



**2027 Impact Grants
Track 2: Community Projects
Frequently Asked Questions
Application Deadline: May 20, 2026 at 5 p.m. ET**

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Getting Started

Q. Am I eligible to apply if...

The project includes rural communities in addition to other communities?	No—we are only funding rural projects.
The project is focused only on rural communities but we are located in an urban/suburban area?	No—applicants must be located in and serving rural communities.
We are not located in a rural area but partner with rural organizations and provide services in those areas?	The applicant organization must be located in a rural area. We welcome projects that demonstrate partnerships or broader networks to implement their projects, including expenses related to the partnership activities.
The project is focused at the regional or national level?	Projects focused on only rural regions are eligible. National projects are not eligible given our current priorities.

My organization is a small clinic but associated with a larger academic institution or hospital?	Yes—but with funding preferences for independent clinics.
We do not accept uninsured or undocumented community members within our services?	No—projects must serve all people.
We are a <i>current</i> research or community grantee (2024-2026 Patient Navigation project) funded through the Prevent Cancer Foundation?	No—if you have grant funding from the Prevent Cancer Foundation in 2026, you are not eligible. If you have received a stipend or partnership award from us (<\$10,000), you are still eligible.
My organization is also applying for a Prevent Cancer Foundation research grant?	Yes—organizations may submit an application for a research grant and an application for a community grant.
The project is outside of the United States?	No—this opportunity is only open to U.S. organizations, including territories and tribes.
Our annual budget is slightly above or below the requirements of \$1 million to \$8 million?	Yes—budgets within \$200,000 of this range will be considered.
My organization is not a 501(c)(3) nonprofit?	It depends. Government or public agencies, tribal organizations, or other tax-exempt organizations are eligible. For-profit organizations are not eligible.

Q: What should I read before applying?

Before beginning your 2027 Community Grant Application, read the [Community Grants Guidelines and Submission Instructions](#) and review the [application template](#).

Q: How do I submit an application?

Proposals will be submitted online via **ProposalCentral**: <https://proposalcentral.com/ProposalGI.asp?SectionID=6938&ProposalID=-1>
 Complete the online registration early in the application process to familiarize yourself with the site and to meet the application deadline. **Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Q: What is the difference between a research or fellowship project and a community project?

All 2027 Impact Grants are two-year, \$100,000 grants for cancer prevention and early detection projects. Research grant or fellowship projects are intended to support pre-clinical projects that demonstrate a clear path towards implementation within five years. Proposals must focus on a specific research question to create new knowledge to contribute to the cancer prevention

field. For the 2027 Impact Grants Track 1: Research grant or fellowship projects are focused on cancers that do not have U.S. guideline-recommended screening methods for the general population.

Community projects are intended to support community-level organizations that improve access to cancer prevention, screening, vaccination, and other related education, outreach and services. For the 2027 Impact Grants Track 2: Community projects are focused on cancer prevention and early detection in rural populations from rural-based organizations.

Q: What number should I use to report our operating budget to determine our eligibility?

If you have a 990, refer to the number on Part 1 Line 18: Total Expenses as your operating expenses. If you do not have a 990, please provide any available documentation that shows your operating budget as an additional attachment, such as audited financial statements. If you are a health department or government agency, you may provide your department's operating budget.

Q: Our operating budget is above \$8 million but we have a significant deficit that brings us into the threshold. Are we still eligible?

We appreciate the challenges with working in a deficit. Given our own limited funding pool, for this grant cycle we are looking to fund only organizations with a budget between \$2 - \$8 million, not accounting for deficits.

Q: Is there an initial Letter of Intent (LOI) phase of the application this year?

No, we are not requesting an LOI for the 2027 Impact Grants cycle.

Q: What types of programs have been funded in the past?

Read about our [current community grantees](#) focused on patient navigation. Proposed projects for the 2027 grant cycle must be focused on rural communities and aligned with our mission to fund screenings, vaccination, patient navigation and outreach efforts in medically underserved communities to prevent cancer or detect it early.

