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2026 Community Clinic Grant

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Tribal State Relations Statement

- The State of Minnesota is home to 11 federally recognized Indian Tribes with elected Tribal government officials. The State of Minnesota acknowledges and supports the unique political status of Tribal Nations across Minnesota and their absolute right to existence, self-governance, and self-determination. This unique relationship with federally recognized Indian Tribes is cemented by the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, case law, and agreements. The State of Minnesota and Tribal governments across Minnesota significantly benefit from working together, learning from one another, and partnering where possible.
- The Minnesota Department of Health recognizes, values, and celebrates the vibrant and unique relationships between the 11 Tribal Nations and the State of Minnesota. Partnerships formed through government-to-government relationships with these Tribes will effectively address health disparities and lead to better health outcomes for all of Minnesota.
- In our work, we demonstrate our commitment to Tribal-State relations in the following ways:
 - Staffing an Office of American Indian Health that supports promoting health in American Indian communities
 - Providing grants to Tribal Nations that support health

Program Description

- The Community Clinic Grant, authorized by Minnesota Statute 145.9268 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/145.9268>), was established to award grants to support the capacity of eligible organizations to plan, establish or operate clinical services for populations with low income and/or living in rural areas of the state.

FY2026 Funding Focus

Fiscal Year 2026 program funding will support clinic efforts to increase or maintain access to health services for the uninsured and underinsured.

Funds Available

| Funding | Estimate |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Estimated Amount to Grant | \$1,551,000 |
| Estimated Number of Awards | 25 – 28 |
| Estimated Maximum Award | \$60,000 |
| Estimated Minimum Award | N/A |

- Funding is allocated through a competitive process

Eligible entities include:

- **Nonprofit clinics** established to provide preventative, medical, dental, or mental health services to low-income or rural population groups.
- A **government entity** operating a clinic which provides preventative, medical, dental, or mental health services.
- An **Indian Health Services** unit or **Indian tribal government** operating a clinic which provides preventative, medical, dental, or mental health services; or,
- A consortium of these entities.

Additional Requirements

- All applicant organizations must have a policy or procedure to ensure no person will be denied services due to inability to pay (e.g., sliding-fee scale).

Definitions: What is a clinic?

For the purposes of this program the term clinic means:

- A stationary or mobile clinic
- A site that includes at least one of the following types of services: preventative, medical, dental or mental health primary care services.
- Services must not be solely for the purpose of urgent or emergent (emergency room) care.

- No match is required
- Project Dates: March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027
- Collaboration is not required but is encouraged, and preference will be given to organizations that show evidence of collaboration with other eligible community clinics, hospitals, health care providers, or community-based organizations.

- Grant outcomes may vary based on the project.
- All projects will be asked to report on the total number of uninsured and underinsured patients served.

Competitive Priorities:

- Preference will be given to projects that serve uninsured individuals.

Eligible Expenses Include:

- Salaries
- Fringe benefits
- Travel
- Supplies
- Contracted services
- Equipment / Capital improvements
- Other expenses
- Indirect costs (up to 15% unless you have a NICRA)

Example Eligible Expenses

- Staff time for providing services, coordination, data collection, and reporting
- Mobile clinics
- Equipment, instruments and supplies necessary for providing services, including telehealth
- Equipment related to dental, mental, or primary care health services
- Data collection, billing system or electronic health records systems
- Improvements for care delivery, such as increased translation and interpretation services
- Culturally tailored outreach materials to targeted populations

Ineligible Expenses

- Ineligible Expenses Include:
 - Fundraising
 - Taxes, except sales tax on goods and services
 - Lobbyists, political contributions
 - Bad debts, late payment fees, finance charges, or contingency funds

Grant Contractual Obligations

- Work may not start prior to the full execution of agreement and the first day of the agreement period (March 1, 2026)
- Grant activities approved for payment are outlined in Exhibits A & B of the grant agreement
 - Any activities outside of this must be approved prior to action
- Grantees must report on financial and programmatic activities quarterly
 - July 20, October 20, January 20, April 20

Grant Contractual Obligations Part 2

- New requirement as of July 1, 2025:
- Grantee must clearly post on Grantee's website the names of, and contact information for, the Grantee's leadership and the employee or other person who directly manages and oversees this Grant Agreement on behalf of the Grantee.

