

# 2026 AMA Community Health Impact Lab micro grants

## Frequently asked questions

The American Medical Association will regularly update these FAQs and highlight new additions at the top.

### Eligibility criteria

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#### **Are projects outside of the U.S. eligible?**

No, projects must be based in U.S. states and territories.

#### **Are specific patient populations prioritized?**

The Community Health Impact Lab micro grants can fund projects serving any patient population.

#### **Must principal investigators (PIs) be employed in patient care?**

No, any physician actively licensed in U.S. states and territories is encouraged to apply through their employer. This includes physicians in residency or fellowship programs, researchers, and administrators. Micro grants are made to organizations and not to individual physicians.

#### **Are first-time PIs and early career physicians eligible?**

Yes, first-time PIs and early career physicians, including residents and fellows, are eligible to apply through their employer.

#### **Do PIs have to be a U.S. citizen?**

No.

#### **What are the requirements for the PI?**

Any physician with any type of active medical license from U.S. states and territories is eligible to apply through their employer.

#### **Do I need to be an AMA member to apply?**

No.

#### **Who is ineligible to apply?**

Medical students, physicians practicing abroad, and physicians not licensed in a U.S. state or territory are ineligible to serve as a PI but may participate on a project team.

#### **Is there a limit to how many organizations can collaborate on a proposal?**

No.

#### **Are collaborations with for-profit companies such as technology or device manufacturers (e.g., wearables) allowed?**

Yes, innovative collaborations and partnerships are encouraged.

## Application process

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### Can you provide a timeline of key dates?

Application opens: Nov. 13, 2025

Application deadline: March 1, 2026

Notification of awards: April 30, 2026

### Who will review the micro grant applications?

Each submission will be reviewed by a dedicated team of AMA staff.

### Will there be any open information sessions held about the application and awardee process?

Yes, once a date/time for the informational webinar is determined, it will be posted on the micro grant website.

## Budget and funding

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### How much money will we receive if our project is selected?

We anticipate funding for up to 20 micro grants. Each recipient would be awarded \$50,000.

### The application requires a budget. What should I consider when preparing a budget?

Please refer to the budget template. Any unused funds must be returned within 90 days of the end of the micro grant period.

### Are there any non-permitted costs?

Funding may not be used for political activities or lobbying, religious activities, international training, ongoing general operating expenses, capital expenses including construction or renovation, fundraising expenses, pharmaceutical supplies, loans and tuition, entertainment expenses such as social activities, or alcoholic beverages. Also, indirect rates and overhead allocations will be capped at 10%.

## Miscellaneous

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### Where can I find more information?

If you have additional questions, you can visit the AMA Community Health Impact Lab micro grants webpage at [ama-assn.org/Community-Health](https://ama-assn.org/Community-Health), or contact us via email at [CommunityHealth@ama-assn.org](mailto:CommunityHealth@ama-assn.org) or via phone at (888) 262-9105. Support is available during hours of operation: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:45 p.m. Central time.