

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. *When does the grant application cycle begin and end?*

The grant application period begins at Midnight on April 1st of each year and ends at Midnight on June 15th of each year. If April 1st and/or June 15th land on a weekend, the online portal will still be available on those dates.

2. *What is considered the grant year duration?*

The grant year begins on August 1st of each year and ends on July 31st of each year.

3. *What is the maximum amount allowed for each grant request?*

Grants are awarded up to \$50,000. The grant amount range is \$5,000 - \$50,000.

4. *What are the eligibility requirements to apply for a grant?*

Applicant organizations must operate within North Carolina and/or South Carolina. All organizations with current 501(c)(3) status focused on improving the health of individuals through measurable outcome goals at the community level are encouraged to apply. Examples of organizations that may apply for funding are:

- Faith-Based Entities
- Hospitals/Providers/Clinics
- Educational Institutions
- Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

5. *How do I know if my organization's application is in alignment with the CCME Foundation's mission, values, and priorities?*

The CCME Foundation awards grants to eligible non-profit organizations that work to improve the health of individuals and communities through measurable outcome improvement projects that fall within the scope of CCME Foundation's Promising Practices Framework. A Promising Practice for the CCME Foundation grantmaking program must be an intervention, strategy, innovation, model, or program that has *several* of the following characteristics:

- Has research evidence to indicate that it produces positive outcomes
- Is well-executed and meets its goals, or has identified a plan to meet its goals with grant support
- Reaches the appropriate target audience
- Reaches the desired target audience
- Allows for innovation and not only evidence-based solutions
- Shows evidence of effectiveness in small-scale environments
- Is accepted as effective with partners, such as within the local community or Community Based Organizations (CBOs), having been tested in the "real world"
- Has the potential to be implemented and sustained over time
- Has the potential to generate outcome data
- Has the potential to be replicable/generalizable to other populations and settings

In addition to the above Promising Practices Framework, the CCME Foundation prioritizes applications that fall within four (4) priority focus areas: 1. Post-Acute Care, 2. Chronic Disease Management, 3. Behavioral Health, 4. Workforce Development

Lastly, the CCME Foundation prioritizes funding based on a project's potential to impact the community with measurable outcomes, primarily in rural and sparsely suburban populations, and/or in under and unserved populations. ***Please note: This does not mean that the CCME Foundation will not fund urban community projects; urban-based organizations are encouraged to apply.***

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6. *What are some examples of programs that the CCME Foundation has funded in the past?*

Projects have included community-based initiatives and services, healthcare education, and clinical-based programs that have produced high-impact and positive improvement results on individuals and their communities.

Types of programs that the CCME Foundation has funded include:

- **Programs that improve chronic disease management and/or mental health through access to wellness and healthy lifestyle programs**, such as “Lifestyle Medicine,” “Food is Medicine,” providing access to fresh food in “food deserts,” and exercise and nutrition regimens that support healing from Post-Traumatic Stress symptoms and suicidal ideations among veterans
- **Programs that increase access to culturally and linguistically appropriate care**, such as hospice, palliative, and serious illness; first time pregnant mothers and their infants, and primary, pharmacy, dental, and behavioral healthcare at free clinics
- **Programs that empower vulnerable populations to access healthcare and other resources addressing the Social Determinants of Health, thereby improving the quality of their lives.** These include accessing vision surgery or eyewear, having a wheelchair ramp installed, accessing harm reduction supplies and linkage to resources, specialized medical exams for abused children, providing medication regimens for men living in transitional housing, and expanding access to a proven community of care for veterans
- **Programs that improve the dissemination of education and health-related information**, such as immunizations for school-aged children, and accessing grief support tools for disadvantaged children who have lost a loved one
- **Programs that improve healthcare workforce challenges in readiness, retention, quality, and safety**, such as hospice-trained CNAs and nurses and training in dementia care

7. *What will the CCME Foundation grants not fund?*

The CCME Foundation will not fund the following initiatives or activities that include:

- Reimbursable direct patient care services
- Facility construction and/or remodeling of facilities
- Lobbying
- Fundraising

8. *When will I find out if my grant application was selected for funding?*

The CCME Foundation informs grant recipients of their selection in the beginning of August each year. Those not selected also will be informed at that time.

9. *How do I get in contact with the CCME Foundation?*

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