

## 2025 Grant Cycle Webinar Q&A

### ELIGIBILITY

**Can grantees with existing multi-year Digital Equity grants can submit an application this cycle under a different focus area?**

*Yes, they can apply for this cycle with different activities.*

**Are 501C3 Foundations that support Pediatric Hospitals eligible to apply?**

*501c3 organizations are eligible to apply. Potential applicants should review the appropriate Theory of Change to determine alignment between programs and MHM priorities.*

**Are public school districts eligible to apply? If not, can a school district apply through its educational foundation (which is a 501C3)?**

*Applications are open to 501c3 organizations.*

**To clarify- if you are a 501c3 and you have locations that cross multiple counties and areas, you submit one application for all locations and emphasis in the single application your entire service area. Correct?**

*Yes*

**Will only (1) grant application will be accepted per organization?**

*MHM will only accept one grant application per organization unless the applicant organization is serving as a fiscal sponsor for another organization, in addition to applying for its own organizational needs. Should a grant application cross multiple focus areas, select the most impactful focus area as indicated by the outcome most closely connected to the funds requested.*

**Our organization was not formalized until this year and the original founders have stepped down. I can provide this year's budget and financial statements, but I can't provide anything from 2017-2023. Does this mean we're ineligible? Our current budget is about \$40K and we're first-time applicants.**

*Applicants should have 5013c status for one year prior to applying.*

**Can ISD's apply? What is the min and max amount grant amount?**

*Tax exempt organizations are eligible to apply. MHM does not award more than 20% of an organization's budget.*

**Can you clarify the opportunities for municipalities?**

*Tax exempt organizations or organizations with fiscal sponsors are eligible to apply.*

**So first time applicants can only apply for single year funding?**

*Correct.*

**Does the organization have to be based in Texas? Or can we just serve people in your target region?**

*No, services just need to be within our service area.*

**If we have two entities, can each one submit an application? We have a 501 (c) (6) and a 501 (c) (3)**

*We will consider one application per organization.*

**Follow up question to this:**

**Government entities are eligible if**

**•The organization or fiscal sponsor has been a 501(c)(3) status least one year. • The organization will serve one or more counties in MHM’s 74-county service area. • The organization must align with MHM strategic priorities including outcomes that are consistent with MHM Community Investments focus area theories of change. Do we have to meet all 3 of these criteria to apply? We meet the 2nd and 3rd bullet point but as a government entity I don't believe we are a 501 c 3. Does this mean that we would have to have a fiscal sponsor (that is a 501 c 3) apply on our behalf?**

*Tax exempt organizations may apply. Additionally, if an applicant organization does not have a 501(c)(3) designation, the applicant may use a fiscal sponsor to apply. The fiscal sponsor must have 501(c)(3) designation or tax exemption for at least one year*

## **BUDGET**

**Our statewide budget is \$2M, but our San Antonio budget is \$290k, do we qualify for 20% of the \$2M or just 20% of the \$290k San Antonio budget (ie \$58k)?**

*Organization budgets are tied to EIN.*

**Did I hear Venessa say you are moving away from cost reimbursement?**

*Yes, applicants will have the opportunity to select their preferred payment schedule in their application.*

**What is the average amount for a project/program grant? Is there a maximum or minimum of funding you can apply for?**

*Our average grant size is \$250,000. MHM does not award more than 20% of an organization’s board-approved budget.*

**Would interior furnishings for new construction be eligible expenditures under Capital?**

*Furnishings that support the facilitation of the project or program may be considered.*

**For the revenue portion of the budget, should we include requests for funding that have not been decided yet?**

*Please use funds received or committed.*

**Following up on the Excel budget template question -- do we need to save the template as a PDF file when we upload it for submission? Or do we keep it as an Excel file?**

*Completed budget templates should be submitted as an Excel file.*

**Can you re-clarify “Fringe Benefits”**

*Fringe benefits include payroll taxes, retirement benefits, health insurance, etc. This amount should be allocated at the same % as the salary allocation rate.*

