



Stronger Together: Action Plan Implementation
Request for Applications – 2023-2024

Overview & Instructions

Deadline: May 1, 2023

[OlympicCH.org/funding](https://olympicch.org/funding)

Introduction & Background

Olympic Community of Health (OCH) is a non-profit organization serving the three-county region of Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties with partnerships with the seven sovereign Tribal nations in the region. OCH's goal is to **improve individual and population health and advance equity by addressing the determinants of health.**

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Purpose	Vision	Mission
To tackle health issues that no single sector or Tribe can tackle alone	A healthier, more equitable three-county region	To solve health problems through collaborative action

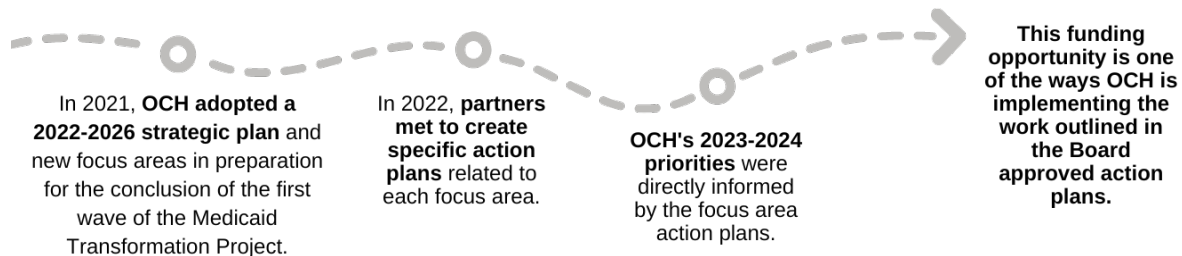
When OCH was formed under the [Medicaid Transformation Project](#) led by the Washington Health Care Authority, OCH engaged in funding relationships with multiple health-serving organizations and Tribes across the region. These “implementation partners” collaborated on a variety of projects to begin to transform health across the region from late 2018 through 2022. In 2021, the OCH Board of Directors approved a new [2022-2026 strategic plan](#). The strategic plan established four focus areas:

- [long-term, affordable, quality housing](#)
- [access to the full spectrum of care](#)
- [individual needs are met timely, easily, and compassionately](#)
- [address and reduce substance use disorders](#)

In 2022, partners met collaboratively under each focus area to define the actions, measures, and populations of emphasis to advance each focus area. These [action plans](#) were approved by the Board of Directors in late 2022. *The Board further prioritized the actions to a smaller slate for implementation in 2023 and 2024 (see project goals below).*

Under this funding opportunity, OCH aims to continue to advance the theme of **“Stronger Together: Foster a region of healthy people, thriving communities”** through collaborative action among organizations, governments, Tribes, and agencies working to advance health in the region. Those interested in this funding opportunity will [partner with at least one other organization or Tribe in the region](#) to complete and submit an application. Implementation will also happen through collective action.

[Learn more about OCH, our work, and how we’re aiming to add value to the region.](#)



Goals & Scope

Olympic Community of Health (OCH) seeks to meaningfully engage partners across the Olympic region to work toward the goal of “Improve individual and population health and advance equity by addressing determinants of health”. There is room for everyone in this important work, whether you're a health provider, Tribe, civic institution, or another community-based organization. Everyone has a role to play.

Project Goals:

Applicants apply to implement a project under one or more project goals and will submit a separate application for each project.

OCH has compiled a list of possible [project ideas](#).

- Address and reduce stigma of those community members with a substance use disorder through community-wide education, youth engagement, and through policy and systems change.
- Increase the availability of long-term and safe transitional and respite housing options for people throughout their recovery journey.
- Embed substance use disorder (SUD) services in mobile units and jail programs including connecting people to respite and transitional housing.
- Partner with hospitals to ensure access to appropriate respite, supportive, transitional, or long-term housing for those transitioning out of care.
- Identify and implement creative workforce approaches to address the health-serving workforce crisis.
- Partner with schools and colleges to create pathways to address local workforce shortages.

Project Scope:

Contractors identified through this funding opportunity will meet the following deliverables:

- Direct collaboration with at least one other organization or Tribe from within the Olympic region to advance one or more of the project goals outlined above,
- Submit a mid-project report (tentative deadline is February 2024),
- (Optional) participate in a regional convening of partners to share and learn (February 2024),
- Submit a project completion report (tentative deadline is November 2024),
- Participate in an in-person project review visit with OCH staff (tentative timeline is spring of 2024),
- Present a summary of the project to peers and the OCH Board of Directors (tentatively planned for January 2025).

Eligibility

Organizations, Tribes, and governmental entities in the Olympic region (Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap counties) working to advance health through collaborative action are eligible to apply under this funding opportunity. Applicants must be in good financial standing, have presence in the Olympic region, and serve one or more of the populations of emphasis outlined in the [action plans](#) that supplement the [OCH strategic plan](#). There is room for everyone in this important work, whether you're a health provider,

Tribe, civic institution, or another community-based organization. Please contact och@olympicch.org if you have questions about whether your organization is eligible to apply.

Role of OCH

OCH will provide the following roles and functions to support partners under this funding opportunity:

- Connect partners to relevant resources and supports;
- Facilitate connections among current OCH partners to foster relationship building and collaboration through learnings, convenings, and other offerings;
- Provide technical assistance as requested.

