

Funding Opportunity

WE ALL BENEFIT

Increasing Access to Quality, Responsive Care

St. David's Foundation is pleased to announce the *We All Benefit* open call.

Background

Access to timely, responsive care remains out of reach for many Central Texans, affecting their ability to address health concerns when they arise. As outlined in our recently released strategic plan, [Pathways to Health Equity](#), St. David's Foundation is committed to increasing access to quality care designed to advance health equity. One of the objectives identified in our Strategic Plan is **leveraging evidence to expand the number of individuals covered by insurance, the medical and non-medical benefits covered by insurance, and the ability to access the benefits to which they are currently entitled.**

During the pandemic, the federal government declared a public health emergency that required continuous coverage in Medicaid across the country. In April 2023, when the federal government's COVID-19 public health emergency declaration expired, states across the country were left to adopt their own approaches to determine who still qualified for Medicaid coverage. This unwinding resulted in the loss of health insurance for hundreds of thousands of Central Texans, many of whom are children. These community members are navigating an already frustratingly complex process of determining what their options are as they search for health coverage.

We know that Medicaid disenrollment is primarily due to [procedural reasons](#) (e.g., people that are being disenrolled for paperwork reasons may still be eligible for Medicaid coverage), and many organizations that support individuals enrolling in coverage did not anticipate the on-going need for highly trained staff to support Medicaid enrollment. We also know that no one organization can tackle this challenge, and that the most impactful solutions are collaborative.

Funding Opportunity

The *We All Benefit* open call is focused on support for **organizations or collaboratives that are currently enrolling eligible Central Texans in health insurance benefits and/or otherwise supporting individuals, the community, or organizations in the eligibility determination and enrollment process** through outreach, education, or training.

The one-time grants awarded as part of this open call will support Central Texas organizations and collaboratives that:

- **Enroll eligible Central Texans** in healthcare coverage (e.g., Medicaid, CHIP, ACA)
- **Support individuals, the community, or other organizations in the eligibility determination and enrollment process for healthcare coverage** through outreach, education, or training

Eligibility Criteria

- Operate in one of the following Central Texas counties: Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, or Williamson.
- Fall into one of the following classifications:
 - A tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - Using a fiscal sponsor who is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Statewide and national organizations not headquartered in Central Texas must be able to demonstrate meaningful partnerships with local organizations and communities to have an impact in our five-county region and communities. The work must clearly benefit Central Texas residents.
- Evidence of work enrolling eligible Central Texans in healthcare coverage or otherwise supporting individuals, the community, or organizations in the eligibility determination and enrollment process.

Note: *Organizations with existing St. David's Foundation grant funding may apply.*

How to Apply

The *We All Benefit* open call will open on May 29, 2024. Organizations intending to apply must **submit an initial letter of intent (LOI) by 5:00 p.m. on June 28, 2024**. LOIs will be reviewed for compliance with eligibility criteria and alignment with the goals of this *We All Benefit* open call. Applicants will receive notice of LOI decisions by July 12, 2024.

Organizations that advance from LOI to submission of full application will engage in a streamlined application process. The **deadline to submit an application is 5:00 p.m. CST on August 9, 2024**.

Contact Information:

For programmatic questions, please email: questions@stdavidsfoundation.org

For technical questions, please email: grantsinfo@stdavidsfoundation.org

Grant Details

The Foundation expects to award up to \$8M through this open call. Grant announcements will be made in September 2024. This initiative will award two types of grants:

- Individual organizations will be eligible for one-time grants of up to \$250,000
- Funding collaboratives across organizations that are already working together to address this issue will be eligible for one-time grants of up to \$1,000,000

Each awardee will receive an unrestricted, one-time operating grant in 2024 to allow the organization or collaborative to continue or expand their work to enroll eligible Central Texans in health insurance benefits and/or otherwise support individuals, the community, or organizations in the eligibility determination and enrollment process through outreach, education, or training.

