



2027 Impact Grants

Track 2: Community Project Guidelines & Submission Instructions

\$100,000 Two-Year Grant Awards

Application Deadline: May 20, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. ET

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Overview

Mission

The mission of the Prevent Cancer Foundation® is to empower people to stay ahead of cancer through prevention and early detection.

Prevent Cancer Foundation Impact Grants

Every cancer. Every community.

Our vision is a world where cancer is preventable, detectable and beatable for all. To advance the Prevent Cancer Foundation’s bold goal to reduce cancer deaths by 40% by 2035, we aim to support innovative research and vital community projects dedicated to advancing cancer prevention and early detection.

2027 Impact Grants tracks:

- **Track 1:** [Research grant or fellowship projects](#) focused on cancers that do not have U.S. guideline-recommended screening methods for the general population
- **Track 2:** [Community projects](#) focused on cancer prevention and early detection in rural populations from rural-based organizations

The Foundation will be accepting applications beginning April 8, 2026, until May 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. ET. Applicants will be notified of a decision on December 4, 2026. Awarded projects begin on January 15, 2027.

Award Amount

Grants will be awarded for two years at \$50,000 per year, for a total of \$100,000.

Track 2: Community projects

Cancer is one of the top five leading causes of death in rural America, and rural residents have higher cancer death rates than urban residents. We invite applications focused on cancer prevention and early detection in rural communities from organizations located in the communities they serve. All cancer types are eligible.

- Applications must focus on community impact and address specific needs and barriers for cancer prevention and early detection in rural areas¹.
- Applicants must be located in rural communities¹.
- Applicants must have annual operating budgets between \$1 million and \$8 million.

Eligible applicants must be located in a rural area¹ and utilize best practices², community partnerships, and provide linkages to care as part of their project. Applicants should describe how they are tailoring their initiatives to address health-related disparities in their community or practice. Applicants must also demonstrate established processes to provide all necessary follow-up care following cancer screening.

Community partnerships must be a key element of the proposed project. To be eligible, proposals should demonstrate partnerships of and collaboration toward the goals of the proposed project. Community partners may include nonprofit community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, health organizations, local businesses, resident groups and community coalitions. Involvement of community advisory boards or other structures of incorporating community voice is strongly encouraged and may be substituted for an organization.

Priority will be given to projects working to address health disparities³ in communities that have been historically underserved, including engagement of people with lived experiences and/or who are representative of the priority population served by the project.

¹A *rural area* is a geographically defined area characterized by low population density. The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) has a [Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer](#) that may be used to check if your location is in a rural area. You can also refer to the [USDA Economic Research Service Rural-Urban Continuum Codes \(2023\)](#). Applicant locations and communities must be classified as nonmetropolitan (Rural-Urban Continuum Codes (RUCC) 4–9). County classifications will be verified using the USDA ERS RUCC dataset. Applicants can search for specific county names in the dataset to determine the code for their organization's location and the communities they serve. Applicants are asked to define their rurality in the application and may assert their eligibility beyond the HRSA or RUCC codes.

²*Best practice* is defined as an intervention that has shown evidence of effectiveness in a particular setting and is likely to be replicable to other situations.

³*Health disparities* are adverse differences in the cancer burden that are experienced by, but not limited to, racially and ethnically minoritized groups, rural residents, citizens of sovereign Native Nations, those identifying as sexual and gender minorities, and those living under persistent poverty.

Purpose

The Prevent Cancer Foundation will provide **\$100,000 grants for two years (\$50,000 per year)** for organizations to develop new or implement existing community projects/programs in cancer prevention and early detection within rural communities. The proposed community projects across the United States (including tribes and territories) must focus on helping to prevent cancer or find it earlier and demonstrate the potential to make a positive impact in communities that are underserved and/or disproportionately impacted. Awarded projects are selected through a competitive grants cycle.

Grant recipients will join a cohort of other community-based groups focused on rural health with regular opportunities for peer-sharing and learning. Recipients will be expected to join calls with other grantees and present lessons learned. In-person gatherings may be scheduled within the two-year grant period. See the Timeline for more information.

