



Riverside Community Health Foundation

Stebler Fund 2027

Round 1 - LOI Application Guidelines

About this Funding Opportunity Process

Riverside Community Health Foundation (RCHF) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit public benefit foundation that provides and facilitates programs and services to improve the health of the residents within the Greater Riverside Area defined by the city limits of the Cities of Jurupa Valley, Riverside, Moreno Valley, Corona, Norco, and Perris, including the following ZIP codes: 92501; 92502; 92503; 92504; 92505; 92506; 92507; 92508; 92509, 92518; 92521; 92522; 92551; 92553; 92557; 92570; 92571; 91752; 92860; 92879; and 92881.

RCHF is fortunate to receive 35% of the Fred and Eva Stebler Trust for distribution in the community. This fund carries the following restrictions: funds must be used for the treatment and care of low-income and indigent minor children who are residents of the County of Riverside who are not otherwise qualified or eligible to receive treatment and care of the County of Riverside and/or the State of California. For this funding opportunity, RCHF is seeking grant proposals that are consistent with our identified mission and vision, and that increase access to needed health care treatment for minors under the age of 18 residing in Riverside County.

Application Guidelines

The applicant organization should consider the Foundation's mission, vision, priorities, eligibility requirements, and funding restrictions with respect to the funding request.

Mission

Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of our community.

Vision

To inspire a healthier, happier, and more active community for generations to come.

Priorities for This Funding Opportunity

In keeping with our mission, the Riverside Community Health Foundation (RCHF) invests in organizations and programs that benefit our residents and that build vibrant and healthy communities. Through the Fred and Eva Stebler Trust, RCHF provides funding in health and seeks to support innovative approaches to treatment for children under the age of 18.

The health focus of this funding opportunity includes the improvement of the physical and mental health status; access to and quality of treatment services; and improved health outcomes.

Through this funding opportunity, RCHF seeks to fund projects that can achieve **one** or **two** of the following goals to benefit residents of Riverside County under the age of 18:

1. Expand access to healthcare treatment
2. Advance effective strategies for filling significant gaps in health and health care
3. Improve the quality of health and health care within the community.

As we evaluate proposals, we look for efforts that:

- Promote cooperation/partnership with other organizations.
- Demonstrate organizational capacity to implement the proposed project.
- Establish criteria for effectively evaluating strategies, timetables, and measurable objectives.

Grant Range and Period

Grant award amounts can range between \$10,000 to \$24,000 for this funding opportunity. RCHF can adjust the award amount above the maximum as deemed appropriate. The grant will be for a one-year period (January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027).

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a Stebler Fund grant from Riverside Community Health Foundation, the applicant organization must:

- Be a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, school, government agency; or Native American Tribal government or organization
- Serve Riverside County residents under the age of 18
- Provide direct treatment
- Improve health care access for children

- Serve the public without discrimination on the basis of any protected personal characteristic identified in state and federal civil rights laws (including section 51 of the California Civil Code and title 42, section 18116 of the United States Code), including, without limitation, the following categories of protected personal characteristics: gender, including sex, gender, gender identity, and gender expression; intimate relationships, including sexual orientation and marital status; ethnicity, including race, color, ancestry, national origin, citizenship, primary language, and immigration status; religion; age; and disability, including disability, protected medical condition, and protected genetic information.

Funding Restrictions

RCHF does not award grants for:

- Annual fund drives (i.e. membership drives, dinner, benefits, food or clothing drives)
- Individuals
- Scholarships or fellowships
- Food distribution/feeding programs
- Research that does not have a direct application to implementing a community-driven health intervention
- Media projects (film, television, radio, website, PSAs) that are not part of a broader project or strategy
- Political campaigns, voter registration drives or lobbying for specific legislation
- Endowments
- Capital funding for the purchase, construction or renovation of any facilities or other physical infrastructure
- Operating deficits or retirement of debt
- Support of religious or faith-based organization's general operations, services and programs of the congregation/membership/students, or to advance religious doctrine or philosophy

In addition, organizations with an active RCHF Stebler grant are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

How to Apply

Eligible organizations should submit a brief Round 1 - LOI Application introducing their work, alignment with the funding priorities (as set forth in the Priorities for This Funding Opportunity section), and anticipated impact. This Round 1 - LOI application is available now on the following webpage: www.rchf.org/grants.

