



2027 Grant Cycle

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Annual Grant Cycle

In 2023, Methodist Healthcare Ministries took time to examine current philanthropic industry best practices, identify gaps in the service-area resource landscape, and consider how our grant support can be most impactful in serving the least served.

Building upon our health equity strategy, we incorporated equitable grantmaking principles to reduce administrative burdens for grantees and to provide more flexible funding. We sought and incorporated feedback from stakeholders across our region and within our organization. Many of our valued funded and community partners joined our effort by providing insights, and we are grateful. As a result, we introduced new approaches to grantmaking with our 2026 grant cycle. These changes will



➤ Open Grant Cycle

➤ Cornerstone Grants

Grant Guidelines

What We Look For:

In alignment with MHM's Funding Philosophy, Community Investments strives to be transparent and accessible, providing prospective partners with a clear understanding of how our grants can support their goals. We recognize and appreciate the time and effort required to prepare an application.

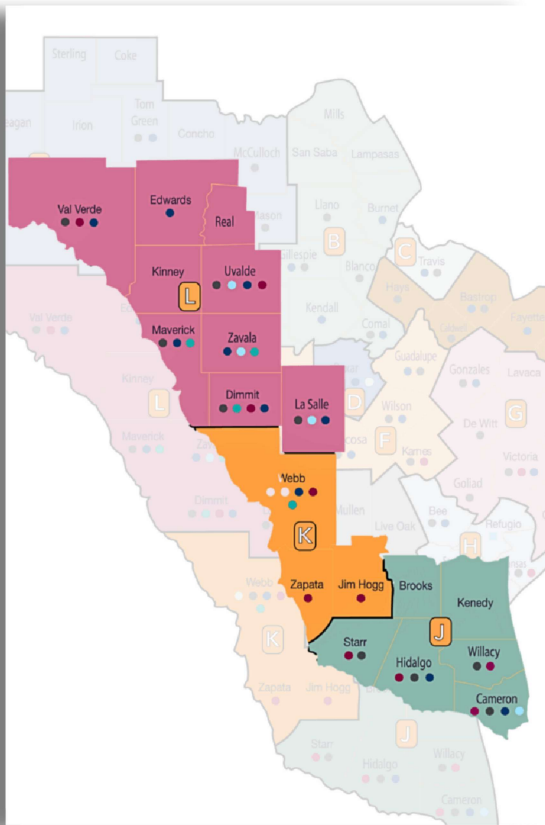
While not an exhaustive list, we give priority to proposals that demonstrate:

➤ Collaboration

➤ Community Perspectives



West Texas Counseling & Guidance



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SERVICE MAP IN FULL

Geographic Priorities:

MHM will award approximately \$15M-\$17M through the 2027 Open Grant Cycle. In reviewing applications, MHM has a strong preference for requests that:

- Align with our Focus Areas
- Serve rural counties or zones J, K, and L of MHM's Areas of Strategic Opportunity.
- Serve at least one of MHM's priority zip codes in Bexar County

Bexar County

In Bexar County, new funding will only be awarded to organizations that serve MHM's 13 priority zip codes and offer solutions that address root causes and seek to improve community conditions. MHM will not consider county-wide requests intending to serve both priority and non-priority zip codes. The Bexar County priority zip codes are: 78201, 78204, 78207, 78211, 78214, 78217, 78221, 78222, 78224, 78225, 78226, 78228, 78237.



discriminate against any particular class of individuals. To be eligible for funding, organizations must comply with all applicable local, state and federal anti-discrimination laws in hiring, employment practices and service provision.



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To apply, an applicant must:

- Be recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c)3 organization or other tax-exempt entity.
- Have a 501(c)3 or tax-exempt status for at least one year or have a fiscal sponsor that has.
- Provide services within at least one of **MHM's 74 service counties**.

Previous grantees must be in good standing, which means:

- No significant unspent grant funds at the end of the grant period
- Strong overall organizational financial and programmatic standing

Organizations with an existing multi-year grant are not eligible to apply for the 2027 grant cycle. If you are unsure of your organization's status, contact CommInvestments@mhmm.org or your program officer. Organizations with a Digital Equity grant renewed for 2027 & 2028 are eligible to apply.