**In the budgets that we submit, do we need to submit a description of each line item? In other words, do we need to submit the name of each government grant that we've received as revenue, etc.?**

*No, but in column A add the name of the agency providing the grant i.e. NIH, DHHS, etc.*

**Is there a required match amount or percentage? If yes, are in kind accepted or does it have to be funds from the organization budget dollars specifically allocated for the program activities that the grant is for?**

*There is no required match for MHM grants.*

**Can grant funds be used for consultants or do all personnel need to be full employees of the organization?**

*Consultants are eligible costs.*

**Is there a separate budget template for capital requests?**

*No, capital requests should utilize the single year template.*

**For funding slightly over the \$100k, may the organization receive monthly or quarterly disbursements in ADVANCE?**

*If awarded, you'll be able to select monthly or quarterly payments.*

**Is an organization allowed to include volunteer time as in kind in our total program budget?**

*In kind time and items may be considered if part of board approved budgets.*

**If we won't have our 2025 budget finalized until after the grant deadline, should we use our 2024 budget?**

*Use the most recent budget approved by the board.*

**On the budget form, please explain how to list fringe benefits budgeted but not included in the MHM request. For example, the organization may include \$10,000 of fringe benefits in the MHM request and budget for an additional \$20,000 of fringe benefits to be funded by other donors/foundations. The \$10,000 is listed in the yellow box, but where do we list the \$20,000?**

*The other funding sources for fringe are not required to be budgeted in either revenue or expense.*

**Please clarify what you mean by contributed income- income contributed by the nonprofit. Is this intended to capture revenue sources like individual donations?**

*The income -income contributed should reflect the amount the organization is contributing to the program.*

**Is the 20% cap also for Capital Projects? Also, is capital only for renovations, or can it be for expansion, new building in same location?**

*We will consider funding 20% of capital projects, however average grant size is \$250,000.*

**If you have a contract with advocacy and policy department does that get counted toward the 20 percent cap?**

*Yes*

**My organization is an externally funded department within a larger university. For the budget documents, I assume we need to fill out our department's budget, but is there space for the larger university's budget too? Or is that not necessary to include?**

*Use the department budget for the org budget. The university budget is not required to be noted.*

## **CORNERSTONE**

**Have the Cornerstone Invitations already been sent out?**

*Cornerstone invitations were sent to program contacts the first week of September.*

**How do we receive a cornerstone invitation?**

*Cornerstone applicants are chosen for their long-time partnership with MHM, their role in the community safety net, and alignment with our Theories of Change. Dollar amounts are based on historical funding averages over three to five years. Cornerstone grants will have a streamlined review process and are not part of the competitive open cycle. Additionally, general operating support is not available in the open cycle.*

**Can you share more of what you are looking for in a Cornerstone project?**

*Cornerstone applicants Program Request: Complete the budget form attached and upload it in the online application.*

*General Operating Request: Upload your organizational budget in place of the request budget. General operating requests are not required to provide a grant request budget.*

**If an organization received a Cornerstone invitation, can they also apply for open cycle? Eg I'm with UTH SPH who have a past relationship and previous MHM Grants and they may have received invitation, we are planning to submit open proposal with UTH McWilliams School of Biomedical Informatics.**

*Organizations may only submit one application.*

**If we received a Cornerstone invitation, but would like to do capital do we still use the same link?**

*Capital funds will not be awarded through Cornerstone grants. Cornerstone invitees wishing to request capital funds should use the open cycle option.*

**We can only apply under one grant cycle (Open or Cornerstone) not both, correct?**

*MHM will only accept one grant application per organization.*

**Will I need to inform my program officer if we were invited for Cornerstone but will be pursuing a different funding area?**

*Yes, please share your application plans with your program officer.*

**The 3 yr is only available via Cornerstone grant application, correct?**

*You may apply for 3 year in the Open Cycle if you are a 2024 Community Investments funded partner.*