All Round 1 applicants will receive a status update by September 7, 2026, and select applicants will be invited to submit a more detailed Round 2 - Full Proposal Application requiring additional information and documentation. *Note: An invitation to submit a Round 2 - Full Proposal Application does not signify or guarantee an award; rather, it*

informs you that Riverside Community Health Foundation is interested in receiving information about your project for consideration. Grant awards are assured only after the application review process has been completed, meaning the Riverside Community Health Foundation Board of Directors has made final determinations regarding awards and an award letter has been finalized.

Frequently Asked Questions

A Frequently Asked Questions document for the RCHF Stebler Fund 2027 may be accessed at www.rchf.org/grants.

Key Action Dates

Round 1 – LOI Application

Event	Date
Round 1 - LOI Application Deadline Applicants must submit their Round 1 – LOI applications by this due date.	August 12, 2026 (Wed.), 5:00 PM
Round 1 – Status Notification RCHF will announce the status for Round 1 applicants.	September 7, 2026 (Mon.)

Round 2 – Full Proposal Application

Event	Date
Round 2 – Full Proposal Application Deadline	October 7, 2026 (Wed.), 5:00 PM
Round 2 – Full Proposal Application Status Notification RCHF will email status notifications to applicants.	Within the first two weeks of December 2026.

Proposal Application Submission Process

STEP 1. Apply using the RCHF Online Grants Portal

Follow the steps below to create a User Account. *Please note: If you have already submitted a grant application to RCHF using the Online Grant Portal, please do not create a new User Account.*

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1. If you have an existing User Account:

- Visit <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=rchf>.
- Log in with your existing email address and password (or select the "Forgot your password?" hyperlink to re-set your password).
- Skip to Step 3 below.

2. If you have not previously submitted a grant application to RCHF, please do the following:

- Watch the Grant Applicant Tutorial video, which provides information on how to create an account and access the application. Click on the following link to view the tutorial: <https://support.foundant.com/hc/en-us/articles/4479853059991-GLM-Applicant-Tutorial>. Expand the "GLM Applicant Tutorial (New Dashboard)" group. Then, select the "GLM Applicant Tutorial Video" (this video is 4:54 minutes long).
- Access RCHF's online grant portal via this direct link: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=rchf>. You may also access the portal by visiting www.rchf.org/grants and clicking the "Log In" button under the Returning User? section of the page.
- Click on the "Create New Account" button and follow the steps. Please note the following:
 - Questions with asterisks (*) are required fields which must be completed before moving forward.
 - Be sure to have your organization's EIN/Tax ID number on hand.
 - Important: While completing the registration process, do not use your browser's "back" button; doing so will cause you to lose all registration information entered. Instead, please navigate to the previous section by using the "Previous" button at the bottom of each section; doing this will ensure that the information entered remains intact. This happens only during the "Create a New Account" stage.

3. Log on and select the "Apply" option at the top of the screen.

4. **Apply Page:** Complete the Eligibility Quiz – Stebler Fund by clicking the blue “Start Eligibility Quiz” button.

STEP 2. Completing the Application via the RCHF Online Grants Portal

Complete all questions and upload all required attachments in the online application form. Round 1 - LOI Applications must be submitted by **5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 12, 2026**.

