



BHWF

Innovation & Collaboration Grant Guidelines

How can your organization impact the BHWF service area, implement a new idea, create strong partnerships, and make a positive difference? Innovation & Collaboration Grant is here to help!

Purpose & Strategy:

The Innovation & Collaboration Grant is designed to provide funding to nonprofits for the implementation of emerging ideas, initiatives and/or new collaborations that can substantially impact or provide measurable progress toward solving a significant challenge related to health and wellness in our community.

The Innovation & Collaboration Grant is a vehicle to enable the continued growth and strengthening of the BHWF service area on a broad scale. The BHWF will provide one grant, up to \$50,000, to fund a new program or project that provides an opportunity to transform an aspect of individual and community health and wellness in the BHWF service area.

What counts as "innovation"?

We know that there are many creative solutions to community problems. The Innovation & Collaboration Grant focuses on funding these new solutions that address a community need or opportunity in a more effective, equitable, or sustainable way than existing approaches. We are not prioritizing specific issues. Programs and projects can be at various stages of the problem-solving process.

Application Guidelines and Criteria:

As we make funding decisions, BHWF advisory committee will use the following criteria to identify proposals that best fit our strategy:

Project uses inclusive, collaborative and resourceful processes to pursue an innovative solution to a community challenge.

- Inclusive - Does the project meaningfully engage key stakeholders? Does it thoughtfully identify those needed to create the intended change and, whenever possible, include those directly affected by the problem?
- Collaborative - Is the project a true joint effort, with partners willing to share ownership and decision-making as they pursue an innovation together?

- Resourceful - Does the project use existing resources and assets creatively to make the most of what a community already has?

Is the process likely to lead to a community innovation? Will it serve as a breakthrough in addressing a community need? Will it be more effective, equitable, or sustainable than existing approaches?

- The proposed project must be a new project or a significant expansion of an existing project
- The project must have a sustainability plan
- Within a year of receiving the funding, the project must be able to show tangible or quantifiable results

The implementing organization must be in good financial health with multiple financial controls in place.

Project services must take place in BHWF service area; the more segments of the BHWF service area population that can benefit or utilize the project services, the better.

Ineligible Requests for Funding:

- The same project less than one year apart
- Applications to provide operational support
- Continuation of existing projects
- Retroactive funding for projects that have been complete or will be complete prior to the grant decision date
- Fundraising events

How does the Innovation & Collaboration Grant and the BHWF Traditional Competitive Grant Process differ?

Requests to both the Innovation & Collaboration Grant and the BHWF Traditional Competitive Grant are required to meet the guidelines and criteria set forth in the “BHWF History & Grantmaking Guidelines” document. The Innovation & Collaboration Grant will be reviewed using additional criteria set forth in the “Berwick Health and Wellness Fund Innovation & Collaboration Grant Guidelines” document.

Eligible organizations can submit one application to each grantround; the BHWF Traditional Competitive Application Process and the Innovation & Collaboration Grant.

Questions?

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