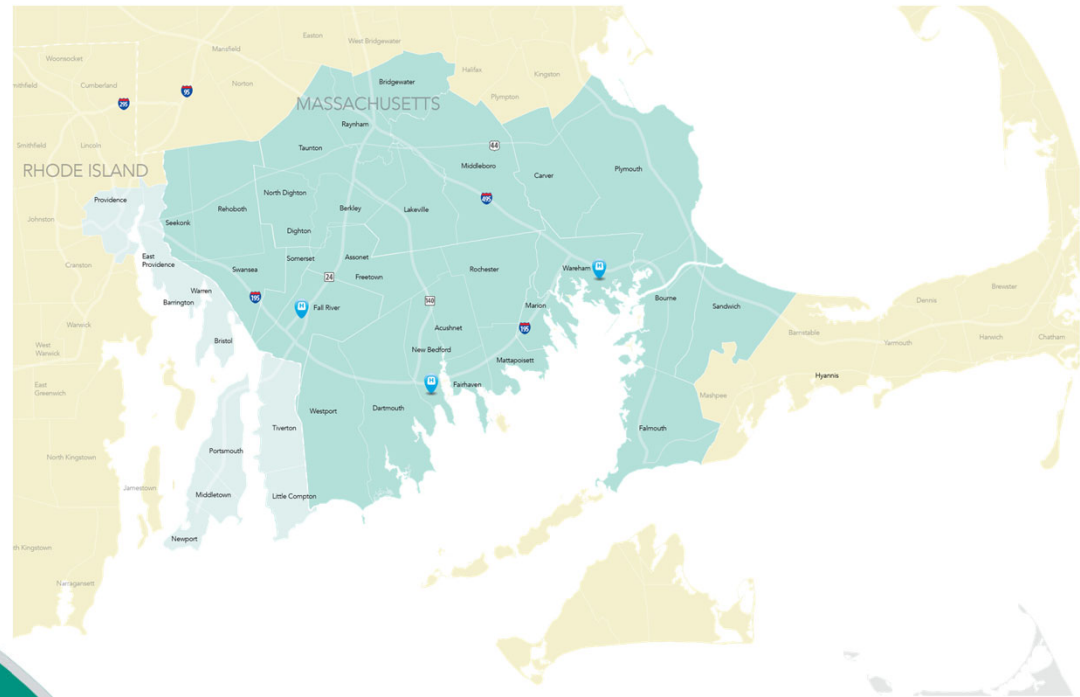


2025 SOUTHCOAST COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT



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REGION SERVED



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GRANT CRITERIA

Requirements:

- Completed Letter of Interest
- Completed Request for Proposal (by invitation)
- Participation in interview and/ or site visit, if required

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ELIGIBILITY

- Nonprofits and public entities may apply for one program.
- Programs must benefit Southcoast Health and/or UWGNB service areas in Southeastern MA.
- Partnerships and collaborations are encouraged.
 - A clear lead organization/fiscal agent to oversee outcomes, monitoring, and reporting.
- Funding is available for up to one year.
- Current SH & UWGNB grantees may apply if all required reporting is complete.



SCOPE OF APPLICATION

- Program aligns with 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment.
- Innovative approaches to improving health are prioritized.
- Organization serves all people without discrimination.
- Applicants can project and report on program outcomes and indicators.
- Organization's mission aligns with Healthy Community grant purpose.

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GRANT AMOUNT

Maximum: \$25,000, minimum: \$10,000

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QUALITY & IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM

Based on the projected number of beneficiaries achieving program indicator(s) and other supporting evidence, the applicant makes a clear case for the effectiveness of the program.

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PARTNER CREDIBILITY, LEADERSHIP, AND STAFF TIME

The applicant is credible and is willing to allot the appropriate amount of staff time (including leadership time) to achieve the application's goals.

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EVALUATION & PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT

The applicant has a plan to evaluate their program or service and use that information to continuously improve the program or service.

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BUDGET NARRATIVE

The budget is reasonable given the potential impact of the program. Furthermore, the funding is used appropriately and is an integral part of the budget.

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PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY

The organization has a track record of success in receiving grant funding. The funding for the program is diverse enough that sustainability of the program is not in question.

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FINANCIAL HEALTH OF ORGANIZATION

The applicant has a healthy financial position as assessed through their organizational budget, audit, and financial statements.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

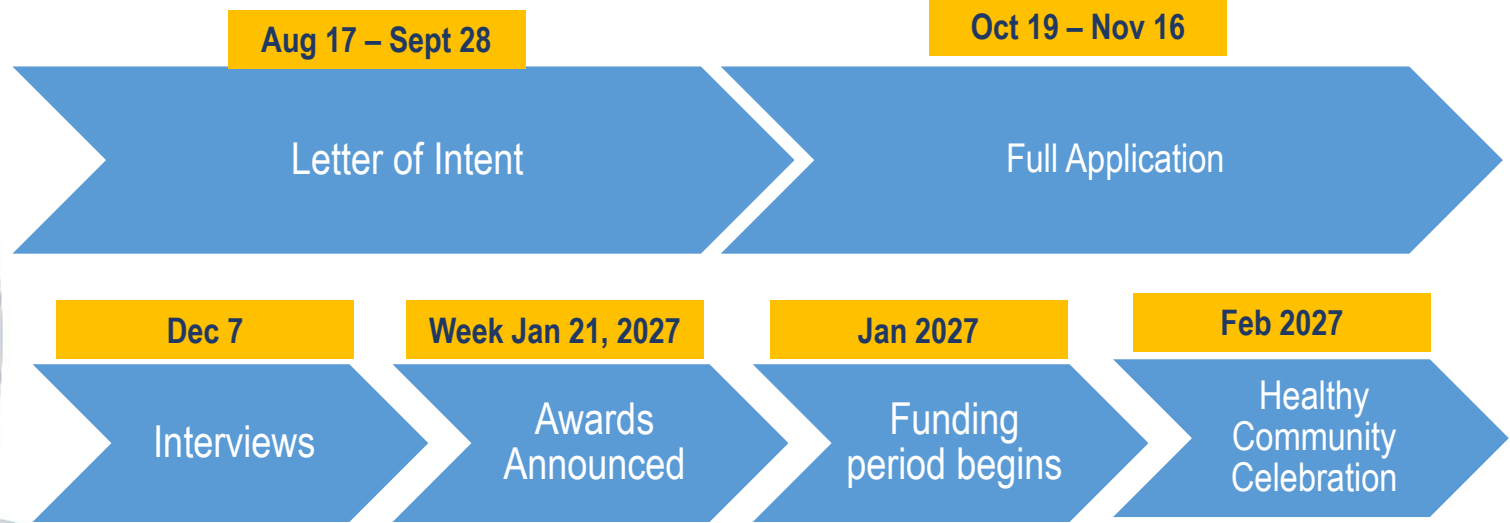


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