

2024 Health Equity Innovation Awards



We strive to work with communities to create an environment of equity and access where everyone can reach their full potential with access to high quality, affordable health care. One way we do this is to partner in the community to address health disparities and improve health equity. Together we can help the people in our communities live healthier lives.

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We are excited to announce the 2024 Health Equity Innovation Awards and the focus on addressing health disparities and improving health equity.

- Requests for funding can be up to \$30,000 to qualified community-based organizations, located within the health plan region, through a competitive process available online at UniveraHealthcare.com/Community.
- Awards will be given to community partners that show dedication to reducing health disparities and improving health equity among underserved populations affected by racial, ethnic, disability, gender, and rural disparities, including but not limited to mental health and maternal health. This includes efforts to improve physical and mental health, decrease social inequalities in healthcare, and guarantee access to healthcare.

Application rules and requirements:

Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations within Univera Healthcare's service area are eligible to apply for the Health Equity Innovation Awards. We seek proposals for innovative initiatives or projects that have demonstrated success in reducing disparities, have the potential for expansion, and include clearly defined goals for reducing health disparities and improving health equity.

Health Equity Innovation Award priority areas are:

- Improved Maternal Health Outcomes
- Behavioral Health or Mental Health Conditions
- Acute and Chronic Disease Management
- Social determinants of health such as economic stability; education access, and quality; health care access and quality; neighborhood and built environment; and social and community context

Submit an application:

The Health Equity Innovation Award application focuses on organization and program information, and intended impact.

- Application portal will open: **Thursday, September 5, 2024** at 10:00 a.m. and close at 11:59 p.m. on **Friday, October 4, 2024**.

A listing of all application questions is available at UniveraHealthcare.com/Community.

Review process and notification:

- **Applications will be reviewed by the Health Plan and decisions announced by the end of November.** We will prioritize proposals that have detailed scope, goals, rationale for support, and measures.
- Univera Healthcare will follow up with recipient organizations six months after funding is received to understand impact and use of funds.

Univera Healthcare's partnership with The Foundation for Western & Central New York

Univera Healthcare is accepting applications from community-based organizations for its 2024 Health Equity Innovation Awards, which provide funding aimed at supporting health and wellness programs that address racial and ethnic health disparities in Western New York.

This year, Univera Healthcare will partner with the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York on the Health Equity Innovation Awards, with the Health Foundation providing additional funds to enhance the impact of the program.

This collaboration is more than two decades in the making, as the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York was established back in 2002 with a multi-million-dollar endowment from Univera Healthcare. In addition to that connection in history, the two organizations have similar visions and a common goal of improving the health and quality of life in the communities they serve. Individuals in need in Western New York, and the community-based organizations that serve them, will benefit from this innovative funding initiative.



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Questions?

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