Review Process

- MDH determines initial eligibility
- Review committee scores applications on the criteria in RFP Attachment A:
 - Project Narrative and Work Plan (76 points)
 - Budget and Budget Justification (13 points)
- Review committee and MDH determine grant awards
- MDH conducts due diligence and past performance review prior to entering into grant agreements

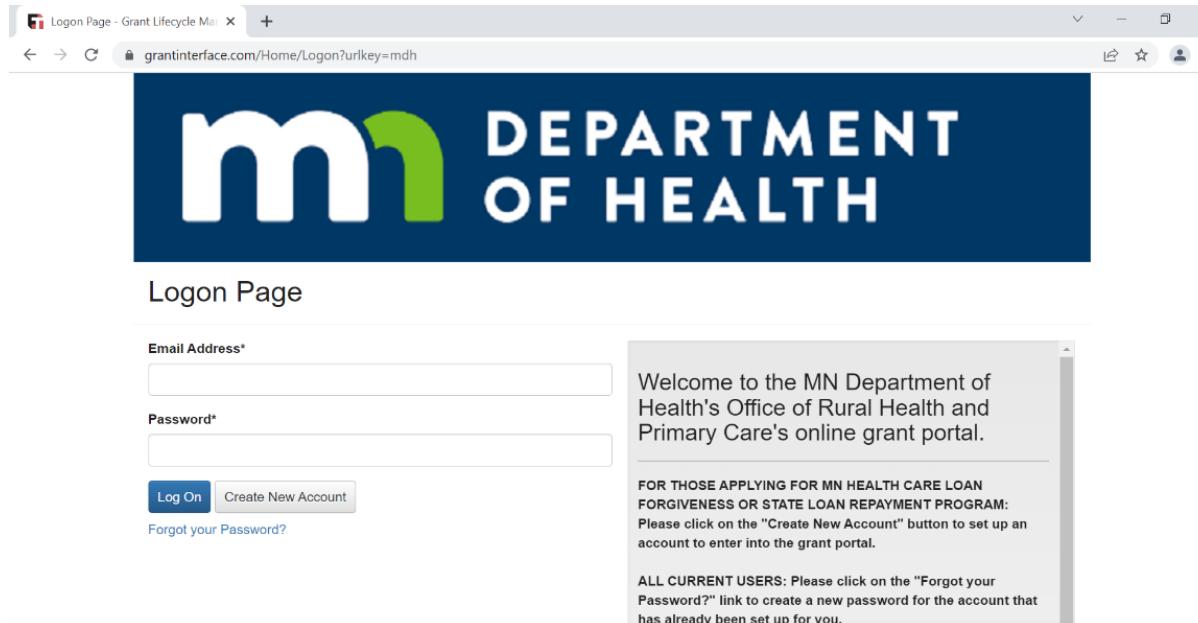
Submitting Questions

- All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted via email to health.CommunityClinicGrant@state.mn.us
- Answers will be posted within 5 days on the ORHPC Grants and Funding website at: [Community Clinic Grant](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/funding/grants/index.html#ccg) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/funding/grants/index.html#ccg>)
- Please submit questions no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Time on Monday, October 27, 2025

Application Submission

- Applications are due Friday, November 7, 2025 at 4:30 pm Central Time
- All applications will be completed and submitted via the online [ORHPC Grants Management System](#) (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=mdh>)
- The next slides show how to create a profile and begin an application in the online system