Q: When is the deadline?

All applications must be submitted on [ProposalCentral](#) by 5:00 p.m. ET on May 20, 2026. Do not wait until the last minute to submit! Applicants will not be able to validate, address errors or upload application documents after the deadline. The system will close promptly at the deadline. **Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Q: How many grants will you award, and how competitive do you expect this cycle to be?

We currently have the funds to award six projects. We expect this grant cycle to be highly competitive.

Q: Why is the current funding cycle so restricted in who can apply?

We understand there is great need for funding right now, and as much as we'd like to support everyone, we have limited funds and capacity to do so. Through numerous conversations with rural health partners, we made tough decisions to limit who is eligible for this grant cycle to prioritize investing in rural communities and maintain a feasible cycle for everyone involved. (Including you as an applicant!).

If you are not eligible for this cycle, please keep in touch for future opportunities. We invite you to join the [Prevent Cancer Community Exchange](#), where we share resources, events, trainings, funding opportunities and the chance to connect with other community partners.

Content Questions

Q: What is a rural area?

A 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.

Q: What cancer screening guidelines should projects follow?

Projects should utilize evidence-based practices or best practices to provide cancer prevention or early detection services in their communities. Projects with screening objectives must follow current cancer screening guidelines of the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), the American Cancer Society (ACS), the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) or other national professional organizations issuing guidelines.

Q: Are survivorship programs eligible?

Our focus is on cancer prevention and early detection. If your program is focused on preventing cancer or finding it early for cancer survivors, it is eligible. If the program is solely survivorship focused, it is not eligible.

Q: What does “having established processes for follow-up care” mean?

We are looking for projects with established partnerships or plans to ensure any community member who needs additional treatment after receiving a positive screening test or abnormal findings has access to follow-up care.

Application Questions

Q: My organization is a small clinic but affiliated with a large university. What should I list as ‘the institution?’

If the clinic is the applicant organization and has its own tax-exempt status (EIN number), list the clinic name as ‘the institution.’ Within the application, you will describe the relationship and any support received from a parent or umbrella organization. Please note, we are prioritizing supporting independent organizations for this funding cycle.

Q: Can a state’s Department of Health named as ‘the institution’ submit more than one application if the projects are part of separate health department facilities and are in separate counties?

Unfortunately, our rules require that only one application per institution is allowed in a given cycle. We define institution as having separate EIN number.

Q: Are organizations that are part of a coalition, such as those funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), considered under a parent or umbrella organization?

No, as long as you have a distinct EIN number, your organization would not be considered under a parent or umbrella organization based on coalition membership. You can highlight your partnerships, including coalition work, in the narrative section under ‘Partnerships.’

Q: Who should I list as the Project Director in ProposalCentral?

The lead person on the project should be listed. If there is a grants manager, they can be listed as an additional contact under ‘Grants administrator.’

Q: Are biographical sketches needed for team members?

We do not need a formal biosketch, but a description of the project team is required for the application. Applications are asked to provide a description (up to 8,000 characters) of the project team members, including their role and responsibilities and the experience they bring to the project.

Q: What does LOS entail?

LOS should include a description of what the supporter is specifically providing to the applicant organization and express why the proposed project is worthy of a community grant award. Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) are not considered letters of support. Letters should be signed and dated no earlier than April 2026. Applicants may include up to two letters. LOS are optional.

Q: To whom should my Letters of Support (LOS) be addressed?

The LOS can be addressed to any of the following:

- Applicant organization
- Prevent Cancer Foundation
- Erica Childs Warner, Managing Director, Research, Evaluation & Outreach, Prevent Cancer Foundation.

Q: What if I don't have a 990 for my organization?

Please provide your tax exemption letter from the IRS. Be sure to make note in the application that you do not have the 990 yet and if/when you expect to have it. If you are not a 501(c)(3), please provide proof of your entity's IRS determination letter or W9.

