



Midwest Institute for Community Health 2026 Call for Proposals

Introduction & Purpose

The Midwest Institute for Community Health (MICH) is a nonprofit organization focused on improving Nebraskan's health and wellbeing through partnerships with public health agencies and community organizations. We support health improvement by partnering on community focused projects on population health and health equity with data, program expertise, and financial support. As a method to support meaningful, innovative projects, we invite proposals that focus on the following topics:

- Maternal and Child Health
- Behavioral and Mental Health
- Rural Health

The foundation will support approximately two (2) proposals that implement and evaluate the effectiveness of a community health intervention.

The proposed project scale and timeline will be commensurate with budget recommendations. Projects may receive up to \$30,000 to support the scope of work, based on recommendations and approval from the Board of Directors. Funds cannot be used for marketing, lobbying, travel or conference attendance or salaries but may include project resources or intervention costs.

Successful applicants will receive up to 10 hours for project mentorship from the CyncHealth team to support project design and evaluation. As a condition of award, the investigators must commit to jointly sharing results at local, regional, or national conferences and/or publishing manuscripts, as well as submitting status reports.

Eligibility & Evaluation Criteria

Organizations must be either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and located in Nebraska. Projects under this Call for Proposals are limited to noncommercial purposes and must include a data-informed evaluation.

Proposal scope should accommodate a 1-year award timeframe.

Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of internal and external experts, including our Board of Directors. Reviewers will evaluate each proposal for merit based on:

- Potential innovation and significance; and
- Quality of approach and success likelihood

Proposal Guidance



Information and updates on the Call for Proposals will be shared via the CyncHealth website and social media.

Proposals should include:

- A. Title
- B. Investigators and affiliations
- C. Project summary, including objectives and evaluation plan
- D. Project plan with timeline
- E. Budget estimation
- F. Contact information

Proposals must be submitted via email to foundation@cynchealth.org by the due date using 1" margins and Arial 11-point font, not to exceed 10 pages.

Key Dates & Deadlines

Jan 23, 2026	Release Call for Proposal
Mar 2, 2026	Full Proposals Due
Mar 20, 2026	Notify Applicants of Status
May 1, 2026	Complete Agreements
December 2026	Status Report Due
June 2027	Project Closure Report Due

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