Please note the following:

1. **Required Fields.** Questions with asterisks (*) are required fields which must be completed before the application can be submitted. If left blank, such a field will highlight in red to indicate that it is required; you will still be able to leave the field empty and move to other fields or other sections of the application, however you will not be able to submit the application until these required fields are filled.
2. **Word limitations are stated for all narrative-style questions.** The application form, however, counts characters (including spaces) rather than words. Therefore, if your content exceeds the word maximum but still falls within the allotted character count, your response will be accepted. Please strive to limit your response to the stated word maximums.
3. **Helpful Tip:** Although the online application form auto-saves, it is highly recommended to type your responses in a Word document and transfer your final responses to the online form.
4. **Attachments to be uploaded:** The chart below specifies the file type(s) that are allowable for each type of attachment upload:

	Attachment Name	Upload the file as:
☐	Tax Exemption Documentation	PDF
☐	List of Officers and Directors	PDF
☐	Non-Discrimination Affirmation (use the RCHF document titled <i>Application Acknowledgement and Non-Discrimination Affirmation</i> that can be downloaded here or within the online application.)	PDF

If you encounter any problems using the system, please contact Desirée Santos-Kho, Director of Grants, at desiree@rchf.org.

Safe Sender List Email Tips

As a step to prevent emails from RCHF from accidentally being caught by your email provider's spam filter, please add the following email addresses to your contact list:

grants@rchf.org (RCHF Grants Team)

administrator@grantinterface.com (RCHF Grants - Do Not Reply)

Please note: Do not send emails to the administrator@grantinterface.com email address.

Round 1 – LOI Application Form Questions

The Round 1 – LOI Application Form questions may be previewed on the following pages.

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Organization Information

Organization's Tax Status*

Please indicate your organization's tax status.

Choices

Nonprofit or charitable organization with a 501(c)(3) IRS designation
City, County, or State Government entity
Native American Tribal Government or organization
Fiscally sponsored organization

Year Founded*

Specify the year in which your organization was founded.

Character Limit: 250

Organization Description and Mission*

Briefly provide a description of your organization, including its mission statement and history.

350 words max

Character Limit: 2450

Fiscal Year Start*

Please specify the month in which your organization's fiscal year begins.

Choices

January
July
October
February
March
April
May
June
August
September
November
December

Total Annual Budget*

Please enter your organization's annual budget.

Character Limit: 20

Uploads - 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

Tax Exemption Documentation*

Please upload your applicant organization's tax determination letter. File type: PDF

File Size Limit: 1 MB

List of Officers and Directors*

Please upload a current list of your board of directors, including those who hold officer positions and their affiliations. *Your application will be considered incomplete without the affiliations.* File Type: PDF

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Project Information

Need Statement (LOI)*

What particular health problem or need does your program or project seek to address? *200 words max.*

Note: If you are invited to submit a Round 2 - Full Proposal Application, you will be asked to expand on this need statement in more detail.

Character Limit: 1750

Project Title*

Please enter your Project Title.

Character Limit: 150

Program Summary*

Please give a high-level overview of the Project/Program, including how you intend to use grant funds. *200 words max.*

Character Limit: 1750

Amount Requested*

Character Limit: 20

Project Start Date*

Enter January 1, 2027 as the Project Start Date.

Character Limit: 10

Project End Date*

Enter December 31, 2027 as the Project End Date.

Character Limit: 10

Project Goal(s)*

Goals are broad, brief statements about the long-term intent or desired outcome of the program or project. Per the RCHF Stebler Fund 2026 Proposal Guidelines, applicants are asked to select **one** or **two** of the following goals to benefit residents of Riverside County under the age of 18:

- **GOAL 1** - Expand access to healthcare treatment
- **GOAL 2** - Advance effective strategies for filling significant gaps in health and health care
- **GOAL 3** - Improve the quality of health and health care within the community.

Indicate below the number of goals you are selecting for this project.

Choices

1 Goal

2 Goals

Project Goal 1*

Select the desired goal from the dropdown list.

Choices

GOAL 1 - Expand access to healthcare treatment

GOAL 2 - Advance effective strategies for filling significant gaps in health and health care

GOAL 3 - Improve the quality of health and health care within the community.

Project Objectives

For the chosen goal, list no more than 3 objectives that are *specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-based*. Below are a few examples of objectives:

GOAL 1 - Expand access to healthcare treatment

Objective: By the end of the project period, XYZ hospital/clinic... will increase its capacity to offer mental health services to children in Riverside County above baseline.

