

APPLYING FOR HEALTH CARE GRANTS

APPLICATION PROCESS Beginning with the June 15, 2008 application deadline, The Duke Endowment will adopt a more standardized grant application and submission process. This approach is designed to clearly communicate our strategies and guidelines, ultimately helping you submit more effective applications. This transition to standardized grant applications indicates a greater emphasis on funding grants that produce measurable results.

IMPROVING LIVES

Applications for grants to Improve Lives must focus on accomplishing work through proven programs and strategies. **Applicants should be prepared to provide information about evidence of success that supports replicating or expanding the proposed program.** Possible grant requests for this application category could include, but are not limited to, programs that support:

- palliative care
- chronic disease management
- wellness

STRENGTHENING ORGANIZATIONS

Applications for grants to Strengthen Organizations must focus on building the infrastructure of effective organizations. **Applicants should be prepared to explain how the proposed program will have an organizational benefit, such as increased revenue and/or reduced cost, and how the program will help the organization be more effective.**

Applications in this category may include grants that support:

- work force development
- technology enhancements
- leadership development

ADVANCING INNOVATION

Applications for grants to Advance Innovation must focus on programs that test innovative approaches designed to outperform existing models. Possible grant requests for this category may include evaluating new models or testing strategies to enhance a promising practice.

These grants will be expected to undergo a rigorous evaluation that may include a small study (pilot) to test new approaches or build on existing programs or models in which promising evidence exists.

By improving access to quality health care and preventative programs, The Duke Endowment seeks to enhance the lives of individuals and the vitality of communities in the Carolinas.

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