What We Fund

Funding Priorities

Projects that exemplify the following criteria will be prioritized:

- Fill an unmet need within the organization or community, with an emphasis on direct services to community members, specifically cancer screenings, vaccinations and patient navigation support
- Have established trust and partnerships within the community they are serving
- Make intentional efforts to reach medically underserved rural populations with culturally sensitive care, especially tribal communities and American Indian/Alaskan Native populations
- Engage community members and people with lived experience in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the project
- Ensure the organization’s patient navigators, staff and leadership reflect the priority population the organization is serving
- Address structural barriers to receiving health care and/or create systemic change within the organization/program/community
- Serve all patients regardless of insurance status, immigration status or ability to pay
- Demonstrate sustainability and impact can extend beyond the duration of the grant period
- Projects led by independent clinics and organizations (not owned or controlled by a larger hospital or medical system.)
- We are especially interested in funding in these states: Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota and Vermont.

Funding Objectives

Projects that meet the following criteria will be considered:

- Must be aligned with the mission of the Foundation.
- Must be feasible, with a reasonable assumption of completion and success of the project given the resources, time and personnel available.
- Must demonstrate community partnerships that support the implementation of the proposed project.
 - Cancer screening programs must demonstrate established community partnerships and processes to provide any necessary follow-up care.
- Must include a detailed project timeline with measurable goals, objectives and outcomes
- Must follow, for projects with screening objectives, current cancer screening guidelines of the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), the American

Cancer Society (ACS), the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and/or other national professional organizations.

- Screening and testing projects focused on cancer sites that lack established cancer screening guidelines must outline the evidence base for their project's activities and procedures.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be located in rural areas
- Applicants must be exempt under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or be an independent sponsored project of a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization acting as a fiscal sponsor
- Applicants may be government and public agencies
- Applicants may be tax-exempt tribal organizations and fraternal or social organizations
- Applicants must be located in the United States, including tribes or territories. Groups located outside the United States are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must have operating budgets between \$1 million and \$8 million.

Note: Applicants must comply with the Prevent Cancer Foundation's tobacco policy.

Applicants (project managers/directors) must sign the Prevent Cancer Foundation's Statement of Compliance, confirming that they do not accept tobacco-industry funding. The Statement of Compliance is part of the online application on [ProposalCentral](#).

Ineligible Projects

- Projects submitted by organizations currently receiving funding from the Prevent Cancer Foundation
- Projects that are not aligned with the mission of the Foundation and the purpose of the Community Grants program
- Projects involving cancer screening *without* established processes to provide any necessary follow-up care
- Projects of organizations not based in the United States or its tribes and territories
- Projects of for-profit organizations
- Projects focused on treatment and survivorship
- Projects focused on pediatric cancers
- Projects that include fundraising events
- Screening projects which do not comply with current cancer screening guidelines from the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), the American Cancer Society (ACS), the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) or other national professional organizations
- Projects that promote monthly breast/chest self-exam as a screening method

- Projects requesting more than 15% in indirect costs
- Projects that include the construction of buildings or purchase of land

Review Criteria

Upon the submission deadline, applications will go through an administrative review by Prevent Cancer Foundation staff. An external review group convened by the Foundation will then assess the merit of applications that are complete and compliant with the guidelines as described above and are the best fit with the Foundation’s mission and priorities.

External review will also consist of confirming the following proposal elements: Provision of vital services in rural communities for cancer prevention (including education or vaccination) or screening; community impact; feasibility and support; cultural responsiveness; utilization of evidence-based practices or best practices; measurable objectives and evaluation methods; partnerships and personnel; budget; and sustainability.

How to Apply

Application Overview

- Applicants must submit proposals through [ProposalCentral](#), an electronic grant submission system provided by Altum, Inc.
- The online application is due **May 20, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. ET.**
- Applicants will **not** be able to validate, address errors or upload application documents after the deadline. The system will be closed promptly at the deadline.
- Late and/or incomplete applications will **not** be accepted.
- Please see the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) for more information.