Q: Where is the 'Signed Signature Page' on the application?

The 'Signed Signature Page' is generated once you validate your application. This step is done after you enter all the required online fields and upload the required documents. This signature page will be populated with your proposal information and can be accessed on the 'Applications and Tobacco Policy Signatures' page in ProposalCentral.

You must submit signatures for both the Project Director and the Signing Official for your organization.

Q: Are e-signatures allowed?

Yes, e-signatures are allowed.

Q: Who is the ‘Signing Official’ on the signature page?

The ‘Signing Official’ refers to the administrative officer for your organization. Typically, the ‘Signing Official’ is the Executive Director or the organization’s Chief Development Officer. For small organizations, it is acceptable for the signing official to be the same as the project director.

Budget and Expenses

Q: Should the entire project equal \$100,000?

The amount *requested* from the Foundation should equal \$100,000 (\$50,000 per year). We expect the project may cost more than \$100,000 in total. Please include all other sources of funding for the project beyond what is requested by the Foundation in the ‘Other Support’ category within the application. If you will be receiving support from your parent or umbrella organization for the project, this information must be listed in the ‘Organizational Overview’ of the title page and can be described in the ‘Organizational Background’ of the project proposal.

Q: What are allowable expenses for the 2027 community project application?

All expenses should be related to service delivery and justified (patient navigation, outreach, screening and/or vaccination). Examples of allowable expenses are apportioned salaries, small incentives for participants, supplies or expenses related to patient navigation, cancer screening or early detection and expenses related to barriers to screening (e.g., transportation vouchers to clinic). Indirect costs are allowable up to 15% and must be justified. More information is available in the [Guidelines](#) around eligibility and funding priorities.

Q: Is the purchase of new equipment (e.g., digital breast/chest imaging machine) an allowable expense?

While we support the purchase of equipment, our funding priorities are to facilitate access to screenings. Budget expenses for the use of cancer imaging equipment, such as for 100 diagnostic mammograms, are allowable. Cancer screening and testing costs or supplies are allowable and must be justified.

Q: Can the majority of the project budget go toward salaries?

Yes, we will fund personnel and salaries as the majority of the budget requested to strengthen cancer prevention and early detection in rural communities.

Q: Are indirect costs allowed?

Yes, we will fund indirect costs up to 15%. We will not fund projects with indirect costs over 15%.

Q: Will you fund transportation expenses?

Yes. Examples of allowable expenses are apportioned salaries, supplies or expenses related to cancer screening or early detection and expenses related to barriers to screening (for example, transportation vouchers to clinic).

Q: Should I include staff in the budget and budget justification who are on the project, even if we aren't requesting salaries from this proposal?

Yes, please include all staff directly involved with this project and put the expense amount as “in kind” or “N/A.” Be sure to include any staff listed on the budget in the ‘Project Team Description’ section of the application.

Q: What key personnel should be included in the budget and project team description?

Any staff who are directly involved with this project, including key clinical staff, program managers, interns or patient navigators. You do not need to include people who are indirectly involved with the project (e.g., the finance team processing payments, front desk staff, etc.).

Q: Where should I list what my organization is already contributing to the project?

Please include this in the ‘Other Support’ category in ProposalCentral, along with any pending and or external funding your project has received.

Additional Support

Q: Where can I go if I need additional support during the application process?

You can join Prevent Cancer program staff on **Wednesday, April 22, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. ET** for office hours related to the Community Grants program. [Register here.](#)

We will also host two technical assistance office hours focused on the application portal, ProposalCentral:

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

Q: I'm not eligible for this grant cycle. Where else can I get support for my projects?

We post other funding opportunities and will likely have a smaller award opportunity later in the year through our [Community Exchange platform](#). It's free to join and is a resource for sharing information and connecting with other groups in the cancer prevention space. We hope you'll join!

Q: Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?

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

If you have additional questions regarding application eligibility and requirements, please contact Shelby Sih at shelby.sih@preventcancer.org.