

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula

Community Benefit Program

Mission:

Community Hospital is committed to taking a leadership role in assessing and improving the health status of the people in the communities we serve. Under the auspices of our Community Benefit Program, we directly provide and financially support programs that achieve those objectives.

We recognize that community health is as much a social, economic, and environmental issue as a medical one and that no hospital or single provider can improve community health alone. In addition to direct services provided throughout our healthcare system, we work in partnership with other providers and award grants to support independent projects, particularly those which involve collaboration among organizations.

Scope:

Community Hospital's Community Benefit Program includes two primary elements:

1. *Direct Provision of Services*

Community Hospital is a nonprofit, integrated healthcare delivery system providing healthcare services from birth to end of life. Services include acute medical and surgical care, skilled nursing care, emergency care, outpatient and home-based services, satellite laboratories, mental health clinics, chemical dependency treatment, health education and wellness programs, and hospice care. Many of these services are provided free or at very low cost, and Sponsored Care is available for those in financial need.

2. *Community Benefit Fund*

Community Hospital makes grants from the Community Benefit Fund to nonprofit organizations and multi-agency collaborative organizations in support of health assessment and improvement projects within our service area.

Community Hospital gives higher priority to projects that:

- increase access to healthcare for residents of our community (the highest priority);
- involve collaboration among organizations; and
- make appropriate use of Community Hospital's clinical expertise.

Grants are awarded under the following Community Benefit Program objectives:

- **Building Healthy Communities** — assessing community health needs; addressing the health-related goals identified by regional collaboratives such as the TELLUS Project and Community of Caring Monterey Peninsula.
- **Health Education and Wellness** — improving the individual's knowledge of health risks and the impact of lifestyle choices on those risks; strengthening the individual's role in self-care and management of health and disease; early detection of health problems; and enhancing the competence of healthcare professionals.
- **Improving Access to Care** — removing barriers to receiving healthcare services, particularly primary care (currently the highest priority).
- **Special Care for Special Needs** — meeting the physical and behavioral healthcare needs of those at risk due to age, domestic or other violent crime, chemical dependency, mental illness, HIV status, or socioeconomic status.

Grants from the Community Benefit Fund are generally single-year commitments from \$250 to \$10,000 to support current or new programs consistent with the mission of Community Hospital and our Community Benefit Program.

Community Hospital does not make grants to organizations that discriminate in the hiring, advancement, or recruitment of employees or volunteers (including board members) or in the provision of services on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or age.

Community Hospital does not generally make grants to support individuals; capital projects or endowment funds; or clinical research projects. Solicitation of Community Hospital employees for contributions of money or time on behalf of grant recipients is prohibited.

Grantmaking Process:

The Community Benefit Program, including program objectives and priorities, is reviewed and approved by Community Hospital's Board of Trustees annually. An annual Community Benefit Plan is prepared in compliance with S.B. 697 and submitted to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development; summaries of the plan are published in Community Hospital publications and the local newspaper, and complete copies are available to any interested party.

Applications in the form of letter proposals are accepted at any time and are reviewed as received. Grant decisions are made by the hospital's President's Administrative Committee. Prospective applicants are encouraged to call to discuss the hospital's potential interest in the project or send a brief letter proposal to:

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Letter proposals should include:

- Name and brief description of the organization applying for the grant
- Summary description and timeline of the proposed project or program
- Amount requested and specific purpose of the grant
- Total cost of the proposed project or program
- Identification of any organizations collaborating on the proposed project or program
- Relevance of the project or program to the mission of Community Hospital and our Community Benefit Program
- Statement that the organization is, and will remain so for the duration of the program for which the grant is being sought, in full compliance with Community Hospital's non-discrimination policy as described above.
- Name, address, and telephone number of contact person who can provide additional information if needed