MHM's Community Investments prioritizes proposals that align with the focus areas. The five Community Investments Focus Areas are drawn from MHM's strategic pillars as identified in our current strategic plan. Funding requests must address one or more of the following Focus Areas:

- Access to Care: Mental and Behavioral Healthcare
- Access to Care: General
- Digital Equity
- Food Security
- Economic Mobility



Theories of Change

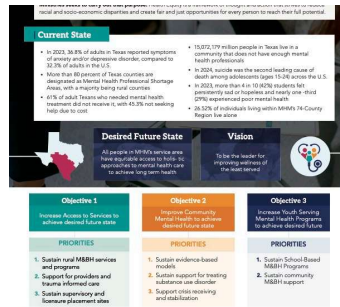
The Community Investments Focus Areas and Theories of Change help our grantees and MHM strengthen strategies and maximize results by defining success and outlining the path toward health equity. They were developed collaboratively, incorporating valuable insights from esteemed partner organizations and community members to ensure that South Texas community voices were incorporated and current needs were accurately identified.

The Theories of Change present objectives and priorities for each focus area. These are intended to serve as guides and not a comprehensive list of eligible programs or metrics.

Review the Theories of Change for detailed information about objectives, priorities, and sample metrics for each focus area. If you have questions about your specific request, contact us at CommInvestments@mhmm.org.



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Grant Types

MHM will fund three grant types: Project/Program, Capital, and General Operating through two application tracks: Standard and Small.



➤ Project/Program

➤ Capital



Vibrance Health

Organizations eligible for both a Small and Standard grant may submit only one application under either the Small grants or Standard grants application track. After reviewing the submitted application, MHM may elect to fund the request in part or in full.

- Small Grant Track:
- Standard Grant Track:

Criteria	Standard	Small
Request Amount*	\$100,000+ per year	\$20,000 - \$100,000
Geographic Eligibility	74-county service region; prioritize applications serving zones J, K, L of the ASO and rural counties. New Bexar County applications must serve a priority zip code.	<u>Rural Counties</u> <u>J, K, L Areas of Strategic Opportunity</u>
Organization Budget Size	Any size	\$1M or less
Budget Templates	MHM Budget Template	Organization's program/project budget or MHM Budget Template
Grant Period	1 year for all applicants 3 years for current grantees only	1 year for all applicants
Reporting Schedule	Mid-year and year-end reports	Year-end report only
Grant Type	Project/Program Capital General Operating (unrestricted)	Project/Program Capital General Operating (unrestricted)

[Click here to view Rural Counties](#)
[Click here to view Areas of Strategic Opportunity Map](#)

Planning Your Application



➤ Grant Request Amount

➤ Grant Period Options

➤ Grant Goals

➤ Grant Request Budget

➤ Unallowable Costs

➤ Indirect Costs

➤ Indirect Costs Policy

➤ Fiscal Sponsorship

➤ Grant Payment Schedule

➤ Financial Statements

How & When to Apply



Key Dates	Events:
July 24th	Open Cycle Applications Due
November	Applicants Receive Grant Decisions
December	Grant Agreements Sent

➤ Step 1: Review Community Investments Grant Materials

➤ Step 2: Attend/Watch the 2027 Grant Cycle Informational Webinar

➤ Step 3: Access the Online Grant Portal

➤ Step 4: Submit an Application

➤ Step 5: Receive Notifications



Mid-Year & Year-End reports are required for grantees with single-year or multi-year program/project and capital grants.

Year-End reports (no mid-year) are required for Cornerstone grantees and Standard grantees with single-year or multi-year general operating grants.

+ Due Dates

+ Narrative Reports

+ Budget-to-Actual Report

– Financial Statements

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+ MHM Financial Reconciliation Process & Unspent Funds

Site Visits

In addition to formal reports, Program officers and other MHM staff may be asked to participate in site visits virtually or in-person throughout the grant period.

Additional Questions

For multi-year grant, underspent funds identified during mid-year reconciliation will be deducted from subsequent grant payments.

At the end of the grant period, MHM may request the return of any unspent funds.



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