**Were invitations to Cornerstone Grants sent to the executive director of the organization?**

*Invitations were sent to the contact person for your current grant.*

**Our invitation email says the below - does this mean we are invited to apply for Cornerstone or Open? "The next chapter in Methodist Healthcare Ministries' grant cycle has begun and the application process is now open!"**

*This is a general announcement that our application process is open, not a Cornerstone invitation.*

**We received an email invitation to register for this webinar, but it doesn't specify "Cornerstone". How do we know if we are invited to apply for Cornerstone or Open?**

*Cornerstone invitations were sent directly to program contacts with specific applications details.*

**Can you explain more about general operating requests?**

*General operating is only available to Cornerstone applicants, applicants should refer to their invitation email for additional guidance on grant types.*

## **FOCUS AREAS**

**Can the grant application cover more than one area - ex: digital literacy and economic development**

*While proposals may acknowledge multiple focus areas, applications will be evaluated based on outcomes as aligned to the appropriate focus area for reporting consistency purposes.*

**Is there an option to serve multiple Service Areas when applying?**

*Yes*

**My organization serves both Bexar County and K-L Areas of Strategic Opportunity. Would it be more competitive to focus our proposal on our work in the K-L areas, or should we include both Bexar County and K-L communities work?**

*The K-L areas of Strategic Opportunity will be Community Investments priority areas.*

**If we are applying under Access to Care: General, does our program need to cover each of the objectives?**

*No, proposals do not need to cover all objectives in the selected focus area.*

**Can you post a link to the Theory of Change descriptions?**

[2025 Annual Grant Cycle – Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. \(mhm.org\)](https://www.mhm.org/2025-Annual-Grant-Cycle)

**You mentioned you will be considering applications under all focus areas - is your intention to distribute funding relatively evenly between the areas?**

*Historically, the Access to Care General and Access to Care Mental and Behavioral Health focus areas have received the most funding, but we anticipate awards to reflect the needs of the community.*

**If we are a 2024 funded org and want to apply for a multi- year, does it have to be for the same project/program, or are we able to apply for a new area.**

*You can apply for a different project/program than what was funded in 2024 if it aligns with our Theories of Change.*

## **MISC**

**Where on the website is that strategic map located?**

*MHM serves 74-counties throughout west, south, central, and coastal Texas. Refer to the MHM [service area map](#) for the counties included.*

**Under priority issues is Childhood cancer research ever a topic that is advocated?**

*Please see our policy initiatives here: [Policy & Advocacy – Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. \(mhm.org\)](#)*

**About how many grants will be awarded in the Open call?**

*We anticipate awarding 18 million dollars in the competitive cycle.*

**If we are receiving funds under the PJTT Program; can we apply for Open Cycle Grant?**

*Initially, MHM awarded grants to support access to care. As MHM broadened the definition of healthcare, we transitioned to support other areas of health to include Social Determinants of Health.*

*PJTT's purpose is to fund and accompany coalitions (made up of organizations & persons with lived experience) to develop emergent strategy & shift power to address root causes of inequity.*

*Community Investments funds individual organizations rather than coalitions. While your coalition may not be eligible for this funding opportunity, your organization might be.*

**Could capital grant be used for weatherization on our building or in community homesteads?**

*Construction costs are eligible. MHM will not support more than 20% of the capital budget.*

**If we did not directly receive one of the multiyear Digital Equity grants (we were not the applicant/recipient) but we are partnering with one of the recipients and receiving resources funded by the grant (in this case - staff training, a digital literacy curriculum, and devices to be distributed to the community), can we apply for the 2025 Grant Cycle under digital equity?**

*501c3 and tax-exempt organizations are eligible to apply.*

**Would women's and children's education provided to rural healthcare providers qualify for the education and workforce development grant?**

*Please refer to Education and Workforce Development Theory of Change for alignment with priorities.*

**Is there a way we can see prior recipients (2022-2024)**

*A few of our 2024 partners are highlighted on the website- [Grantmaking – Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. \(mhm.org\)](https://www.mhm.org)*

