



BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NORTH DAKOTA CARING FOUNDATION

# Grant Guidelines

## Grant program information

### About Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota Caring Foundation

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota (BCBSND) Caring Foundation is a private 501(c)(3) charitable organization with a mission of improving the health and well-being of North Dakotans and their communities. Through giving and investing, the Caring Foundation focuses on improving key health issues and works with grantees to support nonprofit sustainability, collaborate on shared outcomes and create lasting change.

### Eligibility

- Must be a North-Dakota-based organization or serve North Dakotans
- Be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, municipal entity or school system
- Support our mission and align with our [funding priority areas](#)

### Grant restrictions:

We do not fund:

- Programs that do not support our mission of improving the health and well-being of North Dakotans and their communities
- Individuals for any purpose
- General operating expenses
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Political purposes or lobbying activities
- Full-time or part-time employee positions
- Capital campaigns, endowments or other discretionary funding pools
- Organizations outside North Dakota or funds spent outside of North Dakota

### Grant Program Opportunities

BCBSND Caring Foundation is proud to offer four grant funding programs to qualified organizations to develop programs and initiatives which will positively impact the health and well-being of North Dakotans.

Select the grant opportunity below that best fits your community or organization's needs. Applicants are welcome and encouraged to discuss proposal ideas and eligibility with the BCBSND Caring Foundation staff prior to starting a grant application.

Grant name	Award amount	Application period	Details
<b>Impact Grants</b>	Up to \$10,000; average grant is \$2,500	Applications accepted: Year-round	Designed to support whole-person health and empower North Dakotans and their communities to live healthier lives. These grants must focus on at least one of the following: behavioral health, Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) or health promotion/disease prevention.
<b>Health Innovation Grants</b>	\$15,000 to \$50,000	Letters of intent accepted: Jan. 1 to 31, July 1 to 31	Intended for projects or programming proposals that are new or expanding, innovative and could be replicated by others if found successful. These grants are not intended to support current mission work or programming.
<b>Maternal Health Grants</b>	\$5,000	Applications accepted: April 1 to 30	These grants help narrow gaps in care before, during and after pregnancy, making a tangible difference in the lives of women and their families.
<b>Rural Health Grants</b>	\$5,000 to \$7,500	Grant proposals accepted each November	Rural health care providers and their communities collaborate to address their unique health and wellness challenges. The grants are offered and funded by the BCBSND Caring Foundation and administered by the Center for Rural Health at the University of North Dakota, School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

## Grant application procedure

Those that wish to apply are encouraged to visit our website at [www.ndcaring.org](http://www.ndcaring.org) and fill out a short grant application.

## Grant application frequency

The Foundation receives numerous grant requests and is unable to fund all projects, even though those projects may be well-designed and well-conceived. Applicants can apply once per category per calendar year. Applicants may only receive funding once per calendar year.

## **BCBSND Caring Foundation reserves the right to:**

- Reject any or all funding requests submitted
- Request additional information from any or all respondents
- Conduct discussion with respondents to ensure full understanding of the funding request submitted
- Negotiate modifications to a respondent's proposal prior to final award

## **Evaluations and other requirements:**

Organizations receiving funds from BCBSND Caring Foundation are required to complete one mid-project and one final-project evaluation report. Templates will be provided by the Foundation. Future grant eligibility will be impacted if these reports are not returned. Follow-up beyond the actual project is expected.

## **Communications and social media consent and release:**

If the organization submitting this application is awarded funding they are encouraged to provide photos detailing the progress throughout the grant project. The organization awarded funding consents for BCBSND Caring Foundation to use, publish, republish or exhibit in its work, the photographs or videos received with or without identification of the organizations name or individual's names that are in the photos and can use for any purpose. The organization additionally acknowledges and agrees that BCBSND Caring Foundation may edit photographs or videos as BCBSND Caring Foundation determines fit. The organization also waives any right of inspection or approval of the photographs or videos and its use by BCBSND Caring Foundation.

## **Questions:**

We encourage you to visit [www.ndcaring.org](http://www.ndcaring.org) for more details. For questions that are not covered on our website, email [caringfoundation@bcbsnd.com](mailto:caringfoundation@bcbsnd.com).