



Lexington-Fayette County Health Department PATH (Partnerships Advancing Transformation and Health) Mini-Grant FAQ

Thank you for considering applying for the PATH (Partnerships Advancing Transformation and Health) Mini-Grant! This document is meant to answer Frequently Asked Questions about the PATH Mini-Grant. Please review before applying.

Who can apply for the PATH Mini-Grant?

Any Fayette County entity (group, business, organization, faith-based group, collaboration, etc.) can apply for the PATH Mini-Grant. This opportunity is designed to promote active participation among community members in addressing public health issues to improve health in Fayette County. Projects must support or enhance local priority areas identified in the Community Health Improvement Plan in Fayette County. You do not need to be a 501(c)(3) to be eligible.

Priority will be given to projects that support the four CHIP priority areas: Access to Care, Financial Stability, Knowledge Empowerment, and Mental Well-Being. Priority will also be given to projects that benefit residents in ZIP codes 40504, 40508, 40511, and 40517.

What is the timeline for applications, reporting, etc.?

January 31, 2026 – Applications are due on January 31, 2026 at 11:59pm.

February 13, 2026 – Awarded project leads will be notified.

April 24, 2026 – Mid-point progress report due to LFCHD.

June 30, 2026 – Deadline for funds to be spent, and final impact/outcome report due to LFCHD.

How is it publicized?

Details about the PATH Mini-Grant are spread through community meetings, email blasts, social media, and word of mouth.

Are there limits to how much I can apply for?

Yes, the PATH Mini-Grant will be funded up to \$5,000.

Applicants may request up to \$5,000 only.

How will PATH Grant funds be disbursed?

PATH Grant recipient will be awarded 50% of the Total Grant Funds Requested immediately following notice of award, and remaining 50% of funds after submission of the mid-point progress report showing satisfactory progress on the mini-grant project.

What can money be used for?

Examples of what money CAN be used for include, but are not limited to: staff time in support of the mini-grant project, supplies and materials needed for project activities, training, equipment, policy

development, etc. in support of local priorities identified in the Community Health Improvement Plan [<https://dashboards.mysidewalk.com/lexchip>].

Some expenses cannot be funded. Examples, grant funds cannot be used for more than 75 percent of salaries, capital or construction expenses, general agency operating costs, gift cards, or any expenses that occur outside the project period. Food is allowable only if it directly supports project participation.

What and when do I have to report on progress?

Project leads are asked to report on progress twice throughout the grant cycle. Monthly virtual project check-ins will be held between LFCHD and grantee. The first report is mid-cycle, and due on April 24, 2026, and a final report due on June 30, 2026. This is an opportunity to share successes and challenges, progress towards measurable outcomes, and impact of the project in general.

LFCHD will provide simple templates for both the mid-point and final reports. Awardees are required to participate in monthly virtual check-ins.

If I am awarded the grant, what is expected of me?

In essence, you will be a “project manager” for that project, responsible for the logistics, management, and measurement of the outcomes. You are encouraged to work with others, so cross-sector projects, and having various levels of the community involved are ideal.

Are multiple year grants possible?

No, at this time the PATH Mini-Grant is only available through June 30, 2026.

Who decides the awards?

A panel at LFCHD will review all applications and screen for eligibility. Those applications meeting the criteria will be scored by the LFCHD panel to award the grant to the highest scoring applicant. Applications will be reviewed using a scoring rubric to support transparency and equitable decision-making.

Only one application per organization will be considered.

This is intimidating – how do I get help?

Email Dave Peterson, LFCHD Community Programs Manager, with any questions:
davide.peterson@lfchd.org

Application instructions, including where to submit your application, will be included in the PATH Mini-Grant application. Applications must be submitted by email in PDF or Word format.