

Paso del Norte Health Foundation Grantmaking Guidelines

The Paso del Norte Health Foundation (Health Foundation) is bound by a set of priorities and guidelines in the grant making process. Some of the restrictions include: no unsolicited grant applications, no brick or mortar, and no direct payment for illness treatment services.

The following guidelines help direct the Health Foundation's funding decisions:

- Proposals must be solicited and must be linked to one of the Board Approved priority areas.
- Proposals are considered from the Paso del Norte region: west Texas - El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, southern New Mexico - Doña Ana, Luna, and Otero Counties, and northern Mexico - Ciudad Juárez and Puerto Palomas, Chihuahua.
- Awards are made generally to qualified nonprofit organizations with a tax-exempt status of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or equivalent status, and organized and operated for charitable, educational or religious purposes.
- Funding is not provided to individuals.
- Funding is principally for direct project costs and not for general operating and overhead expenses. A 10% indirect cost (IDC) is allowed on most budgets. The IDC generally is not applicable to pass-through contracts.
- Applicants may not communicate about or 'lobby' for their proposal under consideration with any Board Member, Committee Member, or Health Foundation staff apart from the Program Lead.

The following are **generally not funded** unless they are part of a more comprehensive and coordinated Health Foundation initiative or otherwise significantly contribute and strategically connected to a Health Foundation Priority Area.

Biomedical, bench, or basic research	For-profit organizations
Capital campaigns; brick and mortar; Construction	Indirect costs on pass-through expenses
Debt retirement or operating deficits	Grants to individuals
Endowments	Make up for government funding shortfalls or supplant other funding sources
Fundraising events	Political campaigns or voter registration drives
Medical bills, medical services/devices or medication	Religious purposes
Lobbying	Work not impacting the service region
Programs not matching a Priority Area	Unsolicited proposals
Scholarships or fellowships	Drives for or provision of supplies, such as: blankets, food, fans, school supplies, and the like.