



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM PILOT

OVERVIEW

The Community Health Endowment's (CHE) Fiscal Year 2025–2026 goals include launching a **Technical Assistance Grant Program** to strengthen the long-term capacity of organizations previously or currently funded by CHE. With an initial allocation of **\$50,000**, this pilot responds directly to needs identified through grantee conversations, foundation research, strategic planning focus groups, and community surveys.

The following outline describes the purpose, eligibility criteria, allowable and non-allowable requests, examples, evaluation metrics, and timeline for implementation.

PURPOSE

The Technical Assistance Grant Program will empower CHE-funded organizations to **enhance their capacity to evaluate, plan, and lead effectively**, thereby improving their ability to promote health across Lincoln.

Key distinctions from traditional CHE grants:

- Focused exclusively on **technical assistance**, not program delivery or facility construction.
- Designed as **one-time, one-year awards** to catalyze organizational improvement.
- Available only to organizations **previously or currently funded by CHE**, ensuring alignment with existing partnerships and proven commitment to health.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a **nonprofit, government entity, educational institution, tribal organization, or other qualifying entity** in good standing.
- Have received CHE funding **within the past five years**.
- Current grantees and active applicants are welcome to apply.

- The proposed effort must **strengthen the organization's capacity** to promote community health.
- Organizations must **sign a standard CHE contract** and complete all required reporting.

ALLOWABLE REQUESTS

The pilot will offer three to four grants of up to \$15,000 each. Grants may fund activities that build institutional capacity, such as:

- **Evaluation:** Assessing organizational needs, processes, outcomes, and impact, or strengthening evaluation skills through staff training or consultant support.
- **Planning:** Developing strategic, succession, sustainability, or merger plans; engaging facilitation or translation support to better serve diverse populations.
- **Training:** Providing employees, managers, and board members with development in cultural competency, resilience, management, or leadership.

NOT ALLOWABLE

Fundraising, technology unrelated to evaluation, planning or training, general travel or general conferences, communication or marketing costs, as well as purposes already prohibited by CHE (e.g., individual aid, lobbying, debt reduction, or research).

EXAMPLE CONCEPTS

EVALUATION

A senior services organization works with the UNL Public Policy Center to design and implement a needs assessment on senior hunger.

TRAINING

A behavioral health nonprofit trains its finance specialist on Medicaid billing and works with a consultant to expand reimbursement for peer support services.

PLANNING

A small nonprofit partners with a facilitator and attorney to plan a merger with a larger organization to strengthen governance and resource sharing.

EVALUATION

Applications will be reviewed by the Funding Committee during the Fall grant cycle and considered within a separate funding category. Review criteria will include:

- Anticipated **impact on community health**.
- Strength and clarity of **workplan and budget**, including presence of matching funds.
- Organizational **financial stability, readiness, and commitment** to capacity-building.

TIMELINE AND KEY ACTIVITIES

June 9	Application Available
June 10	CHE Applicant Workshops
June 11 - July 17	Idea Meetings
July 31	Applications Due at by Noon (12:00pm)
October 30	Applicants Notified of Award Decisions
January 1, 2027	Funding Available and Grant Period Begins

