

AstraZeneca Foundation



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Please use the sample as a guide for our expectations on how questions should be answered, rather than focusing on the actual content of the sample application itself. For more information on Foundation preferences and priorities, please see our funding criteria located on our website.

Note: Sample answers are in pink.

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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?

Nonprofit

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.

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

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

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?

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?

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

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?

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

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.

Delaware

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.

- Black / African American individuals
- Latinx/e / Hispanic individuals
- People living in poverty or with low incomes
- People who are medically underserved

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

Yes

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

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)

According to the 2025 New Castle County Community Health Needs Assessment conducted by ChristianaCare, utilization rates for cervical cancer screenings, mammograms, preventative services for men and preventative services for women in 2023 were lower in New Castle County (81.7%, 76.1%, 41.6% and 37.5%, respectively) than the US (82.8%, 78.2%, 43.7% and 37.9%, respectively). Heart failure, heart disease, and cancer mortality rates compared unfavorably in the county and state compared to national averages. In addition to primary care shortages and healthcare workforce shortages, community members face challenges with cost of care, insurance restrictions/limitations, coordination of care, language barriers and navigation challenges.

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

Neighborhood Wellness seeks to improve health outcomes and access to quality healthcare among low-income, uninsured/underinsured residents in New Castle County by increasing outreach and screenings, expanding health education and enhancing care coordination services to better connect clients to care and community resources in convenient locations.

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

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)

Providing access to care: Neighborhood Wellness provides free health screenings, health education, health insurance enrollment support, care coordination services and referrals to quality healthcare and social services for individuals with low incomes and/or who are uninsured/underinsured. We connect community members to medical homes through established partnerships with a free clinic and Federally Qualified Health Center, where clients access free primary, dental, behavioral health and vision care. Our Community Health Workers provide health screenings (blood pressure, blood glucose, BMI, cholesterol, depression) in community settings where our client population resides, gathers and worships, including subsidized housing units, senior centers, food banks and churches. Over the next year, we aim to increase our reach by adding screening locations through new community partnerships and expanding our partnerships with the free clinic and FQHC to host a series of community health fairs focused on heart health screenings, cancer screenings and immunizations. Both partners have mobile units that will be available on site. Our Community Health Workers have established trust in the community and will help promote the health fairs, provide on-site health education and coordinate follow-up care, transportation services and other social service needs. We also plan to add a group chronic disease health education program for individuals with or at risk of diabetes and cardiovascular disease that will include one-on-one nutrition counseling through a Registered Dietitian provided by our FQHC partner.

Coordinating care: Our Community Health Workers link individuals to medical homes and help clients navigate care by setting up and joining appointments as needed. Community Health Workers follow-up with clients monthly to provide education, support, and referrals to community resources that support the client's overall health like access to quality food and adequate housing. Over the next year, we intend to expand our team of Community Health Workers by adding more bilingual staff, as well as community partners to better connect clients to needed healthcare services and community resources. We are in discussions with another FQHC regarding a potential partnership so that we can refer clients to services closer to where they reside, as well as two local shelters and a food pantry for screening locations and housing/food referrals.

Mitigating barriers: By providing free services in popular gathering spaces at convenient times, Neighborhood Wellness mitigates barriers such as transportation, affordability and availability. Screenings are offered at various times throughout the week, including some nights and weekends. Individuals are provided their results and are educated by a Community Health Worker on what their results mean in a manner to help reduce any gaps in health literacy. Several Community Health Workers are from or live in the neighborhoods we serve and can relate to clients on a cultural level, explain screening tests and provide education in ways that make sense and build trust in our local communities. Community Health Workers also arrange transportation for clients to follow-up appointments as needed through volunteer-assisted rides. When community members contact Neighborhood Wellness, they are given the option to communicate in languages other than English. In addition, all written materials provided to clients are written in plain language, languages other than English when needed and include images of individuals who reflect the communities we serve.

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

15

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)

N/A

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
- Immunologic diseases
- Cancers

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.

Neighborhood Wellness provides blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose screenings, assesses BMI and conducts lifestyle surveys on smoking, physical activity and dietary habits. If health habits such as smoking, physical activity or diet are a concern, we work with local organizations to connect individuals to support groups, accessible opportunities for exercise and/or food banks with healthy food options. Individuals identified as at-risk or with cardiovascular disease or diabetes are provided on-site education and connected to a medical home for continued care if they do not have one. A new service will be our group chronic disease health education program for individuals with or at risk of diabetes or cardiovascular disease that will include one-on-one nutrition counseling with a Registered Dietitian. In partnership with our free clinic and FQHC partners, additional screenings (breast, cervical and colorectal cancers) and vaccinations will be provided via mobile clinics at community health fairs, along with education and care coordination.

