

The 2026 Healthy and Sustainable Communities Grant Awards

Basic Program Information

1. What's the name/title of the program/initiative you're submitting for consideration?

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(Please note that the name/title you provide here will be used in all promotional materials, if your program/initiative is selected to receive an award.)

2. Name of city applying for the award: *

3. State or Territory in which the city applying for the award is located: *

Alabama
Alaska
American Samoa
Arizona
Arkansas
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
Federated States of Micronesia
Florida
Georgia
Guam
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana

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North Dakota
Northern Mariana Islands
Ohio
Oklahoma
Oregon
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South Carolina
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Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virgin Islands
Virginia
Washington
Washington, D.C.
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming

4. Please select the population category of the city applying for the award: *

- Large City (population greater than 250,000)
- Medium City (population 75,000-250,000)
- Small City (population less than 75,000)

5. Mayor First Name *

6. Mayor Last Name *

7. Specify whether this application is for: (Check the appropriate box)*

- Expansion of an Existing Program
- Development of a New Program

Mayoral Staff and Lead Application Contact Information

8. Mayoral Staff Contact Information *

First Name *

Last Name *

Email Address *

Telephone Number *

9. Lead Application Contact Information *

First Name *

Last Name *

Email Address *

Telephone Number *

Community & Program Descriptions; Mayoral Letter of Support

10. Community Description/Statement of Need: *

Please describe and discuss the target population that will be the focus of the proposed program. Consider this essay a statement of need, essentially. Here you can talk about the population(s) your program/initiative aims to help, and why they might need that help. You may include information on:

- Overall community demographics and data on socio-economic status;
- Community health and/or environmental/sustainability data specifically for the target population(s) your proposed program/initiative will serve; and
- An overview of existing resources available to the target population, and how your program will supplement, complement, and/or enhance those resources.

(500-word maximum)



11. Description of the Proposed Program/Initiative: *

Please describe, in detail, the program/initiative you propose to implement, should you win the award. Include the rationale for the program and any objective data or results demonstrating anticipated impact. It may be helpful to consider the answers to the following questions as you prepare your response:

- How will the target population(s) benefit from this program/initiative?
- What aspects of your program are unique/novel/innovative?
- Why do you believe the program will be effective?
- What organizations/city departments will be involved in the implementation of this program, and what will be the specific roles of those departments/organizations?
- What are your anticipated program/initiative outcomes, and how will you measure them?
- If your proposed program/initiative wins this award, how will the funds be expended?
- Can your program/initiative be replicated in different communities?

(1,000-word maximum)

12. Mayoral Engagement *

How will your Mayor be involved with the proposed initiative? How will the Mayor promote or champion the initiative? Will the Mayor engage directly with those served by the proposed initiative and if so, how? Will the Mayor be involved in ensuring the viability of the program beyond the funding provided by this award? Please provide as many specifics as possible.

(250-word maximum)

13. Please upload your Mayoral Letter of Support. (Required for submission; MUST be in PDF format.) *

The letter must be signed by the Mayor, and must be on official City letterhead.

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14. Budget and Budget Narrative: *

Please provide, in a single document:

1. **An itemized budget for the full first-place award amount in your population category**, should you win. (Refer to our [awards web page](#) for population categories and award amounts.) We understand that you can only be so specific in this instance, but do your best to give us an idea of what your spending priorities would be.
2. **A 500-word (or less) budget narrative** that explains/justifies your priorities AND speaks to which priorities you'd focus on if you receive the second-place award amount (\$50,000).

This document must be in PDF format.

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15. Supplemental Information (Optional):

Here you can share any relevant information or media that you feel will enhance your application. You may upload a single document, as a PDF, of up to 10MB in size.

Please note:

- Photos or images embedded in the file should include captions that explain their relevance to the proposed project and/or application.
- Renderings of site plans should be identified as such. (Please indicate whether your site plan represents a site as it currently exists or as proposed to be developed should you receive an award.)
- Links to documents, videos, or other media that live elsewhere on the internet should similarly be followed by an explanation of their relevance.
- Additional letters of support should be on organizational letterhead and signed by an official of the organization, followed by their name and title.

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16. Final Report Requirement: *

Please read the passage below and, when you are ready, click on the checkbox next to the text “I understand and agree to these terms:”

As a condition of receiving these funds, all grantees/awardees will be required to complete a final report within 12 months of disbursement of funds (defined as the moment when the grantee/awardee is in receipt of the funds, irrespective of when the grantee/awardee begins the project.) This report shall, at a minimum, contain a brief description of the project as originally conceived and proposed; a discussion of outcomes anticipated, and whether they were achieved; a discussion of challenges faced and how they were addressed; and a report on how funds were expended. Recommended report length is 1,000 – 1,500 words.

I understand and agree to these terms.