

# Community Health Equity Catalyst Strategy

The Ascension St. John Foundation operates the Community Health Equity Catalyst Strategy (CHECS). The strategy engages in grantmaking to support community-based organizations working to improve health outcomes among populations experiencing health disparities. Our vision is that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible.

## ABOUT US

### MISSION

Supporting organizations that work to improve health outcomes among populations experiencing health disparities.

### VISION

Everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible.

### VALUES

- **Equity:** We seek to promote health equity across our community.
- **Collaboration:** We maximize impact by encouraging partners to leverage other resources.
- **Humility:** We believe community-based organizations and their constituents know what is needed to improve the conditions for health. Our role is to provide resources to help them get there.
- **Accountability:** We take seriously our responsibility to use our resources to improve health outcomes and we hold the same standard for our partners.

## GRANT TYPES

### OPEN-APPLICATION GRANTS

Application periods in January and July. One-year grants.

#### Triple S Grants

- \$20,000 and up to Scale, Sustain, or Stabilize projects or programs.

#### Seed Projects and Pilots Grants

- Up to \$250,000 for pilot testing innovative projects and programs that are evidence-informed.

### INVITATION-ONLY GRANTS

#### Community Transformation Grants

- \$1 million or more over multiple years for projects to transform communities or systems.

#### Catalyst Grants

- \$250,000 - \$999,999 for one or more years to accelerate or enhance ongoing successful projects.

## FUNDING PRIORITIES

### CHECS PRIORITIZES:

- Midstream and Upstream programs and projects
- Programs and projects that identify and address disparities in health outcomes
- Evidence-informed and evidence-based programs and projects
- Programs and projects that have been developed with or informed by the community intended to benefit
- Programs and projects with a feasible implementation plan and the necessary partners in place



#### FUTURE "UPSTREAM"

Proactive approaches addressing issues before negative things happen



#### PRESENT "MIDSTREAM"

Active approaches to prevent problems from recurring.



#### PAST "DOWNSTREAM"

Reactions to urgent problems - an immediate fix for a past problem.

## APPLY

[stjohnhealthsystem.com/foundation](http://stjohnhealthsystem.com/foundation)

# DATES TO KNOW

## Info Sessions

- June 22, 2022 at 10am and 2pm

## July Open Applications:

- **Round I** Application Opens: July 1, 2022
- **Round I** Application Closes: July 15, 2022
- **Round II** Advancement Notifications: July 28, 2022
- **Round II** Full application due: August 18, 2022
- **Final Award Notifications:** October 31, 2022

## January Open Applications:

- **Round I** Application Opens: January 1, 2023
- **Round I** Application Closes: January 13, 2023
- **Round II** Advancement Notifications: January 23, 2022
- **Round II** Full application due: February 10, 2022
- **Final Award Notifications:** May 26, 2022

Please check the website for the most updated information.  
**Dates are subject to change.**

Additional information can be found at  
[stjohnhealthsystem.com/foundation](http://stjohnhealthsystem.com/foundation)

# ELIGIBILITY

- Only tax-exempt 501(c)3 organizations or Government entities with an IRS determination letter are eligible.
- CHECS does not fund galas, benefits, fundraising activities, conferences or symposia, needs assessments, or most research projects.
- As a Ministry of the Catholic Church, CHECS does not promote or condone practices that are contrary to the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, including contraceptive practices, direct abortions, and some reproductive technologies.
- Organizations outside the City of Tulsa are generally not eligible.

# CONTACT

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Ascension St. John follows a justice-focused framework called ABIDE which builds upon the hallmarks of appreciation, belongingness, inclusivity, diversity and equity. We intend to support like-minded organizations in our Community Health Equity grant-making.



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**Strengthening our community**