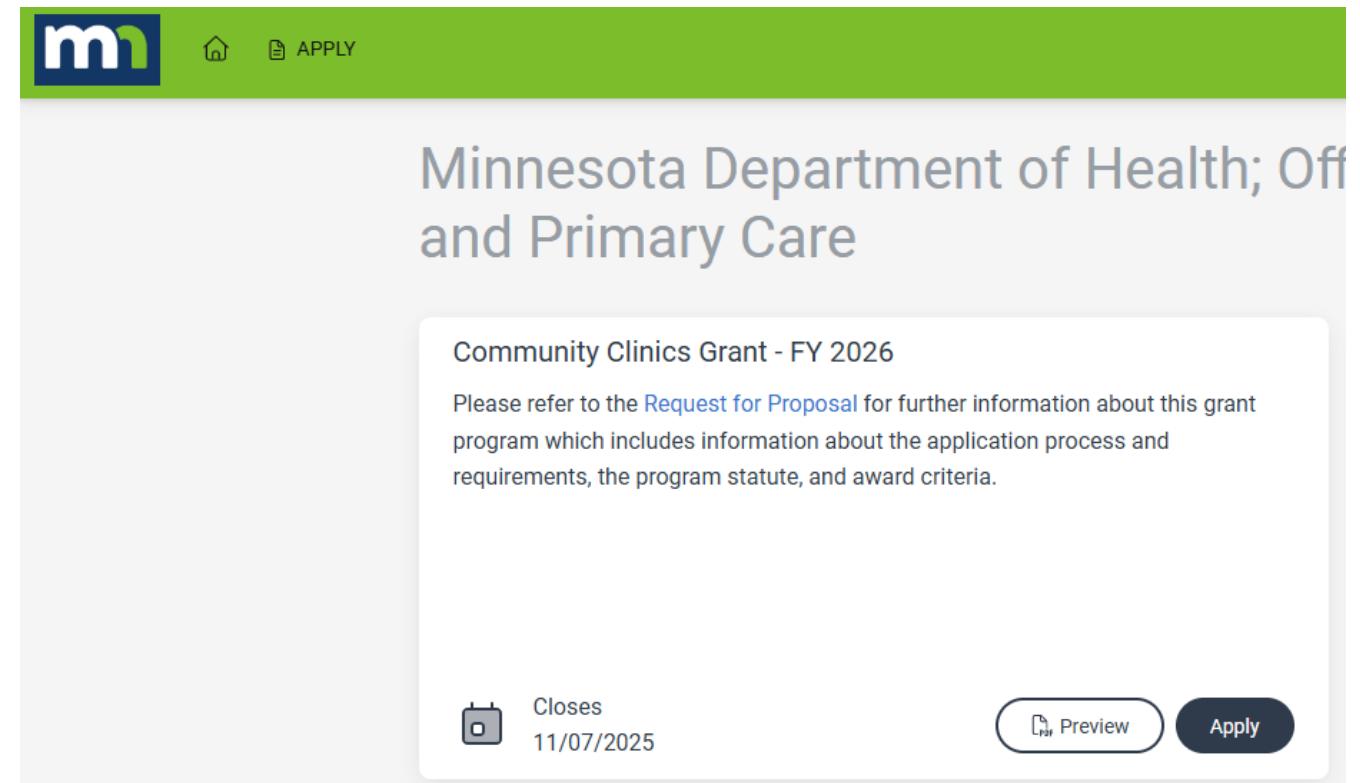
Creating/Managing Users



- **Existing Users:** log in or use the forgot password button
- **New Users:** verify if your organization has a profile.
- If a profile exists, please contact us to add you to your organization's profile.
- If your organization does not have a profile, you can create one using the "create new account" button.
- If you are unsure if your organization has a profile, please reach out to MDH

Starting an Application

- On the home page of the portal, find the Community Clinic Grant –FY 2026
- Click Apply



Application Sections

- 8 sections to complete
- Refer to RFP for instructions on narrative questions
- Complete at your own pace
 - Save button vs. Submit button

➤ Section 1: Organization and Application Information

➤ Section 2: Project Information

➤ Section 3: Project Abstract

➤ Section 4: Narrative Questions and Work Plan

➤ Section 5: Budget

➤ Section 6: Required Attachments

➤ Section 7: Optional Attachments

➤ Section 8: Applicant Conflict of Interest

➤ Certification

Application Sections 1 & 2

- Basic information about your organization
- Important to note that the project contact will be the individual to whom reports are assigned
- Collaboration is possible: can add others as collaborators in portal
 - “Collaborate” button in upper right of application
- SWIFT information is very important – this is how MDH contracts
 - If unsure, contact SWIFT help desk: 651-201-8100 or swifthelpdesk.mmb@state.mn.us

Application Section 3: Project Abstract

- Organization Type
- Sliding Fee Scale Policy
- Does your organization accept patients who are on Minnesota health care programs?
- Percentage of patients that are on Minnesota health care programs and sliding scale fee payment options

Application Section 4: Narrative Questions & Workplan

- Organization Description
- Target Population and Numbers Served
- Problem Statement
- Project Description
- Project Impact
- Project Evaluation
- Collaboration
- Organization Capacity
- Project Workplan
 - Activities, responsible staff, start and end dates

Application Section 5: Budget

- **Budget Line Item**
 - Total for each budget category
- **Budget Narrative**
 - Provide a detailed outline of how funds will be used to accomplish the activities and objectives of the grant.
 - Each budget category should have its own narrative that clearly shows how the budget line item was calculated.
 - Budget items should match the activities described in the project plan and work plan.
 - If you apply for indirect costs, you must describe what items are included in the indirect line item.

Application Section 6: Required Attachments

- Patient Payment Policy / Sliding Fee Scale
- Governing Board Resolution
 - Nonprofits only
- Due Diligence form
 - Not required from Community Health Boards and Tribal Nations
 - Additional required documents such as audited financial statements

Application Section 7: Optional Attachments

- Letters of Support
- Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate (NICRA)

Application Section 8: Conflict of Interest & Certification

- Complete both sections prior to submission
- Should you be aware of any conflict of interest, this does not disqualify you for funding but requires a mitigation plan to collaborate with MDH
 - Any questions regarding the Conflict of Interest, please reach out

Questions?



Thank You!

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