

Central Oregon Health Quality Alliance (COHQA) 2025 Grant Program Announcement

The 2025 Central Oregon Health Quality Alliance (COHQA) Grant Program will open starting February 7, 2025, and close April 4, 2025.

Every year, COHQA selects innovative quality healthcare initiatives to fund (up to \$40,000) that improve patient and provider experience, improve population health, and reduce costs. Our funded projects have been led by solo providers to multi-organization collaborations to community-based organizations.

2025 COHQA Grant Program Information

History and Priorities

History

COHQA's sister organization, the Central Oregon Independent Practice Association (COIPA), has long recognized the exciting, innovative ideas coming from their network of providers to improve healthcare delivery. As our healthcare experts on the ground, our local providers are intimately connected with their patients and living the realities of providing care in our imperfect healthcare system. They can identify clearly what needs to change to improve health outcomes yet often lack the funding and capacity to make those great ideas happen. So, in 2013, COIPA created the Central Oregon Health Quality Alliance to foster and fund those innovative local solutions to our local healthcare challenges and share those lessons learned across our region. The grant program has grown to fund not just provider-led innovation but community-led innovation, in turn strengthening the collaborative spirit between our providers, clinics, community organizations, and patients in finding solutions to healthcare issues.

Funding Priorities

Within the following priorities, COHQA is especially interested in projects that focus on improving health outcomes for populations facing the greatest health disparities and inequities:

- **Provider-Led Health Care Innovation:** Goal to implement intervention(s) specific to healthcare delivery systems, clinicians, and/or patients that focus on the quadruple aim of: improved quality, reduced cost, improved patient experience, and improved provider and staff experience in the communities that COHQA serves.
- **Community-Led Health Care Innovation:** Innovations to improve community health or patient and provider experience can and should come from the community itself. We encourage community members, as consumers of healthcare and owners of their own health, to partner with healthcare providers to develop and implement fresh ideas to improve care delivery.
- **Clinical Integration and Multi-Sector Coordination:** Implementation of intervention(s) that advance clinical and financial coordination and integration of stakeholders in the communities we serve.

Funding Parameters

We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that you meet with us before you complete an application. The purpose of this informal meeting is to:

- Discuss our funding priorities
- Confirm eligibility
- Provide more details about the application
- Provide information about how applications are evaluated
- Answer any questions applicants may have

We have found this helps save applicants time and effort, as well as strengthens their proposals.

You can schedule an appointment here: https://calendly.com/ppritchard_cohqa

Total Funding Available: \$220,000

Award Maximum per Applicant: \$40,000

Eligible Applicants: Members of the counties of Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Lake, Wheeler, Wasco, Sherman, Hood River, Skamania, and Klickitat: providers, clinics, or community organizations involved in healthcare improvement or community support. We encourage multi-stakeholder partnerships and collaborations.

Funding WILL be made available for expenses related to:

- Personnel salaries directly attributed to the designing, implementing, and/or evaluating the project
- Training
- Improved patient care processes, including program development and designated clinic time
- Data collection and analysis
- Computer software/hardware, if integral and in support of initiative
- General supplies, in support of initiative
- Patient care not otherwise reimbursable by government or private insurance coverage
- Up to 10 percent indirect or overhead costs which include expenses that are not directly part of the project but necessary for the implementation of grant activities. For example, administrative salaries, facility costs, utilities, maintenance, general office supplies, software licenses, IT support, legal fees, insurance, depreciation costs

COHQA has special funding for the 2025 grant cycle which will allow small equipment (medical or non-medical) requests up to \$5k to be considered. The equipment request must relate to COHQA's mission.

Funding WILL NOT be made available for expenses related to:

- Building or infrastructure remodeling
- Long term studies

Grant Program Timeline:

Friday, February 7, 2025 - Application opens

Friday, April 4, 2025 - Application closes

Friday, June 6, 2025 - Awards announced

Thursday, July 3, 2025 - Beginning of 12 month 2025 grant program

We acknowledge that sometimes the best ideas are from people who simply don't have time to fill out grant applications, are unfamiliar with grant application processes, or face other barriers. We are here to help you make this as easy as possible. If any part of this application process is a hurdle for you, please let us know and we will find a way to support you. This could be through grant writing support, fleshing out an idea into a plan, budget planning, facilitating partnerships for a project, language translation, or whatever needs you identify.

If you would like support, reach out to COHQA's Executive Director, Penny Pritchard at ppritchard@coipa.org.