



# Community Health Investment Fund

The University of Vermont Medical Center's Community Health Investment Fund (CHIF) currently invests over \$1 million annually in programs and initiatives through a competitive grant process. Investments help support the priority areas identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). The Fund is overseen by the UVM Medical Center's Community Health Investment Committee (CHIC). Applicants for funding must be a 501(c)3 or government organization. Projects should be located in the UVM Medical Center's primary Health Service Area (Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties).

## HEALTH PRIORITY AREAS FUNDED

### Cultural Humility and Inclusive Health Care

Access to inclusive, high-quality health care in settings where all community members feel safe, respected, and understood.

### Housing

Having safe, healthy, and affordable housing that meets the needs of all families and individuals in our community, while promoting equitable access.

### Mental Health and Well-being

Supporting the mental health and well-being of all community members by offering timely services and promoting social connections.

## PROJECT FUNDING OVERVIEW & CRITERIA

CHIC supports organizations and projects that:

- Align with CHNA health priority areas
- Serve populations most impacted by health disparities as defined by the CHNA
- Have a clear goal and measurable impact
- Reference evidence-based or notable successful models, or demonstrate unique, innovative ways to address community needs
- Utilize collaboration
- Demonstrate an organization's understanding of its role within the broader community
- Include goals toward financial sustainability
- Prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts at all levels

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

[Grants \(uvmhealth.org\)](https://uvmhealth.org)

[Community Health Needs Assessment \(uvmhealth.org\)](https://uvmhealth.org)

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## GRANT TYPES

### Program Grants

- Multi-year, up to three years
- Maximum request of \$50,000, annual LOI cycle\*
- Support projects or programs within an organization, often times as part of collaborative effort but not required

### Collective Impact Grants

- Multi-year, up to three years
- Maximum request of \$100,000, annual LOI cycle\*
- Requires a match of at least 50% from one or more committed funders
- Optional 1-year planning grant up to \$40,000 (planning grant not part of three year cycle)
- Addresses systems level change
- Budget needs to include a portion towards evaluation
- Additional requirements, reach out to inquire

### Emerging Need Grants

- No maximum request limit, rolling LOI cycle\*
- Intended for one-time investments of projects or initiatives, and often used for either start-up or emergency bridge funding

\*LOI cycles contingent on available funds