**Are the fillable applications limited by number of characters?**

*Yes, narrative response fields have character limits.*

**Is infrastructure (streets, water mains, curbs and gutters) something that would be an approved cost for housing?**

*If this is a need not covered by the local government, we will review the request. We anticipate the average grant size to be \$250,000 and we will not cover more than 20% of a capital budget.*

**If we are interested in a Capital application but aren't quite at the point of asking, will there be a 2025 grant cycle at the same time next year?**

*We do not have information on a 2026 cycle at this time.*

**Is there a list of organizations with their program managers available on FAQ?**

*If you are a current funded partner and don't know who your program officer is, please email [CommInvestments@mhm.org](mailto:CommInvestments@mhm.org)*

**Is it possible to receive a partial award (less than requested) or is it all or nothing?**

*MHM may elect to fund the request in part or in full.*

**If our fiscal agent isn't located in your service counties but my site is...can our fiscal agent apply for this grant or only the sites that are located in the service areas?**

*The fiscal agent does not need to be located in the service area. However, all grant activities must be in serve one or more counties in MHM's 74-county service area.*

**Webb county is 96% Hispanic, could we emphasize Hispanic and other when selecting target population?**

*Please refer to the application for appropriate place to highlight population served.*

**At one point, MHM did not consider transportation as a social determination of health that qualified for funding. This was probably 6 or 7 years ago. Is this still the case?**

*Please review Theories of Change for program alignment.*

**What is the minimum number of goals?**

*We recommend no less than three goals, with two being quantitative.*

**Will you be emailing the presentation slides?**

*The slides are available on the website.*

**May we refer other nonprofits to MHM so they may apply for funds?**

*The open application is public.*

**When is this recorded webinar be available?**

[2025 Grant Cycle Webinar Materials – Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. \(mhm.org\)](#)

**Program timelines should all be January to December, correct?**

*Correct.*

**For questions, should we consult with our current program officer or the program specialist you just introduced?**

*If you are a currently funded organization, reach out to your assigned program officer. If you are a first-time applicant, email [comminvestments@mhm.org](mailto:comminvestments@mhm.org).*

**Can we hear Vanessa's joke?**

*Did you know that two times ten and two times eleven are actually the same? Two times ten is twenty and two times eleven is twenty too.*

**Where on <https://www.mhm.org/grantmaking/> is the application PDF and budget template?**

[Community Grants Library 2025 – Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. \(mhm.org\)](#)

**How often do you like to hear informal updates from grantees about how the project is going?**

*You are welcome to update your program officer at your convenience.*

**Can you explain what the dots on the map mean?**

*The dots represent MHM clinics, programs, and funded partners, refer to the color coordinated key on the bottom left.*

**If we are applying for a capital grant, can we use the funds for a leased facility?**

*No, capital grants are only allowed for facilities owned by the applicant.*

**May we share new fundraiser events with our program managers?**

*Yes of course.*

**How many applications do you usually receive?**

*We had 525 webinar attendees.*



**If there is a project that includes both digital equity and workforce education, can we roll them into one application?**

*All applicants should select the focus area that best reflects their project or program.*

**Are indirect/admin costs unallowed for capital only projects?**

*Correct, indirect costs may not be incorporated in capital grant requests.*

**Please mention required reporting if funded.**

*MHM reporting includes a mid-year and year-end report as well as program officer site visits and check ins.*

**The website says that new Bexar County funding will only be awarded to the priority zip codes listed. Are you only allowed to serve those zip codes with the funding? Does that apply to current or previously awarded partner serving Bexar County?**

*New Bexar County requests must serve the priority zip codes listed.*

**Is there a link to the grant portal on the MHM website?**

*If applying for the competitive Open Cycle, use the links below:*

- Initial link: <https://us.grantrequest.com/application.aspx?sid=1143&fid=35334>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> link to get back to an application that is in progress:  
<https://us.grantrequest.com/accountmanager.aspx?sid=1143>

**We Are a Group of CHW Can We Apply For a Grant?**

*501c3 organizations are eligible to apply.*