El Camino Health and El Camino Healthcare District
Community Benefit Grant Program

FY2027 Grant Application Information Session
Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Is it possible to apply for an El Camino Health (ECH) and El Camino Healthcare District (ECHD) grant?**
   Applicants may apply for both ECH and ECHD grant funding. Applications must meet the geographic requirement by serving individuals who live, work or go to school in the District boundaries or El Camino Health service area.

   Note that the District has more funding available in general and **for FY2027, substantial additional funding is expected to be available for the El Camino Healthcare District Community Benefit Grant Program.** We encourage applicants to take that information into account when deciding which fund to apply for.

2. **Can one organization submit more than one application for two separate programs addressing different health priority areas?**
   The primary distinction between the El Camino Health and El Camino Healthcare District Community Benefit Program is geography. It may be appropriate to apply for more than one grant depending on an applicant's initiatives and anticipated impact. To discuss specific questions on this topic, please email CommunityBenefit_ECH@elcaminohealth.org.

3. **How many partners are typically funded per fiscal year?**
   The list of ECH and ECHD FY2026 grant partners are available here:
   [El Camino Health FY2026 Grant Partners](#)
   [El Camino Healthcare District FY2026 Grant Partners](#)

4. **How much funding is available from the ECH grant versus the ECHD grant?**
   The amount of funding has varied slightly from year to year, with a larger amount of funding for ECHD. In previous grant cycles, applicants were advised that incremental increases were more feasible than large variations in funding requests from one year to the next.

   For FY2027, we anticipate substantial additional funding to help mitigate federal funding cuts will be available for the El Camino Healthcare District Community Benefit Grant Program. Organizations applying to the District should apply for increased funds if needed. Additionally, District grantees are encouraged to consider requests for new or innovative programming that may complement an existing El Camino Healthcare District funded program. For information on funding amounts from prior years, the community benefit annual reports can be found here: [Community Benefit | About Us | El Camino Health](#)

5. **What is the range of funding applicants may apply for?**
   We do not prescribe dollar amount ranges for grant applications. Please consider your current funding needs for the application.

   It is important to clearly articulate the role that ECH or ECHD funding would play in relation to other funding sources for new or existing programs. As stated in the [FY2027 Grant Guide](#) (pg 6), funding requests for amounts under $15,000 may be more well suited to apply for a Community Benefit sponsorship funding request.

6. **How much additional District funding is available?**
   We expect the additional funding will be substantial; however, the amount is not confirmed yet.

7. **Can the District additional funds go towards requesting more funding for currently funded programs?**
   Yes, you may apply for additional funding for currently funded programs.

8. **Can applicants request feedback on previous submissions?**
   An application feedback period is offered after the application result notifications in the summer. In an effort to be equitable across applicants, we aim to provide program-specific information within the feedback period. Once the new application cycle begins, the program focus is shifted to the upcoming fiscal year.

   In addition to reviewing the [FY2027 Grant Guide](#), applicants may attend the information sessions for general guidance and refer to the session recording posted on the websites after the live sessions. Applicants may also submit process-related questions via email to CommunityBenefit_ECH@elcaminohealth.org.

9. **When choosing a health need, is it better to focus on one in detail, or show how the program addresses multiple health needs?**
   Please choose one health need that best aligns with your program.

10. **Can agencies with an operating budget exceeding $1.5M apply for a Support Grant?**
    Agencies with an operating budget exceeding $1.5M do *not* qualify for a Support Grant with the El Camino Healthcare District but can apply for a Program Grant and are required to include at least one outcome metric. There is no operating budget limit for Program Grants. ECHD funds both Program Grants and Support Grants (up to $30,000 for agencies with an operating budget of less than $1.5M) (see the [FY2027 Grant Guide](#), pg 3).

11. **How should applicants calculate the FTE and benefits for personnel requests?**
    The FTE should reflect the percentage dedicated for the requested positions and requested amount. If the request includes personnel benefits, please describe how the funds will be used and specify which personnel position(s) the benefits apply to, including the percentage of the funding requested that will cover those benefits.

12. **Is the Community Benefit Program considering offering multi-year grants?**
    Most grants are for a single fiscal year. Multi-year grant consideration is at the discretion of the Community Benefit Program governing bodies and currently applications are only available for one fiscal year.

13. **Do you have a Word or PDF document of the application you can provide?**
    A PDF of the application is posted on the following websites:
    Community Benefit | El Camino Health
    Community Benefit | El Camino Healthcare District

14. **Did the grant application and reporting move to a different portal?**
    Yes, effective FY2026 the Community Benefit Program transitioned to the new portal, YourCause BlackBaud. The historic application and reporting data from the old portal has closed and is inaccessible. For technical assistance, please email CommunityBenefit_ECH@elcaminohealth.org.

15. **If part of your program includes a confidential shelter location, how can we meet the requirement of submitting a full address while maintaining confidentiality?**
    For programs with confidential shelter or service sites, the applicant should indicate that the location is confidential and list the city and zip code instead of a full address.

16. **Are cities eligible for grant funding?**
    Yes, eligible organizations include nonprofits, government-sponsored health programs, school districts, community service agencies, safety net clinics and community coalitions with a history of service to the residents of our community. Please reference pg 7 in the FY2027 Grant Guide.