

# Clackamas and Washington Counties Commercial Tobacco Prevention Grant

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Question:** If two or more organizations want to apply for this funding opportunity together, will the organizations need a formal agreement set between them?

**Answer:** Two or more organizations can make a joint proposal and apply for this funding opportunity together. However, if awarded, Clackamas County Public Health will only contract with one organization. Similarly, the award letter will be issued to only one organization. This organization will be considered the responsible party and must hold 501(c)(3) status in the State of Oregon. Clackamas County Public Health does not require organizations applying under a joint application have a formal agreement set between them, so long as they have a mutual understanding of how to conduct the work together.

**Question:** Is this grant specifically for projects? Or can use of the funding be decided by CBOs?

**Answer:** The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support organizations in implementing culturally specific, community-led strategies that address one or more of the root causes of commercial tobacco use and related health disparities:

- Access to health care
- Mental health
- Employment
- Food access
- Income
- Housing
- Neighborhood conditions
- Public safety
- Racism, discrimination, and/or violence
- Social connections and support
- Transportation
- Adverse childhood experiences

As part of the application, applicants must list at least one goal they aim to accomplish over the course of the award period. Goal(s) must address one or more of the root causes of commercial tobacco use and related health disparities noted above.

Applicants' goal(s), along with the activities and projects that help achieve such goal(s), are determined by the applicant and should be informed by community voice and needs.

**Question:** Who does the review committee consist of?

**Answer:** The review committee consists of two Clackamas County Public Health staff, two Washington County Public Health staff, and two individuals from community-based organizations (CBOs). All reviewers must disclose if they have a conflict of interest when reviewing applications.

**Question:** Why will there only be four award recipients?

**Answer:** This is the second round of Clackamas and Washington Counties Commercial Tobacco Prevention Grants. To improve this new funding opportunity, we incorporated feedback from previous grantees to lengthen the award period and increase the amount of funding issued to each awardee. This will allow awardees more time to implement activities.

**Question:** Is there an option to receive award funds up front, instead of relying on the reimbursement-based award payment process?

**Answer:** If awarded, grantees may request up to 10% of award funds upon receiving a fully signed contract. This would be pulled from the grantee's award total. For instance, 10% of a grantee's \$50,000 award would be \$5,000. The grantee's remaining award total upon receiving a \$5,000 advance would be \$45,000.

All other award funds will be paid out via Clackamas County Public Health's monthly reimbursement process, where grantees submit monthly invoices for expenses incurred the month prior.

**Question:** I see applicants can receive 5 additional points if they do not receive [health equity funding from the Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#). Should applicants disclose if we receive any health equity funding from OHA, or just if we receive commercial tobacco prevention funding?

**Answer:** Please only disclose commercial tobacco prevention funding your organization has received from OHA.