Accessing the Application

1. Access the 2027 community grants application at:
<https://proposalcentral.com/ProposalGI.asp?SectionID=6938&ProposalID=-1>
2. Use the [2027 Application Template](#) to access details about the fields to be completed as part of the online application in [ProposalCentral](#).
3. If you are a new user in ProposalCentral, click “Need an account?” and follow the prompts to complete the registration process. **Complete steps 3-7 early in the application period and become familiar with the site. Be sure to complete these steps PRIOR to when you are ready to upload the components of your proposal for submission.**

4. If you are already registered in ProposalCentral, access the site and log in with your user ID or e-mail address. If you have forgotten your password, click on the “Forgot Password?” link. Supply your e-mail address or your user ID in the space provided; your password will be sent to you by e-mail.
5. After you log in, complete your Professional Profile (gray tab) before starting a proposal application. You will be able to save your work and return later to continue your submission. Be sure to hit “Save” after you enter information on each page.
 - For Professional Profile, fill in information under #1 and #2 (highest degree only).
6. You will need to register your organization/institution if it is not already in the system and complete the required fields under Institution Profile as well as in the application itself (Institution & Contacts). You will need to enter your institution’s EIN number and identify a signing official. If you need to make changes to an existing institution profile and are unable to do so, contact ProposalCentral Customer Support (see step #7).
7. If you have any difficulties registering, logging in, or creating your application, contact ProposalCentral Customer Support: Phone: 1-800-875-2562 or 703-964-5840, and/or e-mail: pcsupport@altum.com.

Application Content

Applicants must apply online and may use the [application template](#) to draft responses. The following application sections will be completed on [ProposalCentral](#).

- Title page
 - Project title and type
 - Organizational overview
- Applicant/Project Director contact information
- Institution & Contacts
- Project Team Description
- Project Abstract and Overview
 - Abstract (3,000 characters maximum)
 - Project overview (500 characters maximum)
- Priority Population and Overview
- Project Proposal
 - Organizational background (4,500 characters maximum)
 - Relevance and progress to date of the proposed project (4,500 characters maximum)
 - Narrative
 - Program description (4,500 characters maximum)

- Priority population (3,000 characters maximum)
- Partnerships (3,000 characters maximum)
- Goals, Objectives and Evaluation Methods (8,000 characters maximum)
- Sustainability (1,500 characters maximum)
- Timeline (3,000 characters maximum)
- Budget and Budget Justification
- Other Support

Tobacco Policy

Statement of Compliance with the Tobacco Policy:

- Check the box under the e-signature in the online portal to verify that the applicant does not accept tobacco industry funding.

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Statement of Compliance with Tobacco Policy

Policy on Tobacco-Industry Funding and Conflicts of Interest

Scientific investigators or health professionals who are currently funded by the tobacco industry (defined as industries related to tobacco, e-cigarettes or other nicotine products), for any project, or who have been funded by the tobacco industry during the previous four years, or whose named mentors in the case of mentored fellowships are funded by the tobacco industry for any project (currently or during the previous four years) may not apply and will not be eligible for the Prevent Cancer Foundation research grants or fellowships or community grant awards. This policy has been in effect since January 1, 2007.

Scientific investigators, health professionals or named mentors who accept funding from the tobacco industry for any project during the tenure of a Prevent Cancer Foundation grant award must inform the Foundation of such funding, whereupon the Foundation grant or fellowship will immediately be terminated. Tobacco industry funding includes the receipt of funds from a company that is engaged in or has affiliates engaged in the manufacture of tobacco produced for human use; funds in the name of a tobacco brand, whether or not the brand name is used solely for tobacco products; funds from a body set up by the tobacco industry (e.g., a corporate foundation) or by one or more companies engaged in the manufacture of tobacco products.

The following do not constitute tobacco industry funding for the purposes of this policy:

- *Legacies from tobacco industry investments (unless the name of a tobacco company or cigarette brand is associated with them)*
- *Funding from a trust or foundation established with assets related to the tobacco industry but no longer having any connection with the tobacco industry even though it may bear a name that (for historical reasons) is associated with the tobacco industry*
- *Funds from the Master Settlement Agreement of November 23, 1998*

For purposes of the Prevent Cancer Foundation grants and fellowships, tobacco industry funding is defined as money provided or used for all or any of the costs of the research, including personnel, consumables, equipment, buildings, travel, meetings and conferences, and operating costs for laboratories and offices.

Applicants for the 2027 Impact Grants must review the Prevent Cancer Foundation’s Tobacco Policy and provide the required signatures on ProposalCentral. Applications missing the electronic signatures for the Tobacco Policy will NOT be considered for funding.