Funding

The OCH Board of Directors has allocated \$2,000,000 for this funding opportunity. Funding will be provided through a contract with OCH, with the expected implementation timeline of July 2023 through November 2024. **Funded contracts will be incentive based**, meaning that contracted organizations and Tribes will receive three payments from OCH, one following a fully executed contract, the second based on a full and complete mid-project report, and the final payment following a full and complete project end report. *Contractors will not be required to report on use of funds or provide invoicing.*

As each application will include at least two organizations and/or Tribes from within the Olympic region, there is not an explicit funding cap for an application. Applicants should request a reasonable funding amount, commensurate with the number of partners involved in the application, the number and scope of projects proposed, and the estimated number of people to be reached through the project(s). See the scoring rubric for more information on application scoring.

Proposals with multiple partners that demonstrate high impact will be considered for higher dollar awards; however, the intent is to seed multiple projects throughout the region. Requests for large amounts of funding over \$250,000 will be considered; however, these projects may only be partially funded, even if they receive a high score.

Note: This is one time funding.

Timeline

Date	Step
April 3, 2023	Funding opportunity released
April 10, 2023 11:00am-12:00pm	Optional virtual information session Zoom registration link
April 4, 2023-May 1, 2023	FAQ available online
May 1, 2023	Applications due to OCH
May 2-May 26, 2023	Application review
June 12, 2023	OCH Board of Directors makes final funding decisions
June 14, 2023	Applicants notified of review status
June 14-June 30	Contract negotiations. First payment once fully executed contract in place.

July 1, 2023-November 30, 2024	Project implementation
Spring 2024	Project review visit (in-person) with OCH staff
February 2024	Mid-project report and second payment
December 2024	Final report and final payment
January 2025	Presentation to peers and OCH Board of Directors

Scoring & Review Criteria

Each application will be reviewed by a minimum of three (3) reviewers including one OCH staff member, one member of the Board of Directors subcommittee leading this effort, and one regional partner (see conflict of interest procedure). OCH staff will conduct a technical review to ensure applications include all required information.

Each application will be reviewed and scored based on the following criteria:

Element	Description	Points Available
Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application submitted by a minimum of two Olympic region partners. Roles and responsibilities for all included partners are clearly outlined. Application describes interest in collaborating and building relationships and connections in the region. Application describes how this opportunity aligns with partner priorities. 	10
Budget, Scope & Scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding request is commensurate with number of involved partners, scope and number of projects selected, and the estimated number of people to be reached through the project. If applicable, the applicant describes any other funding sources that will support project success 	10
Description of selected project(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application clearly outlines which project or projects are proposed and those projects are in alignment with this funding opportunity. For each project, the application includes sufficient detail including a clear desired result, summary of the current status, key activities to be implemented, how success will be measured, and any other relevant details. 	10
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application outlines how the project(s) will advance equity. Application outlines an understanding for the populations to be reached and the barriers they face to optimal health. Application outlines the geographic area(s) where the project(s) will happen and how this contributes to equity. 	10

Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application outlines partner strengths to implement proposed project(s). • Application describes potential challenges and a mitigation plan for addressing those challenges. 	10
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application outlines a clear path for how the project will continue beyond this funding cycle. 	5
Total points available:		55

The Board committee and staff will gather scores and feedback from reviewers and will deliberate on a set of funding recommendations to make to the OCH Board of Directors on June 12, 2023. The OCH Board of Directors will make final funding decisions. The Committee and Board will consider reviewer scores and feedback, and will aim to allocate funding throughout the region, to a variety of partner types, and will aim to fund a variety of small and large projects. The Committee and Board will also aim to fund a variety of projects and will consider principles of equity in final funding decisions. Applications may be funded in full, partially, or not at all.

Reviewers may reach out to applicants for clarifying or additional information.

Budget

A budget is not required as a part of the application.

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Funding from OCH is intended to support innovation in policy and systems change efforts in the region. While we do not request a budget or regular invoicing from contracted partners, applicants are encouraged to consider long-term sustainability of the work beyond this funding cycle.

Application Technical Assistance

- **Information session:** Join OCH for an optional information session via zoom. Monday, April 10 from 11:00am until noon. [Zoom link](#).
- **FAQ:** A [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document will be updated regularly throughout the process.
- **Email:** OCH@olympicch.org – send us any questions and we will respond within 1-2 business days and will update the FAQ document accordingly.

Contract Requirements

In an effort to aid in transparency and clarity, applicants should be aware of the following elements that will be required as a part of contracting with OCH for this work:

- Prior to contracting, OCH will certify that the applicant is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded in any Federal department or agency from participating in contract transactions.
- Contractors must provide proof of insurance coverage including commercial general liability insurance and automobile liability coverage. Coverage must be issued by a company authorized to do business in Washington State.
- Contractors must provide OCH with a current W-9.
- OCH processes payments electronically. Contractors will be required to provide banking information for automatic payments.

How to Submit an Application

- Applications are to be submitted via email to och@olympicch.org no later than **11:59 pm on Monday, May 1, 2023**. Application materials should include:
 - One completed application per project
- All associated materials can be found at www.olympicch.org/funding
- If an alternative to emailing the application is needed, please contact OCH staff at och@olympicch.org.