



**Lorain County
Public Health**

For the Health of Us All

Healthy Places Grant Info Session

Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention Division

Welcome and Housekeeping

Meet the LCPH Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Team



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Purpose

Lorain County Public Health (LCPH) is offering Healthy Places grants to Lorain County organizations that aspire to build healthier communities through **built environment changes**.

The purpose of these grants is to create a **long-lasting impact** on the health of people in Lorain County, especially people in overburdened populations.

What is the built environment?

The physical characteristics of the communities in which people live, work and play.

- Parks and playgrounds
- Walking trails and sidewalks
- Public art and places to hang out
- Shared use spaces, like gyms
- Outdoor and public fitness equipment
- Community gardens



How does the built environment impact health?

- Promotes being active, eating healthy and other healthy habits;
- Encourages social connectedness;
- Prevents injuries and promote safety;
- Improves air, water and soil quality;
- Provides access to natural and green spaces;
- Ensures all members of the community have opportunities to be healthy regardless of their age, income level, gender, ethnic background, or any other social or economic reasons.



Overview of Grants

- **A total of \$50,000 is available.**
- Individual applicants can apply for up to **\$10,000.**
- LCPH will try to fund as many projects as possible.

Key Dates

Applications open at LorainCountyHealth.com	
Informational Webinar + FAQ Session	today
Deadline for technical assistance	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Application deadline	Monday, February 19 @ 11:59 p.m.
Notice of Award	Monday, March 4, 2024
Execution of Grant	March 13 - December 31, 2024

Criteria for funding

1. Priority for funding goes to first-time grantees. Entities that have been previously awarded funding will be considered only after first-time grantees have been assessed.
2. Only projects in LCPH's jurisdiction are eligible to apply; this jurisdiction includes all of Lorain County with the exception of Vermillion.
3. Applicants must be a government agency or non-profit. Grants will not be awarded to individuals.

Award Details

1. Applicants must demonstrate partnership with at least one other entity.
2. Grants are awarded via reimbursement of funds. This means that the grantee pays for the equipment or service in the proposal, submits invoices, and then LCPH will pay the grantee that amount.
3. By November 30, 2024, final invoices are due to LCPH.
 - a. Grantee will receive reimbursement by February 15, 2025.

Unallowable Costs

Funds may not be used for:

1. Personnel costs.
 - a. This does not include contracted labor to install built environment changes, such as equipment installation, paving, painting, etc.
2. Food.
3. Bad debts of any kind.
4. Fundraising efforts.
5. Advancing political or religious points of view.
6. Costs to rent space.
7. Event sponsorships.

Project Requirements

1. Each grantee is required to complete one site visit.
 - a. The purpose of the visit is to track project progress.
2. Each grantee is required to complete an evaluation at the conclusion of their project
3. Grantees give permission for LCPH to use and share photographs of grant funded projects, and to promote the grant through press releases and other media outlets.
4. Any publicity related to the grant funded project must be shared with and reviewed by LCPH during project implementation.
5. At any time, LCPH can discontinue funding with 30 days of written notice. At any time, grantees can end partnership with LCPH with 30 days of written notice. LCPH will issue a check to reimburse grantees for expenses up to the date of discontinuation.

How to apply

1. Application posted at LorainCountyHealth.com/healthygrants
2. All application materials must be filled out completely and must be **typed**.
 - a. LCPH will not accept handwritten applications.
 - b. LCPH may decline or defer incomplete applications to a different grant cycle.

Application deadline: February 19, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

Find everything on our website

LorainCountyHealth.com/HealthyGrants



Healthy Places Grants

Applications are now open - deadline is February 19, 2024.

1. Download the application ([Microsoft Word Document](#)).
2. Fill out the application, [workplan](#), and [budget](#).
3. Email all three documents to healthed@loraincountyhealth.com by 11:59 p.m. on February 19, 2024.

Other documents:

- [Appendix I. Scoring Rubric](#)
- [Appendix II. Examples](#)
- [Appendix III. Project Workplan Template - Microsoft Word](#)
- [Appendix IV. Budget Template - Excel](#)

[Download all application documents in one click.](#)

Application Outline

1. Description of Applicant
 - i. Get signature(s) and approval from your organization head.
 - ii. Letters of support from all listed partner agencies.
- b. Project Overview
 - i. Goal
 - ii. Funds requested
 - iii. Descriptions

Connection to Community Health Improvement Plan: How does your project improve any of the following? If it does not, explain how it promotes the health of the community.

1. Cancer prevention
2. Chronic disease (diabetes, heart disease, etc.) prevention
3. Health for moms and babies
4. Substance use disorder prevention and/or recovery
5. Mental health promotion

Project type - note all that apply (see Appendix II for examples).

1. Active transportation - walkability, bikeability, and public transportation
2. Safe and inclusive places - visibility and accessibility
3. Arts, culture, and placemaking
4. Physical activity, recreation, and trails
5. Nutrition and food systems

Application Outline

- a. Tell us your story
 - i. Unique/innovative?
 - ii. Define project success
 - iii. Impact
 - iv. Maintenance
- b. Workplan
 - i. Please be as detailed as possible.
- c. Budget with projected expenses, with attached quotes and estimates.
 - i. This can help us better understand your project and award partial funding.

Workplan Example

Sample Project Workplan

Activity	Timeframe for completion	Person and agency responsible
Activity 1: Order equipment and supplies for the outdoor learning library space. Keep track of all invoices and bills.	May 2022	John Doe, Happytown Library
Activity 2: Prepare site and install outdoor learning equipment at Happytown Library. Take photos of complete work.	July 2022	Jane Smith, Rainbow City Engineer
Activity 3: Organize a ribbon cutting event and press release for the community to announce the library's new outdoor learning space.	August 2022	John Doe, Happytown Library
Activity 4: Organize, schedule, and promote after school activities in the library's new outdoor learning space. Recruit Scout volunteers to lead activities for younger children.	September - November 2022	Bill Johnson, Scouts
Activity 5: Monitor outdoor learning space for any additional needs. Keep the space clean and report repairs as needed to Rainbow City Engineers	July 2022 - Ongoing	John Doe, Happytown Library

Application Scoring Rubric (Appendix I)

Criteria	Total Points
The applying organization has never been awarded a Healthy Places grant before.	5
The proposed project aims to improve health through a built environment change.	25
The application is complete.	25
The proposed project demonstrates community partnerships.	15
The workplan is thorough and complete.	15
The budget is complete.	15
Total points available	100

Past funded projects

- Exercise Equipment at Kipton Park, *Kipton Village, 2022*
- Pickleball court, *Grafton Township Hall, 2022*
- Pathway Lighting, Horizon Education Centers: *Elyria Cascade and East Lorain, 2021*

All past funded projects listed at LorainCountyHealth.com/healthygrants



Other project examples



Bike racks, pavilions, and park enhancements

Innovative ideas



Bicycle lanes

Need extra help with your application?

- Applicants may request technical assistance.
- Technical assistance includes:
 - Review application ideas and partners
 - Review workplan details
- To take advantage of this opportunity, applicants must contact LCPH by **Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024**
 - Email: aferguson@loraincountyhealth.com

Thank you.



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