

Initiative 3: Open Topic



“Ideas won’t keep. Something must be done about them.”
-Alfred North Whitehead

Trinity Health Foundation of East Tennessee extends the healing ministry of Jesus by improving the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of our community.

ENVISIONED GOAL: Trinity recognizes there are significant needs in many areas relating to the health of our region. For this reason, we are leaving one of our topics “open” for those of you with a passion for serving the health needs of our community in ways that your experience guides.

In responding to this “Open Topic”, remember our mission: Trinity Health Foundation of East Tennessee extends the healing ministry of Jesus by improving the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of our community.

We seek great partners to enable transformational projects that become a catalyst for good health in our community. Areas not addressed by our four other topics would be possibilities in this initiative. They would include, but not be limited to: elderly care, refugees, illiteracy, care for the disabled, cancer support groups, health information exchange, diminishing adverse childhood experiences, and Christ-based programs to grow and develop the community’s faith in Jesus.

BACKGROUND: Trinity Health Foundation wants to continue to keep our arms and minds open to any ideas that might be valuable to our community’s health. While we have selected our health initiatives for 2021, we did not want to overlook a great opportunity that did not fit into our selected health initiatives – hence this “open” topic.

GENERAL GRANTING PHILOSOPHY FOR TRINITY PHASE I GRANTS:

TRINITY requires all lead proposing organizations to have a 501(c)(3) or equivalent status. While certain tasks within a project can be subcontracted to for-profit entities, their participation must be under the 501(c)(3) bidder's supervision. A single organization can only submit one Phase I grant to Trinity each year, but organizations are encouraged to partner in supporting roles on as many proposals as they desire. Phase I grants are for planning and prototyping activities and can include labor, consultants, travel, overhead, and minimal materials if needed for the initial demonstration. Trinity encourages proposals that:

- find successful projects in other regions and bring them to our community,
- display a clear knowledge of services in our region and avoid duplication by intentional collaboration,
- reveal a distinct pathway to sustainability and have a matching or in-kind collaborative approach,
- provide definitive metrics for the measurement of success,
- implement documented best practices toward goals,
- are locally based and serve Knoxville and surrounding contiguous counties (Anderson, Blount, Grainger, Jefferson, Loudon, Roane, Sevier, and Union),
- serve a broad demographic in race, gender, age, and physical location, and
- include a component of faith in their purpose

At the end of the 90-day planning period, a final Phase I report will be due. If the grantee wishes to continue with the Phase II proposal process, a completed Phase II application will also be expected at this time. Only successful Phase I grantees will be eligible to submit a proposal for Phase II.

Phase II grants are for implementation and can be used for a broad range of activities beyond Phase I, including, but not limited to, capital facilities, equipment, training courses, etc. TRINITY strongly suggests, but does not require, matching funds and/or in-kind support (volunteer labor, use of facilities, infrastructure development like software, databases, products and websites, promotion, etc.) for proposed efforts, particularly in Phase II. TRINITY is a faith-based organization but will consider proposals from non-faith-based entities as long as there is no conflict with our mission.