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)

Neighborhood Wellness plans to form a new partnership with one additional healthcare provider such as an FQHC and three community organizations located in underserved areas of New Castle County. The healthcare partnership will help many of our clients establish a medical home and access primary care services closer to where they live and work. We have also identified three community organizations for potential partnerships including Hope House, Safe Haven Shelter and Main Street Food Pantry. All three would serve as screening locations to reach additional community members as well as resources for housing and nutrition.

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)

Two Board members are previous clients who help set the strategic direction of our organization. During weekly staff meetings, we discuss the themes we're hearing from community members around health needs and ways we can improve. On lifestyle surveys, we ask clients what other services would help improve their health, such as access to healthy foods, support around smoking or exercise, transportation and education. This enables us to support clients with referrals to local resources and informs plans to expand our work. On bi-annual client surveys, we ask questions to understand the challenges clients face in accessing or navigating services and areas for improvement. Finally, during monthly client advisory council meetings, client representatives help design and test promotional and educational materials to ensure they are tailored to our community and offer insights to better reach and engage community members.

Organizational Capacity

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

The mission of Neighborhood Wellness is to improve the health and wellbeing of our neighbors experiencing poverty through community collaboration, care and connection to resources.

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)

Neighborhood Wellness has successfully implemented heart health screenings in community spaces and provided ongoing support from Community Health Workers for 15 years. We have served over X clients in New Castle County with a staff of X and over X volunteers. Over X clients have been linked to medical homes and X clients have been enrolled in health insurance. We currently partner with X community organizations across New Castle County to provide services such as Downtown Food Bank, Hope Church, Riverfront Food Pantry, Northside Senior Center, Faith Church, Main Street Senior Center, New Castle Free Clinic, Wilmington Community Health Center and the City Housing Authority. We work with a university evaluation partner to help design survey instruments and interview questions for our data collection efforts, and our Outcomes Manager manages our data collection and analysis processes with support from our university evaluation partner.

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)

Neighborhood Wellness prepares an annual fundraising plan to secure funds for our operations. We will build additional community partnerships to support our services, share our work and impact with current and potential funding partners and community partners and further develop our employees to support the continuation of our access to quality healthcare services. Our grant writer identifies grant opportunities and submits proposals on a regular basis. Our two development staff build and maintain relationships with donors and local businesses to secure financial support. Each year, our organization hosts a fundraising event in the spring and fall, which typically raise about \$20K-\$30K per event for our organization. Neighborhood Wellness provides competitive compensation and robust employee training and cross-training. Additionally, our volunteer manager works with local universities to provide year-long internship opportunities to qualified students in health and nursing programs to support our work. This investment in human capital will set the foundation for many more years of successful work.

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)

Neighborhood Wellness tracks BMI, blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and anxiety/depression screening scores for clients every three months and stores the data in our electronic health records. We also conduct surveys with clients every six months to understand any changes in smoking, physical activity, dietary habits, knowledge of nutrition, knowledge of disease risk factors and their perception on whether their health has improved. Patient demographics are collected at intake and confirmed annually. This includes race/ethnicity, age, gender, health insurance status and housing status, and allows us to identify any trends or gaps in health outcomes for various populations and the need for any targeted interventions.

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)

Neighborhood Wellness tracks several basic performance indicators, including the number of clients served, locations served, number of health screenings conducted, number of referrals to medical homes and other community services, number of clients connected to health insurance options and the number of clients enrolled in health insurance through the support of our community health workers. These measures are analyzed with client demographics to understand if there are gaps in services for any of our client populations and to ensure we are reaching populations with the greatest health inequities. On our bi-annual survey we also collect client demographics and ask questions around our clients' ability to access and navigate care, their satisfaction with care as well as their healthcare service needs. For clients who miss multiple appointments with our healthcare provider partners, our team has a separate point of contact to learn if the individual is experiencing any barriers to receiving care. This information is tracked through our internal data collection platform and shared with our community health workers to provide support, as well as our community partners when common themes emerge.

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)

Every three years Neighborhood Wellness takes part in a community needs assessment with our provider partners. We help collect and provide data related to lifestyle habits, health insurance status, housing status, medical home status and barriers to healthcare. Our provider partners collect and provide data related to clinical outcomes. Using the community needs assessment and comparing it to city, county and state morbidity and mortality rates for various health conditions, including cardiovascular diseases and cancers, we set strategic goals with our provider partners to address specific unmet health needs within various populations. We then engage with our provider partners on a quarterly basis to share progress toward goals, challenges and learnings.

Additional Questions

How did you hear about the CHANGE funding opportunity?

Philanthropic/nonprofit association listserv/community board