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## 2026 Application Guidance

Applicants are encouraged to read this form prior to applying online for the CHANGE program. This will allow your organization to collect or prepare the necessary information in advance.

Organizations interested in applying for funding must complete and submit an online application via the AstraZeneca Foundation's website, [www.astrazeneca-us.com/foundation](http://www.astrazeneca-us.com/foundation) by May 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. E.T. to be considered for funding.

### Creating Health Access for Next Generation Equity (CHANGE)

The AstraZeneca Foundation is committed to ensuring that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health. The Foundation works to accomplish this by supporting nonprofit organizations with initiatives that address social drivers of health, or the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age that impact health.

As an important determinant of health outcomes, a key priority for the Foundation is improving access to timely and quality healthcare services for populations experiencing health disparities. The Foundation recognizes that access to quality healthcare can be a challenge due to financial barriers, health insurance status, geographic location, limited transportation, provider availability and culture and language, among other factors. Accordingly, the AstraZeneca Foundation has established the CHANGE program.

Funding priorities include organizations with services that will enhance access to quality healthcare, with a preference for organizations that provide services in low income areas and/or remote/rural areas, as well as those promoting screenings, early detection, treatment and/or continuity of care for cardiovascular, renal, respiratory or immunologic diseases and/or cancers. Grant funding will also prioritize organizations establishing new partnerships and broader coalitions of community-based organizations or expanding existing partnerships with the intent of breaking down institutional silos and facilitating access to quality healthcare through inter-institutional collaboration.

**In 2026, the Foundation will award grants for general operating support at \$200,000 to \$220,000 for a single year of funding.** Funding may be renewed for grant awardees on an annual basis for **up to two additional years**, dependent upon performance, funding availability and decision by the AstraZeneca Foundation Board of Trustees.

To be considered for funding, applying organizations must:

- Be a nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) designation, public school, government entity or municipal institution that is eligible to accept tax-deductible, charitable contributions. *Organizations that have a 509(a)(3) designation are not eligible for funding.*
- Serve communities in California, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts and/or Texas.
- Improve access to quality healthcare services for populations experiencing health disparities.
- Be able to participate as a member of a Community Advisory Board (1-2 individuals per organization) if selected for funding.
  - The Community Advisory Board will be comprised of grant awardees, Foundation staff and its evaluation partners. Members will meet monthly (virtually on Zoom/Teams, with some potential in-person opportunities) to:
    - Co-create a reporting and evaluation framework that centers community voices and measures organization-specific and multi-organization improvements in access to quality healthcare.
    - Develop a plan and goals for measuring long-term outcomes to improve access to quality healthcare in their community.
    - Participate in capacity-building activities and shared learning based on needs identified by grant awardees.

## Application Process & Selection

Organizations must complete and submit an online application by **May 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.** to be considered for funding. **Late applications and applications sent as attachments will not be accepted.** The AstraZeneca Foundation is not responsible for any technical issues encountered by individual applicants. To help ensure a timely and successful online application submission, it is best to submit your application a few days before the posted deadline.

At this phase in the proposal process, please do not embed links to additional resources as they will not be reviewed.

Applicants selected as finalists will be invited to submit a full application via CyberGrants from **June 10, 2026 to July 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. E.T.** for funding consideration. Information requested at that time may include but is not limited to:

- a detailed budget
- details around new and existing partnerships
- names and roles of key staff and volunteers who will support your proposed activities
- plans for engaging your local community to help guide decisions
- plans for conducting community-based outreach
- a timeline for implementing services
- a goal for the number of participants to be reached through your proposed activities
- short-term and long-term SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-bound) goals

- detailed plans for working toward the continuation of your activities beyond potential AstraZeneca Foundation funding
- ideas for replicating your approach in the future by sharing it with other organizations or communities

A selection of finalists will receive grants based on funding availability and decision by the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

The grant cycle runs from **November 1, 2026 – October 31, 2027**, and funded organizations are expected to launch their grant activities as soon as funds are received.

Please note, the Foundation does not provide critiques or commentary on applications not selected for an award, and there is no guarantee of funding.

### **Reporting**

Award recipients are required to sign and adhere to a Letter of Agreement that includes providing mid-year (May 2027) and year-end (November 2027) progress reports on their initiatives to the Foundation according to deadlines and processes set forth in the Letter of Agreement.

At mid-year and year-end, funded organizations will need to report their progress on the goals and activities they have identified in their applications as well as progress toward shared goals and activities identified by the Community Advisory Board. This may include but is not limited to:

- Submitting data to demonstrate progress toward short- and long-term goals.
- Providing aggregated demographics on participants reached during reporting intervals.
- Conducting a brief annual survey among a sample of individuals served related to their ability to access quality healthcare.
- Participating in an annual key informant interview to share effective practices and lessons learned related to your approach to improve access to care.

