



Technical Assistance Fund

Invitation to Apply

What is this Fund?

Through the Technical Assistance Program (TA Program) Empire Health Foundation (EHF) is engaging a diverse set of grassroots and by-and-for nonprofit organizations from across our service region to support with **technical assistance needs** that will allow them to build capacity to grow, sustain, and thrive.

Why now?

Over the past few years, we offered different grant programs that aimed at supporting storytelling, capacity building, and catalytic investment projects for grassroots organizations in our region. Through these efforts, we learned that offering financial support without considering technical assistance created additional challenges for our community partners.

In September of 2022, we launched our Technical Assistance program under the Equitable Economies initiative, aligned with our [Equity Healing Framework](#). Building on the insights gained, this year we're piloting a new TA Program open to all partners, and that will set the foundation for a new grant making strategy as part of our [10-year Strategic Direction](#). We appreciate your feedback as we embark on this process.

Who should apply?

[Grassroots and by-and-for non-profit organizations](#) and groups prepared to work on behalf of communities that have been traditionally excluded. We are focusing our efforts on BIPOC, 2SLGBTQIA+, disability, and rural low-income communities serving Adams, Ferry, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, and Whitman counties, as well as the lands of the Colville Confederated, Kalispel, and Spokane Tribal Nations. Organizations being fiscally sponsored are also eligible.

Our priority will be communities that have been under-supported by systems in our region and have been subject to persistent health inequities. We will ask you to describe how this is true for your community. We will also ask for demographic information about your staff leadership and board membership to determine how your organizational structure represents the community you serve.

If you have questions regarding eligibility for this project, please contact Rocio Wofford or Ash Riant (contact information provided on page 4).

What resources are available?

The TA Program application process will take place from July 15-August 9 of 2024. **Applicants can request any amount from \$5,000 to \$15,000 for technical assistance projects.**

For this first iteration of Technical Assistance grants, \$265,000 is available. We expect, as part of our [10-year Strategic Direction](#), to establish the TA Program as a key component of our ongoing efforts to support communities in the region.

We know that there are many other competing interests for your energy and leadership at this time. We want to fund as many diverse and distinct communities as possible with the resources we have available at this time.

Please, contact us if you need any type of support to submit your application.

Request Project Range: \$5,000-\$15,000
Total funds available: \$265,000

Type: Grants
Eligible: 501 c(3) nonprofit, fiscally sponsored organizations, and Tribal Nations

Application Opens: July 15, 2024
Application Closes: August 9, 2024
Review Period: Aug 12-30
Notices of Funding: September 16-20
Funds Release: Sept 16 – Nov 30

Application Format: Link available on our website upon application open
Application Questions: See below

What types of work will be funded?

We will prioritize technical assistance projects that serve communities that have been undersupported by systems in our region and are subject to persistent health inequities.

Priorities that make sense with what we know right now

- Community identified strategies that show promise in attracting resources from different sources of funding –including Federal and local governments, foundations, other organizations, donors
- Projects that support organizational stabilization, growth, or healing
- Projects that have the potential to explore and build organizational sustainability
- Collaboration within and between historically disadvantaged communities

Questions we will be asking when reviewing applications include:

- Does this applicant have experience serving a grassroots effort that brings historically disadvantaged community members together to build a future they want for themselves?
- Do this project's goals create space for the community to support their vision?
- Is this project's leadership reflective of the community to be served?
- How does this project support the organization's sustainability or stabilization?

We will use these questions as the criteria for selecting projects. We intend to ensure that the TA Fund resources reach as many of the communities as possible. We realize this means choosing between applicants who serve the same community. We designed this to be an accessible yet competitive process, and not all requests will be awarded.

What is the review process?

The review period will take place between August 12-30. All applications will be reviewed according to the criteria listed above. The *Application Form* is comprised of a first section that requires basic applicant information, a second section that includes a brief set of questions shared below, and a third section with one check-box question.

We will prioritize applications from organizations whose missions are to serve communities whose leadership and origin are reflective of the community.

Notices of funding decisions will be sent by September 16-20. Awarded organizations must accept the grant by responding to the *award notice* email sent by EHF and submitting any required additional information. In the case that the *award notice* is not responded to, the W-9 Form is not submitted, or the Grant Agreement is not signed, EHF may relocate the funds to other applicant organizations.

Submit your application

To apply, please complete the *Application Form* using the link that will be provided on the website. Please contact us if you experience any technical issues.

The application questions for section 2 are previewed here:

1. What amount are you requesting? We typically provide grants in the \$5,000 to \$15,000 range, and may award a higher amount in exceptional cases.
2. What type(s) of technical assistance are you requesting funding for?
 - Grant Writing
 - Strategic/Business Planning
 - HR Resources
 - Staff Development
 - Knowledge Building
 - Financial Management Support
 - Healing
 - Other. Please specify _____
3. Do you have a preferred technical assistance consultant/contractor? If no, would you like recommendations?
4. What is your project's goal? For example: if you requested grant writing funding- how many grants do you plan to apply for?
5. What are the objectives you intend to achieve through this funding? How do these funds help you meet your organizational goals?

6. What is the timeline for this request?

For additional questions, please contact:

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