Attachments and Uploaded Documents

- Proof of Tax-Exempt Status
- IRS Form 990 of applicant organization – first 1-2 pages only (if 501(c)(3))
- Optional Letters of Support (upload individually as PDF files)
- Optional additional attachments to support project proposal

Validate Your Application

- As part of the online application (in [ProposalCentral](#)), you must validate your application. This portion of the online application will highlight errors such as missing fields or attachments that are required as part of your application. You must go back and fix the components that are flagged as errors in your application prior to submitting.
- For Institutional & Contacts Errors: If information is missing in this section (such as EIN or TIN number), you **MUST** contact the individuals who are listed on the Institution & Contacts page to make the necessary updates.
- For further problems with Institutional & Contact Errors please e-mail pcsupport@altum.com or call 1-800-875-2562 or 703-964-5840.
- Applicants will **not** be able to validate, address errors and upload application documents after the deadline. The system will be closed promptly at the deadline.

Signature Page

- After all sections are complete and attachments are uploaded, the e-signatures of the Applicant/Project Director and Signing Official need to be added on the “Application and Tobacco Policy Signatures” page. You will need to verify that statements within the proposal are true and complete to the best of your knowledge and to accept the obligation to comply with the grantor’s terms and conditions if a grant is awarded as a result of this application.
- You must have both the Applicant/Project Director and the Signing Official for your organization add e-signatures to the signature page.

Before you submit your application

- Verify that all sections are complete. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.**
- Check that the project team description includes **all personnel** listed on the budget.
- Check that the project director is included on the budget, whether or not salary expenses are included.
- Enter e-signature for the Tobacco Policy Statement of Compliance, verifying that the applicant does not accept tobacco-industry funding as part of the proposal in [ProposalCentral](#).
- Submit your proof of tax-exempt status (in .pdf file format). Include this documentation in the required attachments section of the online application (in [ProposalCentral](#)).
- Enter e-signatures to application signature page found in the “Application and Tobacco Policy Signatures” section of the online application (this page is auto-populated with information from your online application, once any errors are addressed).
- Submit Project Proposal and entire electronic grant application through [ProposalCentral’s](#) grant submission system.

Timeline

Note: The Foundation reserves the right to alter the project dates and Terms of Agreement as necessary.

	\$100,000 Two-Year Grants
Application Open Date	April 8, 2026
Application Due Date	May 20, 2026 5 p.m. ET Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
Notification of Award	December 4, 2026

	Applicants will be notified via email. The grant award letter will outline the grant period, payment schedule and reporting deadlines.
Project Start and End Dates	Start Date: January 15, 2027 End Date: January 14, 2029
First Grant Payment	January 29, 2027 Receipt of the signed Terms of Agreement is required prior to disbursement of the first \$50,000 payment.
Meet and Greet Call	February 2027 Virtual call with all awarded grantees to meet one another and share project plans
Workshop 1	October 2027 Workshop to promote peer-sharing and learnings *Potential for in-person meeting
Progress Report Due Date	January 15, 2028 The 12-month progress report will be an update on progress toward the project outcomes.
Second Grant Payment	February 26, 2028 The second payment of \$50,000 is contingent upon a satisfactory 12-month progress report.
One-Year Check-in	February 2028 Check in on the progress reports and one-year benchmark of the grant
Workshop 2	May 2028 Workshop to promote peer-sharing and learnings *Potential for in-person meeting and presentations
Grant Period End	January 14, 2029
Final Report Due	February 15, 2029
Impact Presentations	February 2029 Share findings, lessons learned and impact reports

Grantee Agreements

Terms of Agreement

After award notification, a Terms of Agreement document is signed by a representative from the funded organization (“Grantee”) and returned to the Prevent Cancer Foundation® (“Foundation”) before payment can be made. The Project Director is responsible for adhering to the terms for the duration of the grant period.

