



**RMHF Open Call for Proposals
Access to Health Care
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RMHF

Since 1998, Richmond Memorial Health Foundation (RMHF) has invested in building a healthier Richmond region. Our mission is explicit regarding our commitment to fostering an equitable and healthy Richmond Region. We work to address the social, economic and structural conditions that contribute to poor health outcomes, with a commitment to [health equity](#) and a recognition of the role that race and ethnicity play in contributing to and sustaining health disparities and inequities. We invest primarily in Richmond City and the counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico and Powhatan, and will consider regional and statewide investments that align with and advance our mission.

Open Grant Opportunity

In 2016, the RMHF Trustees adopted a [Strategic Framework](#) and affirmed the Foundation’s commitment to access to health care: “RMHF has its roots in access to health care, and it will maintain its support for organizations that ensure the region’s uninsured and underinsured residents receive quality medical services, including preventive care.”

The Trustees identified three priority areas of funding, in addition to the Foundation’s long-term support for the region’s health safety net organizations:

- ❖ **Oral Health**
- ❖ **Behavioral Health**
- ❖ **New Populations**

In this grant cycle, RMHF invites proposals that seek to reduce health disparities for vulnerable populations within the Foundation’s service area, with priority given to applications that address one or more of the three priority areas noted above. Lower priority will be given to organizations that have received one or more grant investments from RMHF in the current fiscal year.

Grants will range from \$15,000 to \$40,000 and will be for one year.

RMHF will consider proposals that incorporate one or more of the following strategies/approaches:

- [Capacity building](#) to more effectively apply a racial and ethnic equity lens to program design, implementation, evaluation, and/or communications
- [Collaboration](#)
- [Community Engagement](#)
- [Policy and Advocacy](#)
- Program Delivery: Enhancement, Expansion and/or Continuation

Please read the [Foundation's Grant Guidelines and Eligibility Requirements](#) to learn more about how we approach our grantmaking.

Criteria for Selection

All grant proposals will be reviewed by members of RMHF's Board of Trustees and staff. Reviewers will consider the (1) organization's alignment with RMHF's mission and values, (2) quality of the proposal, (3) organization's commitment to apply a racial and ethnic lens to address health disparities, and (4) appropriateness of the budget and grant request.

Eligible Organizations

The primary applicant organization must be a registered 501(c)(3) or government entity to receive funding from RMHF. Please review RMHF's grant guidelines prior to applying for this funding opportunity. This funding opportunity allows for a collaborative approach that includes community-based organizations. Organizations must be located and provide services in RMHF's funding area: Richmond City and the counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, and Powhatan. Organizations located or having program(s) outside this geographic area may be considered at the discretion of the Foundation.

Racial and Ethnic Equity

RMHF is committed to supporting approaches that are responsive to the needs of and respectful of all community members, and that recognize and address the historic and current day inequities present in our region.

Pursuing racial and ethnic equity requires systemic change within and among organizations. Systems changes—as a way to address the root causes of health inequities—necessitate ongoing and committed efforts by organizations and new ways of understanding and doing work. For this reason, RMHF requires all grantees funded at or above the \$25,000 level to attend a racial equity training session funded by RMHF on either June 26th or October 23rd. All other grantees are welcome and encouraged to attend the racial equity training.

[Additional resources on Race Equity and Inclusion](#)

Non-Discrimination Statement

RMHF is committed to equal access and opportunity for all persons. Organizations applying for funding are asked to submit a statement affirming that they do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religious affiliation, national origin, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, medical condition, or veteran status either in their employment, or their service policies and practices.

Conflict of Interest

RMHF asks that all applicants disclose any relationships with RMHF (Trustees or staff) that may be, or appear to be, a conflict of interest. While such relationships do not necessarily preclude an organization from being awarded funding, we ask for full transparency of any relationship that may represent or appear to represent a conflict of interest.

Application and Selection Process Timeline

RFP Release	February 8, 2019
Application Deadline	March 22, 2019
Site Visits Conducted for Finalists	Weeks of April 15 and 22, 2019
Awards Announced	Mid-May, 2019
Equity Training Session	June 26 or October 23, 2109

Contact Information

Please submit questions regarding this funding opportunity and the online submission process to

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