



The SEA Change Fund - Frequently Asked Questions

Is this opportunity directed at programs or organizations as a whole?

This opportunity is to support **organizations as a whole**, not a specific program, with general operating grants and capacity building support. Although we are limiting the organizations we will consider to those providing direct service to children under five, birthing people, and/or older adults, use of funding will not be required to directly support a specific program, and the technical assistance that will be provided will be focused on the organization as a whole.

If we are an organization that serves the low-income community broadly, but we have a program that serves one of the identified populations, can we apply for funding?

If your organization serves the general population but has at least one service designed to serve pregnant people, children under five, and/or older adults, your organization is eligible to apply. We do expect a large number of applicants, and priority will be given to those organizations with services that have an explicit focus on our priority populations.

I work at a nonprofit that administers a pilot program for people with diabetes in cooperation with a health provider. Would we be considered a “direct service provider”, or would our clinic partner have to take the lead on an application?

As long as the staff of the organization provides direct service, you are eligible to apply even though you have a partner that provides the referrals.

We are interested in expanding and extending a program to include pregnant people and/or older adults. Are we eligible to apply?

Only if your organization is currently serving pregnant people, children under five, and/or older adults. We will not consider applications from organizations that are only exploring expanding to these populations.

Will grant funds need to be used to improve data and/or communication systems?

No. Grant funds will be unrestricted, meaning that organizations can use those funds any way they wish to support the overall mission of the organization. Organizations may want to use some funding to improve data collection, usage, and/or communications, but it will not be a requirement.

Are organizations that have grants from other foundations less likely to be selected?

No. We want to understand the applicants' overall financial health including any short-term grant funding they have. We are also interested in learning which foundations are supporting organizations that serve our priority populations.

Do you have to belong to a social care network to be eligible for funding?

No. We understand that participation in a social care network may not make sense for every organization. We are interested in learning about the organization's overall interest in business opportunities such as participation in a social care network.