- Grantee must include a reference of the Foundation’s support of the funded project in all print and digital materials mentioning the project throughout the duration of the grant. This includes but is not limited to mentions in newsletters, press releases, websites, social media, recruitment materials and annual/impact reports. Grantee must provide copies of these to the Foundation at the time of publication or dissemination.
- The Foundation gives the Grantee limited, non-exclusive permission to use the Foundation name and logos solely to acknowledge the Foundation. It is agreed and understood that the Foundation retains all rights, title and interest in and to its name and logos, which shall remain the exclusive property of the Foundation. The Grantee is prohibited from transferring, sublicensing or assigning its rights to use the logos. Please use the logos provided by the Foundation (not downloaded from the internet).
- The Foundation may release information regarding the grantee to the general public and news media. Grantee accords and shall cause any partnering organizations to accord to the Foundation a non-exclusive license to include their respective names in information pertaining to this award. Grantee must notify the Foundation at the time of the award of any concerns regarding the release or sharing of grant-related information.
- Significant changes (more than 5%) to the approved program/project or budget must be submitted to the Foundation for review and approval in advance of any changes. Unspent funds must be returned after the project ends. Requests for a one-time, six-month, no-cost extension may be considered if requested no later than 60 days prior to the project end date.
- Grantee must provide at least two digital high-resolution photos (300 dpi or higher) that best demonstrate the proposed project and can be used for promotional materials within 14 days of signing the agreement. Preference is for candid or action photos related to the project. Additional photos must be submitted with the progress and final reports. Photos are for Foundation use as staff see fit, with no limitations on time of use. Grantee must obtain photo consent from any subjects appearing in the photos, using the Foundation’s consent form (provided with this agreement) or the organization’s consent form, and submit these forms to the Foundation.
- Grantee will engage with their cohort of other community-based groups focused on rural communities, with regular opportunities for peer-sharing and learning. Grantee will join regularly-scheduled calls with other grantees and present lessons learned. In-person gatherings may be scheduled within the two-year grant period, in which attendance will be highly encouraged. Refer to the timeline above for the schedule of calls and potential gatherings.

- Grantee must provide a designated point of contact for Foundation-generated content, including but not limited to blog posts focused on the grantee or project, print and digital newsletter articles, impact report articles and other designated communications.
 - The Foundation may request content for social media or website updates. Requests may be for the creation of blogs, posts or videos on Instagram, TikTok, X, Bluesky, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn or newsletters.
 - Examples:
 - [Instagram](#) post
 - [LinkedIn](#) post
- Grantee or a representative from the grantee organization is required to join the [Prevent Cancer Community Exchange](#), a national network that brings together individuals working in their communities to advance cancer prevention, early detection and vaccination access.

Reporting Requirements

Grantee must complete a one-year progress report and final report. The second grant payment from the Foundation is contingent upon a satisfactory one-year progress report.

- **Progress report** is due on January 15, 2028
- **Final report** is due on February 15, 2029

The 12-month progress report is an update on the project outcomes. The final report should include: Progress toward measurable objectives; measurement of outcomes; project summary; statement of impact; signed financial statement; and submission of photographs and optional videos.

Statement of Intent to Fund

Impact Grants are derived from funds raised by the Prevent Cancer Foundation. The amount of funding for the Impact Grants Program and the number of grants awarded may vary from year to year. The Foundation is under no obligation to award a certain number of grants in any given year. Financial support of proposals which are eligible for funding is at the discretion of the Prevent Cancer Foundation's board of directors.

Payment and Accounting of Grant Funds

The applicant organization's designated Project Director is responsible for determining where payments of funds shall be made. Usually, funds are paid directly to an organization or

institution for accounting and tax purposes, and they are sent directly to a designated official of that organization for administration and financial reporting (e.g., controller, grant office), who is required to give a full and accurate accounting of expenditures at the close of the grant.

Questions & Support

Office Hours

Join optional office hours for information about the grants program and the opportunity to ask general questions.

Community Grants Office Hours (program specific content and questions)

- Wednesday, April 22, 01:30 – 2:30 p.m. ET [Register here.](#)

ProposalCentral Technical Assistance Office Hours (Technical support on using the grants platform. No content specific questions will be answered)

- Friday, April 24, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET [Register here.](#)
- Friday, May 15, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. ET [Register here.](#)

Contact

For assistance with technical issues that may arise related to ProposalCentral electronic grant submission system, please e-mail pcsupport@altum.com or call 1-800-875-2562 or 703-964-5840.

For questions or concerns about the 2027 community grants cycle, please contact Shelby Sih at shelby.sih@preventcancer.org.