### **For More Information**

Please refer to our website, [www.astrazeneca-us.com/foundation](http://www.astrazeneca-us.com/foundation), to access our full criteria and Sample Application for reference. To contact the AstraZeneca Foundation with additional questions, please email [AstraZenecaFoundation@astrazeneca.com](mailto:AstraZenecaFoundation@astrazeneca.com).

## Organization Information

Organization Legal Name

EIN/Tax ID Number

**Note:** The EIN in your application needs to match the EIN of the organization executing the grant activities, and the applying organization is expected to be both the fiscal and managing agent of the grant activities.

After submitting the application, organizations cannot make substantive changes to their tax status. Once selected for a grant award, organizations cannot reassign, transfer or credit their grant to another entity, including any related entity, without prior written approval by the Foundation. Any changes in an organization's tax status after submitting the application or being selected for a grant award may impact the organization's eligibility to receive the grant.

## Application Contacts

Primary Contact Name

Primary Contact Job Title

Primary Contact Business Phone Number

Primary Contact Business Email

Secondary Contact Name

Secondary Contact Job Title

Secondary Contact Business Phone Number

Secondary Contact Business Email

## Eligibility

### How is your organization classified?

- For profit
- Nonprofit
- I am applying as an individual (not an organization)

***Note:** The CHANGE program only supports nonprofit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation, or public schools, government entities or municipal institutions that are eligible to accept tax-deductible, charitable contributions. If your organization is a 501(c)(3) that has an IRS designation as a 509(a)(3), it is ineligible for funding under Foundation guidelines.*

### Does your organization have a 501(c)(3) designation?

- Yes

***Note:** All 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations also have an IRS 509(a) designation. If your organization has been designated as a 509(a)(3) supporting organization by the IRS, it is ineligible for funding. The IRS designation can normally be found in the organization's IRS designation letter. Some nonprofit organizations, particularly older ones, could have a separate IRS 509(a) ruling letter.*

- No

**If your organization does not have a 501(c)(3) designation, you need to be designated as one of the following and have legal documentation that verifies that you are this type of entity and eligible to receive tax-deductible, charitable contributions. Please select your organization's type.**

- Public school
- Municipal institution (e.g., county health department, municipal hospital)
- Government entity
- None of the above

**If invited to submit a full proposal, is your organization able to provide a copy of your current IRS Form 990 (or documentation of your eligibility to receive charitable contributions if your organization is a public school, municipal institution or government entity)?**

- Yes  
 No

***Note:** Organizations selected as finalists will need to provide a copy of their current IRS Form 990. Organizations designated as public schools, municipal organizations or government entities that are selected as finalists will need to provide official documentation verifying their organization type and eligibility to receive tax-deductible, charitable contributions instead of an IRS Form 990.*

**If invited to submit a full proposal, is your organization able to provide a copy of your current audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements, if audited financials are not available)?**

- Yes  
 No

***Note:** Organizations selected as finalists will need to provide a copy of their current audited financial statement to be considered for funding. Unaudited financial statements may be submitted if audited financial statements are not available.*

**Will your organization use the grant funding for capital campaigns/capital investments, research or clinical trials?**

- Yes  
 No

***Note:** The AstraZeneca Foundation does not provide grant funding for applications for capital campaigns/capital investments, research or clinical trials.*

**Will your organization use the grant funding for medical education and/or training (i.e., training necessary to obtain a degree or license) for healthcare providers that is more than incidental?**

- Yes  
 No

***Note:** The AstraZeneca Foundation does not provide funding for medical education and/or training (i.e., training necessary to obtain a degree or license) for healthcare professionals that is more than incidental.*

**Are your services/initiatives open to all regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, military service, veteran status, disability or other unlawful basis?**

- Yes
- No

***Note:** The AstraZeneca Foundation does not provide funding to organizations that discriminate on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, military service, veteran status, disability or other unlawful basis.*

**If you are a religious organization, are your initiatives/services open to the community at large?**

- Yes
- No
- Not a religious organization

***Note:** The AstraZeneca Foundation does not provide funding to religious organizations unless individuals outside the organization are eligible for participation in the organization's services/initiatives.*

**Is the applying organization's total annual revenue from its most recent tax year \$12,000,000 or less?**

- Yes
- No

***Note:** To be eligible for a CHANGE grant, the applying organization must have a total annual revenue of \$12,000,000 or less during its most recent tax year.*

## Priority Communities

**In which of the following locations will your organization provide services that improve access to quality healthcare? Select all that apply.**

- California
- Delaware
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Texas

