

Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital
Community Health Fund
Granting Criteria
2020

For NVRH fiscal year, grant applications are available on September 13, 2019 at www.nvrh.org and are due on November 1, 2019. The NVRH Community Health Advisory Committee reviews and approves applications in December. Grants awards are announced and funded in January 2020.

Granting Criteria

In general, grants are given to organizations that meet these criteria:

- 501c3 organizations, municipalities, and faith-based organizations serving people in the NVRH primary service area
- Has a mission to provide programs, services, or activities that promote health and healthy communities
- Can provide a clear link to an identified community need
- Exhibit a collaborative, partnership approach to delivering services
- Have measurable goals and objectives for grant funded services/activities

The NVRH Community Health Fund funds programs, services, and projects. **Please be specific as to which program, service, or project the money will fund** (this is not to be used as a general donation to an organization) It does not fund endowments, capital campaigns, general operations, or individuals. The NVRH Community Health Fund will fund equipment if it is integral to an otherwise eligible project.

Unless otherwise noted, funding is for one year only. **Preference is given to organizations not funded in the past.**

*To be considered for funding of the same program again this year, **past grant recipients** should use the narrative portion of the application to provide information demonstrating growth (in number of participants and/or expansion of service area) in currently funded programs or services.*

2020 Priority

For 2020, NVRH has identified the following health priorities for Community Health Funds:

Initiatives that promote a community that is:

- **Well Nourished:** access to or increasing consumption of healthy food; reducing food insecurity
- **Well Housed:** access to and/or increase in safe or affordable housing, retention rates in safe and affordable housing; or reduction in, or services for, homelessness
- **Financially Secure:** financial literacy, livable wage employment, or remove barriers to employment e.g. childcare or transportation
- **Mentally Healthy:** access to or increase in mental health or substance use disorder services; prevention of mental health or substance use disorders; target specific issues such as suicide or Adverse Childhood Experiences ACEs; recovery related interventions or issues; promotion of resilience in individuals or communities.
- **Physically Health;** access to health services especially around the control or prevention of chronic disease e.g. diabetes, obesity, tobacco or vaping; community based services or built environment improvements that increase physically activity.

Grant applications meeting priority criteria and target our most vulnerable populations of low income families and older adults will receive first consideration for funds.

Additionally, priority will be given to applications that include a plan to sustain the service/program/project after the grant period ends.

Application Process

The application documents are available for downloading and printing at www.nvrh.org under the Community tab. Application documents include:

- Application form
- Budget form

Additional documentation: copy of tax exempt status from IRS (for non-profits), letters of support for the project from at least 2 community partners (more if applicable).

Email completed application forms to l.ruggles@nvrh.org.

Applicants may be asked to supply additional information not specifically outlined in the grant application.

Applicants chosen must submit a 1 – 3 page written grant report explaining if and how project goals were met, and a itemized report of actual expenses by December 31, 2020. Grant recipients may be asked to update the committee at an in-person meeting during the grant year.

For 2019/2020 NVRH will award up to \$17,250 total. Typically, past individual grant amounts have ranged from \$1000 - \$4000.

Towns in the NVRH Primary Service Area*: Barnet, Burke town, Concord town, Danville town, East Haven, Guildhall, Granby, Kirby, Lunenburg, Lyndon town, Maidstone, Newark, Sheffield, St. Johnsbury town, Sutton, Victory, Walden, Waterford town, Wheelock.

Completed applications can be sent or emailed to:

Laural Ruggles
NVRH
PO Box 905
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

l.ruggles@nvrh.org

Questions? Call Laural at 802-748-7590

The Application Form is on pages 3 and 4 of this document. The budget form is a separate document and is required.

*zip codes: 05050, 05819, 05821, 05824, 05828, 05832, 05837, 05838, 05840, 05848, 05849, 05850, 05851, 05858, 05861, 05863, 05866, 05867, 05871, 05873, 05904, 05906

**NVRH Community Health Fund
Grant Application
2019/2020**

Organization Name: _____

Mission Statement: (can be attached) _____

Physical and Mailing Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

Project is linked to the 2020 priority areas, check all that apply:

Well Nourished

Well Housed

Financially Secure

Mentally Healthy

Physically Healthy

Please use the *attached template* to answer basic questions about your proposal. Also attach a short (1- 3 page) narrative to describe the strategy you are doing to address a community need. (double spaced, 10 – 12 point font):

Please do not use acronyms; you may provide a glossary of terms. Feel free to attach any supplemental materials that support your application e.g. program brochures.

Application Check List:

- Mission Statement
- Application Template and Narrative
- Budget Form
- Letters of Support (2 required)
- Tax Exempt Notice (required for non-profits)
- List other attachments: _____

Authorized Signature _____ **Date** _____

Print Name _____

NVRH Community Health Fund Application Template

Use this template: Keep your answers concise

Brief (one or two sentences) description of the strategy:
Target Population (for example: age, gender, geographic area, health disparity) <i>Include number of people you expect to be impacted by this initiative.</i> Does this project target our most vulnerable: Low income families and/or older adults? Please explain.
What is the need in the community you are trying to address?
Goal and/or objectives: How will you tell if anyone is better off?
Partner agencies for this strategy.
What are the amounts and sources of other funding (if any)?
Describe any ideas for sustaining this strategy.
Outline the timeframe for the strategy. Start and end dates.

Attach your 1 – 3 page narrative describing the program/service/intervention.