

## **2026 Healthier Communities Rapid Response Grant Fund Application**

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### **Corewell Health, Healthier Communities Rapid Response Grant Fund Application**

**February – November 2026**

Corewell Health, Healthier Communities is deeply committed to supporting the work of community organizations in Kent County to transform the conditions that shape our community's health. Knowing that providing community services requires flexibility and innovation, we are opening a rapid response grant fund for non-profits or government agencies serving Kent County residents.

## **Meeting evolving needs**

This fund supports Kent County organizations with emerging needs. We define emerging need as a need that has: recently arisen, was not anticipated, and must be addressed immediately to avoid a major disruption to operations or to bolster an organization's capacity to meet community needs.

The fund will prioritize organizations who can show that immediate funding will maintain critical services or expand capacity for services that are new or in high demand.

Examples of emerging needs may include:

- Fixing a disruption to your ability to operate as normal, caused by external or internal (organizational) factors
- Addressing a surge in community need that is beyond your capacity to serve
- Preparing or responding to an emergency response
- Making up for changes in funding that seriously disrupt services or staffing
- Exploring a new opportunity to meet a community need aligned with our Community Health Needs Assessment, not previously provided
- Other

## Award Amount

Organizations can apply for awards up to \$20,000. Beginning in February 2026, \$330,000 is available and will be awarded until funds are exhausted.

Grant funds must be spent within 6 months of receipt.

## Eligibility

- 501(c)3 organization or a project with a fiscal sponsor, or government agencies within Kent County
- Must primarily serve clients in Kent County and be open to providing services in underserved and/or rural areas within the county.
- Applicants cannot receive funds more than once in a fiscal calendar year; however, organizations may re-apply during each cycle if not awarded.
- **Meeting criteria does not guarantee funding**

## What We Fund

Funds can be utilized to respond to a timely and urgent need that could not be anticipated, as indicated by the organization. These funds are non-discretionary and can be used to support program implementation, staff salaries, consultant fees, materials, facilities, and other costs.

## Timeline

The grant application will open on the 1st business day of each month until the funds are exhausted, beginning in February 2026. Applications will be due on the 7th business day of the month, per the schedule below\*. Grant decisions will be made within the month, and funds will be distributed the following month.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Application Opens</b>	<b>Application Due (5 PM)</b>	<b>Award Notification</b>	<b>Funds Disbursed</b>
February	Feb 2, 2026	Feb 10, 2026	Feb 20, 2026	March 2026
March	Mar 2, 2026	Mar 10, 2026	Mar 20, 2026	April 2026
April	Apr 1, 2026	Apr 9, 2026	Apr 20, 2026	May 2026
May	May 1, 2026	May 11, 2026	May 22, 2026	June 2026
June	Jun 1, 2026	Jun 9, 2026	Jun 19, 2026	July 2026
July	Jul 1, 2026	Jul 9, 2026	Jul 20, 2026	August 2026
August	Aug 3, 2026	Aug 11, 2026	Aug 21, 2026	September 2026
September	Sep 1, 2026	Sep 9, 2026	Sep 18, 2026	October 2026
October	Oct 1, 2026	Oct 9, 2026	Oct 20, 2026	November 2026
November	Nov 2, 2026	Nov 10, 2026	Nov 20, 2026	December 2026

## Contact Information

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1. Please complete the following fields: \*

Organization Name \*

Address \*

City \*

State

Zip Code \*

Executive Director/President/CEO \*

Proposal Contact Name: \*

Email Address \*

Phone \*

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2. What is your organization's 2025 operating budget? \*

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3. GuideStar or Candid Profile Link (Optional but recommended)

Please copy and paste the link to your organization's GuideStar or Candid profile, if available.

You can use this link: <https://www.guidestar.org/>.

Example: Corewell Health - GuideStar Profile

### Eligibility Check

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4. Is your organization a 501(c)3 organization, a project with a fiscal sponsor, or government agency within Kent County? \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

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5. Does your organization, project, or program provide services for underserved and economically disadvantaged populations in rural and/or urban communities of Kent County, MI? \*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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6. What percentage of the clients you serve live in Kent County? \*

- ☐ Greater than 50%
- ☐ Less than 50%

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7. It doesn't seem you qualify, please explain why you should be considered for future opportunities.

**Disqualification Message**

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Dear respondent,

Thank you for taking time to participate in our survey. We truly value the information you have provided. Unfortunately, you do not qualify for the Corewell Health Healthier Communities Rapid Response Grant Fund Application at this time.

Thank you again for your time and input,  
Corewell Health Healthier Communities

## Request Description

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8. Please provide a brief overview of your organization, including its mission, vision, and values. \*

**VALIDATION** Must be numeric

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9. What is the total amount of this funding request? \*

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10. What is the minimum level of funding you could accept to maintain services or meet the need? \*



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11. This question is for internal use and will not impact award decisions. This request for funding may be categorized as: \*

- ☐ Building / Facilities
- ☐ Capacity Building
- ☐ Client Services
- ☐ Emergency Management
- ☐ Organizational Capacity
- ☐ Program Services
- ☐ Other - Write In (Required)

**VALIDATION** Max word count = 150

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12. Briefly explain, what will this funding be used for? \*

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13. What is the emerging need, change, or unexpected opportunity within your organization that you are responding to with this funding? Please define any impacts to both your organization and the community you serve? \*

**VALIDATION** Max word count = 150

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14. Why is this funding needed immediately? \*

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15. What happens after this funding runs out? \*

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16. What is your timeframe for completing this activity/project? Note: funds must be spent within 6 months of receipt. \*

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17. Please upload a budget of how you will spend funds and a narrative of what funds will be spent on. Please also include the total cost of what you are looking to get funded and what percentage of that cost funding from Healthier Communities makes up. \*

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18. Please upload your organization's W-9. Your application will not be considered without a current W-9. \*

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**Thank You!**

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Thank you for completing this form, you will receive an email soon confirming your submission.

### **A few more things before you go**

#### **Reporting**

Within 30 days of the close of the grant, a meeting will be conducted virtually with a Healthier Communities Team member to review your outcomes, budget, successes, and areas of opportunity.

#### **Contact**

For questions or additional information, please contact [communitygrants@corewellhealth.org](mailto:communitygrants@corewellhealth.org).