

Community Dividend Fund Investment Criteria

Sanford Health invests substantially in initiatives that promote better health for all in the communities we serve. Nonprofits helping to serve a community health need can receive financial support through our Community Dividend Fund. We prioritize funding requests that support demonstrated community health needs, especially for our community investments of more than \$20,000. We have established the following criteria to guide these decisions.

The following categories and criteria are maintained through analysis of:

- The triennial Community Health Needs Assessment programs conducted by Sanford in partnership with city leadership and community partners.
- Alignment with Sanford's strategic priorities and operations.
- Special circumstances that arise, such as critical needs for workforce recruitment or other community-based priorities.

CATEGORIES

Healthcare Access and Quality

- Virtual care
- Long-term and senior care programs
- Rural access (*such as community health outreach, diagnostic or preventative health, and others*)

Workforce and Education

- Health care workforce recruitment
- Leadership development
- Regional workforce
- Academic partnership (*K-12, graduate, post-graduate or research programs*)

Social and Community Wellbeing

- Health education and access to care
- Food security and nutrition
- Mental health and addiction services (*such as prevention, screening, substance use problems, care coordination, and others*)
- Community athletic programs

Neighborhood and Infrastructure Advancement

- Affordable housing (*low-income and long-term care housing/support programs*)
- Transportation (*public service or routes for medical care, jobs or other basic needs*)

Funding requests that support a special or underserved population are given priority, including

- Rural communities
- Socioeconomically disadvantaged people
- Children
- Seniors
- Native Americans
- Veterans

Funding requests for \$20,000 or less should align with the following categories:

- Athletic program support
- Community health improvement
- Economic development
- Education or workforce development
- Military and veterans services
- Scholarship endowment