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Humboldt Health Foundation Seeks Applicants for Community Health Grants

Nonprofits and community groups can receive up to \$10,000 for projects and programs supporting wellbeing in Humboldt County. The Humboldt Health Foundation (HHF) has put out a request for proposals for its 2021 Community Health Grant program, which provides local nonprofits and groups with funding for work that improves residents' and communities' mental or physical wellbeing in Humboldt County. The deadline to apply is Monday, August 2, at 5 p.m.

The program supports a broad spectrum of wellness efforts, from culture and family support to food and housing security, mental health, and more.

"These grants are especially meaningful during a pandemic, where community members more vividly experience challenges and barriers to health," says Amy Jester, Program Director for Health & Nonprofit Resources for the Humboldt Area Foundation, which oversees the operations of the Humboldt Health Foundation.

The Humboldt Health Foundation seeks to fund projects that help reduce or eliminate structural barriers to wellness. This year, the majority of funding will be designated to programs that support the health and wellbeing of Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other People of Color. "We recognize that BIPOC individuals are disproportionately affected by the pandemic and that racism is a critical public health issue impacting our region," says Jester.

"The grant program is there to support organizations and groups that are creating opportunities for people to live healthier lives. There are so many awesome ways communities are supporting wellbeing. We're interested in partnering with organizations to make that happen" says Amy Jester, Program Director of the Humboldt Health Foundation.

In March, the Humboldt Area Foundation announced its [new 10-year strategic vision](#), which explores how a community foundation can help grow a thriving, just, healthy, and equitable region. The Foundation has also laid out four goals to support that vision, with resources and programs being developed to address these areas over a 10-year period. The goals are racial equity; healthy ecosystems; thriving youth and families; and a just economy and economic development.

Community health grants from the Humboldt Health Foundation represent a 24-year legacy of supporting our community through investment and grantmaking and underscore the Foundation's commitment to our region's health and wellbeing.

To learn more about the criteria and download an application, please visit the [HHF website](#) at humhealth.org.

About Humboldt Health Foundation:

Humboldt Health Foundation was founded in 1997 and is an affiliate of the Humboldt Area Foundation. Since its founding, Humboldt Health Foundation has distributed nearly \$4.7 million in grants. Over the past year, the Foundation has given grants for program and general operating support for organizations like HC Black Music and Arts Association, English Express, COVID-19 direct relief for Spanish-speaking and undocumented individuals from the McKinleyville Family Resource Center, as well as the Native Women's Collective.

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