**Note:** *To be considered for CHANGE funding in 2026, organizations must serve communities in California, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts and/or Texas. While your organization does not need to be based in one of those locations, your organization must serve community members and provide services in at least one of those locations.*

**Will your organization's services work to improve access to quality healthcare for populations experiencing health disparities?**

Yes

**Which communities will your services primarily support? Select all that apply.**

- American Indian / Alaskan Native individuals
- Asian individuals
- Black / African American individuals
- Latinx/e / Hispanic individuals
- Native Hawaiian individuals
- Pacific Islander individuals
- White / Caucasian individuals
- Women
- Men
- Other genders
- LGBTQ+ populations
- People living in poverty or with low incomes
- People who are medically underserved
- People experiencing homelessness or housing insecure
- Immigrant populations
- Refugee populations and individuals who have been displaced
- People with learning difficulties
- People living with disabilities (e.g., physical, intellectual, developmental)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

No

**Note:** *To be considered for funding, organizations must work to improve access to quality healthcare for populations experiencing health disparities.*

**Will your organization's services work to improve access to quality healthcare in area(s) with low income?**

Yes

No

**Will your organization's services work to improve access to quality healthcare in rural/remote area(s)?**

Yes

No

## Services

**In a few sentences or short paragraph, provide a few statistics highlighting the unmet access to quality healthcare needs in the community that your services will address. Be sure to cite valid resources (e.g., state health department data). (1500 character limit)**

**In one sentence, state the overarching goal your organization aims to achieve through your access to quality healthcare activities. (500 character limit)**

**Which of the following items will your organization address to improve access to quality healthcare? See criteria for examples of each and select all that apply.**

- Providing access to care services
- Coordinating care
- Mitigating barriers that impact patient access to care services
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**For each item you selected to improve access to quality healthcare, describe in a short paragraph the related services your organization will provide and how they will help address health disparities in your community. (4000 character limit)**

**Please enter the number of years of experience your organization has implementing your approach to improving access to quality healthcare.**

**If your organization has less than three years of experience with your approach for improving access to quality healthcare, please explain in a few sentences why the innovative approach you are proposing should be tested and funded. If not applicable, enter “N/A”. (1000 character limit)**

**Will your approach to improving access to quality healthcare services include a focus on promoting screenings, early detection, treatment and/or continuity of care for any of the following diseases? Select all that apply.**

- Cardiovascular diseases
- Renal diseases
- Respiratory diseases
- Immunologic diseases
- Cancers
- None of the above
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**In a few sentences or a short paragraph, summarize the services provided that will be focused on promoting screenings, early detection, treatment and/or continuity of care or enter “N/A” if not applicable. (1500 character limit)**

***Note:** The AstraZeneca Foundation absolutely does not require nor does it prefer organizations that use grant funds for medications, including AstraZeneca products. The AstraZeneca Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization and separate legal entity from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals with distinct legal restrictions. If medication treatment is included, specific brand names must not be referenced.*

## Community Involvement

**Will you use this grant funding as an opportunity to create a new partnership and/or coalition or to expand existing partnerships with other institutions similarly committed to reducing health disparities?**

Yes

**Please explain in a few sentences. (1000 character limit)**

No

**Will your organization engage with your local community and the populations you serve to help guide decisions around services and accelerate local change?**

Yes

**In a few sentences, tell us how the voice of your constituents will be reflected in your proposed services/activities. (1000 character limit)**

No

## Organizational Capacity

**State your organization's mission in one sentence. (500 character limit)**

**In a short paragraph, describe your organization's capabilities for implementing your access to quality healthcare services and measuring impact. Include any preexisting partnerships that will support this effort. (1500 character limit)**

**In a short paragraph, describe how your organization will work toward continuing your access to quality healthcare services beyond potential AstraZeneca Foundation funding. (1500 character limit)**

## Impact

### *Patient/Client Impact*

In a few sentences or a short paragraph, describe what information or measures you currently collect to assess your impact on patient health (e.g., blood pressure, health knowledge, quality of life). (1500 character limit)

### *Organizational Effectiveness*

In a few sentences or a short paragraph, describe what information or measures you currently collect to assess program/service performance or impact (e.g., service delivery data, participant feedback, outcome measures) related to access to healthcare services. (1500 character limit)

### *Community Impact*

In a few sentences or a short paragraph, describe how your organization currently assesses and shares information related to your overall impact on the health of your local community. (1500 character limit)

## Additional Questions

**How did you hear about the CHANGE funding opportunity?**

- Philanthropic/nonprofit association listserv/community board
- Social media
- AstraZeneca Foundation website
- AstraZeneca Foundation distribution email
- Colleagues/recommendations from other nonprofit organization(s)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_