

Bozeman Health Community Benefit Grants and Sponsorships

Bozeman Health's mission is to improve community health and quality of life. We accomplish this, in part, by supporting community-based organizations through grants and sponsorships.

Grants: The Community Benefit Grants process provides us an opportunity to respond to requests and partner with eligible organizations whose work is aligned with Bozeman Health's Community Benefit priority areas. Specifically, through Community Benefit Grants, we strive to support programming, education, and access initiatives aligned with our Community Benefit Priority Areas. Bozeman Health is only able to provide award Community Benefit Grants to organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Sponsorships: The sponsorship process provides an opportunity for us to respond to requests from organizations whose work is in alignment with Bozeman Health's Community Benefit and/or marketing and outreach priorities. Examples of appropriate sponsorship applications include requests related to community events and gatherings, conferences, health programs, print materials, etc.

While we would love to fund every application, we have a limited amount of money to distribute each year. Bozeman Health operates on a calendar fiscal year (January to December). Please review the applicant eligibility and evaluation criteria carefully before submitting an application.

Applicant Eligibility

Grants

Community Benefit Grants will only be considered for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations. Requests for Community Benefit Grants will only be considered for organizations or events that fit within the mission, vision, values, and community benefit strategic plans of Bozeman Health and that improve community health and quality of life.

Community Benefit Grant requests will NOT be considered for:

- National organizations (unless requested by a local affiliate)
- Political activities, campaigns, or organizations
- Religious purposes
- Individuals

Sponsorships

Sponsorships will be considered for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations and businesses/organizations that meet a need included in Bozeman Health's marketing and community engagement priorities (see below). The request must fit within the mission, vision, and values of Bozeman Health that focus on overall health and wellness.

Sponsorships will not be considered for:

- National organizations (unless requested by a local affiliate)
- Political activities, campaigns, or organizations unless pursuant to Medicaid/Medicare Expansion or health/healthcare related legislature and must be approved by the Bozeman Health executive team and Bozeman Health board of directors
- Religious purposes
- Individuals

Event Requirements

All events sponsored by Bozeman Health must be tobacco free. This includes but is not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff and snus, and electronic smoking devices. To be considered for sponsorship, events must present Bozeman Health with a draft tobacco-free event policy before payment will be made. Guidance on tobacco-free policy creation, along with other resources, can be found in the Tobacco Free Event Tool Kit (https://www.healthygallatin.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/General-TF-Event-Policy-Toolkit-kv_im.pdf) or by contacting the Chronic Disease Prevention Program at the Gallatin City-County Health Department (www.healthygallatin.gov)

***Exceptions will be granted for events/programs/organizations engaging in specific activities used in connection with the practice of cultural activities by American Indians.*

Applicant Evaluation

Grants

Community Benefit Grants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- *Does the proposal/organization benefit community health?*
- *Does the proposal/organization aim to improve quality of life?*
- *Does the proposal/organization address health disparities and/or aim to promote equity?*
- *Does the proposal/organization align with the priorities of the Bozeman Health's Community Benefit Strategic Plan?*
 - *Behavioral Health*
 - *Access to Health Services*
 - *Healthy Lifestyles*
 - *Injury and Violence*

Sponsorships

Event and marketing sponsorship requests will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- *Does this event/organization benefit community health?*
- *Does this event/organization aim to improve quality of life?*
- *Does this event/organization advance health, science and/or medical careers?*
- *Is the event/organization in alignment with Bozeman Health's marketing priority areas?*
 - *#OutdoorHealthyLife*
 - *Healthcare access and convenience*
 - *Family-oriented healthy activities*
 - *General education/awareness of BH services and care systems*
 - *Support of patients*
 - *Support of healthcare providers*
- *Sponsorship request must include visibility/awareness of Bozeman Health as a sponsor, to be determined in collaboration with organization/business and the Bozeman Health marketing and communications team.*

Application Process

Applications are reviewed quarterly, following the below schedule. After carefully reviewing the above information, please complete the online application found at [LINK]. You cannot save your application once you start. Be sure to attach the following documentation with your application, as applicable:

- Copy of your Treasury letter certifying your 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status if applicable
- Completed IRS form W9
- Draft of the organization/business's tobacco-free event policy (if applicable)

Date Application Submitted	Decision Made / Applicant Notified
January 1 – March 15	March 21 - 31
March 16 – June 15	June 20 – 30
June 16 – September 15	September 20 – 30
September 16 – November 30	December 1 – 10