

2026 Inova Community Health Opportunities

Purpose

The purpose of the Inova Community Health Opportunities is to improve the health of the communities described in the Inova Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs). The objectives of the proposed project should be clear, reasonable and attainable, with measurable impact on the addressed need(s) related to the selected health issue(s).

Budget Guidelines

Inova will consider each request for support. It is anticipated that the average funded request will be approximately \$25,000.

Funding Cycle/Key Dates

Application Available:	March 16, 2026	Awards Announced:	June 2, 2026
Informational Webinar	March 25, 2026 at 11am	Awards Luncheon:	June 16, 2026
Application Deadline:	April 17, 2026 at noon	Funding Released On:	August 1, 2026

Eligibility

Inova is dedicated to supporting projects that make a difference in the quality of life, health and welfare of the communities it serves. Inova recognizes the collective impact of community partners to create positive social impact, however is limited in the number of projects that it can support. An organization with interest in submitting an application must, at a minimum, meet the following criteria:

1. Not a recipient of the 2025 Inova Community Health Opportunities funding
2. Tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code
3. Located in and serve residents in one of the areas included in the Inova CHNAs (page 8 of the 2025 CHNA reports)
4. Address one of the top health issues identified on pages 19-23 of the relevant regional CHNA report(s)

Consideration

Organizations may submit one Inova Community Health Opportunities application through the portal. Priority will be given to proposals that address a specific gap identified in the 2025 CHNAs and their corresponding appendices and to proposals that address Implementation Plan items that appear in the relevant regional 2025 CHNA Implementation Strategies (p 4-6). Inova does not support programs or projects that discriminate based on gender, race, color, religion, or sexual orientation.

Grantee Requirements

Unite Us/Unite Virginia: To promote the work of the awardee and further enhance the regional referral network and community partnerships, awardees will be required to participate with the Unite Us/Unite Virginia platform. Information will be available to facilitate this process in a way that works best for the awardee.

Regional Action Committee: To provide input regarding community needs and support collaboration, awardees will be required to actively participate in the appropriate regional action committee throughout the award period.

Inova Visits: To better understand the success and community impact of the program, awardees will be required to provide an opportunity for Inova Community Health team members to observe and/or experience the project in operation during the award period.

For additional guidance

Please review the Inova Community Health Opportunities Toolkit linked in the How to Apply section of the website. You may also choose to attend the [informational webinar](#) on March 25th at 11am.