

El Camino Health and El Camino Healthcare District Community Benefit Program

FY2026 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?

Although agencies may apply for both ECH and ECHD grant funding, applicants are encouraged to consider applying to either ECH or ECHD based on target service geography.

2. Can one organization submit more than one application for two separate programs addressing different health priority areas?

Yes, it may be appropriate to apply for more than one grant depending on an agency's initiatives and anticipated impact. To discuss specific questions about this, please email CommunityBenefit_ECH@elcaminohealth.org.

3. How many partners are typically funded per fiscal year?

The list of ECH and ECHD FY2025 grant partners are available here:

[El Camino Health FY2025 Grant Partners](#)

[El Camino Healthcare District FY2025 Grant Partners](#)

4. How much funding is available from the ECH grant versus the ECHD grant?

The amount of funding varies slightly from year to year, but the amount of available funds tends to be larger from ECHD. 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?

As stated in the [FY2026 Grant Guide Page 6](#), funding requests for amounts under \$10,000 may be more well suited to apply for a Community Benefit sponsorship funding request.

As stated in the [FY2026 Grant Guide Page 6](#), incremental funding increases are more feasible than large variations from one year to the next. It is important to articulate clearly the role that Community Benefit Program funding would play in relation to other funding sources for new or existing programs.

6. Can agencies with an operating budget exceeding \$1.5M apply for a Support Grant?

ECHD funds both Program Grants and Support Grants (up to \$30,000 for agencies with an operating budget of less than \$1.5M) (see [FY2026 Grant Guide Page 3](#)). Agencies with an operating budget exceeding \$1.5M do not qualify for a Support Grant with 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.

7. How should applicants calculate the FTE for positions?

The FTE should reflect the percent dedicated for the requested positions and requested amount.

8. Is the Community Benefit Program considering offering multi-year grants?

Most grants are on a single fiscal year grant cycle. In FY2024, ECHD started a small pilot for two fiscal year grant term for a select group of grant partners. If this initiative expands in future years, a notification will be sent to grant partners.

9. Do you have a Word or PDF document of the application you can provide?

In the portal, applicants may download the application. For technical assistance, please email CommunityBenefit_ECH@elcaminohealth.org.

10. Is the grant application and reporting moving to a different portal from last year?

Yes, the Community Benefit Program is in transition between portals for application and reporting. The reporting through FY2025 will be submitted through the old portal, GrantRequest, and the FY2026 application is available now the new portal, YourCause BlackBaud.

The historic application and reporting data will need to be downloaded to retain previous submissions. Please download data by August 2025. The old portal will be closed, and historic application and reporting data will be inaccessible.

11. Do previous applicants need to have a new account created on the new application portal?

Yes, previous applicants will need to create a new account for the new application portal effective FY2026.