Objective: By the end of the project period, XYZ hospital/clinic... will increase access of health services to at least 200 additional children in Riverside County.

GOAL 2 - Advance effective strategies for filling significant gaps in health and health care

Objective: By the end of the project period, XYZ hospital/clinic... will decrease gaps in return emergency visits due to asthma children in Riverside County who participate in ABC program by 20%.

GOAL 3 - Improve the quality of health and health care within the community

Objective: By the end of the project period, XYZ organization will increase the capacity of 23 hospital providers to offer mental health services to children in Riverside County.

Goal 1 / Objective 1*

50 words max.

Character Limit: 350

Goal 1 / Objective 2

50 words max.

Character Limit: 350

Goal 1 / Objective 3

If you have a third objective for Goal 1, please enter it here. 50 words max.

Character Limit: 350

Goal 2

Project Goal 2*

Select the desired goal from the dropdown list.

Choices

GOAL 1 - Expand access to healthcare treatment

GOAL 2 - Advance effective strategies for filling significant gaps in health and health care

GOAL 3 - Improve the quality of health and health care within the community

Project Objectives

For your second chosen goal, list no more than 3 objectives that are *specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-based*. Below are a few examples of objectives:

GOAL 1 - Expand access to healthcare treatment

Objective: By the end of the project period, XYZ hospital/clinic... will increase its capacity to offer mental health services to children in Riverside County above baseline.

Objective: By the end of the project period, XYZ hospital/clinic... will increase access of health services to at least 200 additional children in Riverside County.

GOAL 2 - Advance effective strategies for filling significant gaps in health and health care

Objective: By the end of the project period, XYZ hospital/clinic... will decrease gaps in return emergency visits due to asthma children in Riverside County who participate in ABC program by 20%.

GOAL 3 - Improve the quality of health and health care within the community

Objective: By the end of the project period, XYZ organization will increase the capacity of 23 hospital providers to offer mental health services to children in Riverside County.

Goal 2 / Objective 1*

50 words max.

Character Limit: 350

Goal 2 / Objective 2

50 words max.

Character Limit: 350

Goal 2 / Objective 3

If you have a third objective for Goal 2, enter it here. 50 words max.

Character Limit: 350

Target Population

Target Population(s)*

For each objective provided, describe the population who will benefit. Highlight any relevant characteristics that further clarify your target group, i.e. gender, age groups, ethnicity/race, health status, socio-economic status and/or income level, and geographic area.

Character Limit: 3500

Estimated Annual Reach*

Specify the estimated annual reach of your project.

Character Limit: 20

Geographic Area Served - Riverside County

Geographic Area Served – Riverside County*

List the geographic areas of the sites where the project services/activities will be delivered.

Reminder: Proposed services must benefit Riverside County residents under the age of 18.

In listing, please include the name of the city(ies) paired with the respective zip code(s), as applicable.

For example:

The project will be delivered in:

- *Banning (92220)*
- *Beaumont (92223)*
- *Desert Hot Springs (92240, 92241)*
- *Palm Desert (92260)*

Character Limit: 1750

Evaluation

Success, Outcomes, and Evaluation*

In terms of outcomes, what constitutes success for this program or project? Include any proposed ideas for how you intend to evaluate success.

Character Limit: 3500

Organizational Policies

Non-Discrimination Policy*

Does the applicant organization have a documented policy which prohibits discrimination in its programs, services, policies, hiring practices, and administration on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, age, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental disability?

Choices

Yes

No

Non-Discrimination Affirmation*

Riverside Community Health Foundation requires applicant organizations to complete, sign, and upload the Application Acknowledgement and Non-Discrimination Affirmation document as part of this application. Click [here](#) to download the form.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Non-Proselytizing*

For a religious or faith-based organization, will the proceeds be used to support general operations, services and programs of the congregation/membership/students, or to advance religious doctrine or philosophy? *Religious or faith-based organizations -- please respond "Yes" or "No". If your organization is not religious/faith-based, please respond "Not Applicable".*

Choices

Yes

No

Not Applicable