Organizations selected for grants will be asked to provide information and insights to the Foundation in the two years following the grant award through annual reports, learning and evaluation conversations, and participation in up to three grantee convenings over two years.

Rubric for Decision-making

The rubric below will be used as decision-making framework as the Foundation assesses how each application aligns with the Foundation’s objective to **expand the number of individuals covered by insurance, the medical and non-medical benefits covered by insurance, and the ability to access the benefits to which they are currently entitled.**

Categories	Possible Points
1. Equity-focused: <i>Impacts individuals and families (or the underlying conditions and inequitable systems that affect individuals and families) whose income falls below the minimum level necessary for survival, and/or historically marginalized communities or groups</i>	10 points
2. Potential for Impact: <i>Demonstrates significant success enrolling eligible Central Texans in healthcare coverage or otherwise supporting individuals, the community, or organizations in the eligibility determination and enrollment process</i>	15 points
3. Of and By Community: <i>Reflects and represents the experiences and perspectives of the community it serves with pathways for community members to influence and shape decisions</i>	5 points
4. Team Capacity: <i>Includes the depth of skills, capacity, and experience necessary to ensure the organization’s continued success and ability to carry out its mission</i>	5 points
5. Health Equity Innovation: <i>Has mechanisms in place to understand dynamic health equity needs and underlying systemic drivers and evolves approaches in response</i>	5 points
6. Collaboration: <i>Exhibits productive and mission-driven partnerships, coalition-building, and collaboration</i>	5 points
Special Priority: Applying as a Collaborative	5 points
	50 TOTAL

Note: Prior to review, all applications will be screened to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria.

Rubric Details

#1: EQUITY-FOCUSED

Rate the extent to which the impacts individuals and families (or the underlying conditions and inequitable systems that affect individuals and families) whose income falls below the minimum level necessary for survival, or historically marginalized communities or groups, through the organization’s mission and work on the following scale:

EQUITY UNADDRESSED	
0 points	Organization does not impact individuals and families whose income falls below the minimum level necessary for survival, or historically marginalized communities or groups within its mission or work.
6 points	Organization impacts individuals and families whose income falls below the minimum level necessary for survival, and/or historically marginalized communities or groups through its mission and work.
10 points	Organization impacts underlying conditions and inequitable systems that affect individuals and families whose income falls below the minimum level necessary for survival, and/or historically marginalized communities or groups through its mission and work.
EQUITY CENTERED	

#2: POTENTIAL FOR IMPACT

Rate the extent to which the organization demonstrates significant success enrolling eligible Central Texans in healthcare coverage or otherwise supporting individuals, the community, or organizations in the eligibility determination and enrollment process, on the following scale:

LOW POTENTIAL FOR IMPACT	
0 points	Organization does not demonstrate track record and/or early signs of success enrolling eligible Central Texans in healthcare coverage or otherwise supporting individuals, the community, or organizations in the eligibility determination and enrollment process.
9 points	Organization demonstrates early signs of success enrolling eligible Central Texans in healthcare coverage or otherwise supporting individuals, the community, or organizations in the eligibility determination and enrollment process.
15 points	Organization demonstrates significant success enrolling eligible Central Texans in healthcare coverage or otherwise supporting individuals, the community, or organizations in the eligibility determination and enrollment process.
HIGH POTENTIAL FOR IMPACT	

#3: OF AND BY COMMUNITY

Rate the extent to which the organization authentically reflects and represents the experiences and perspectives of the community it serves on the following scale:

ABSENCE OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & PARTNERSHIP	
0 points	Organization is not at all reflective or representative of the experiences and perspectives of the community it serves. No clear pathways for community members to influence and shape decisions.
3 points	Organization is somewhat reflective or representative of the experiences and perspectives of the community it serves. There are limited pathways for community members to influence and shape decisions.
5 points	Organization, including its leadership, is fully reflective and representative of the experiences and perspectives of the community it serves. There are clear pathways for community members to influence and shape decisions.
MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & PARTNERSHIP	

#4: TEAM CAPACITY

Rate the extent to which the team has the depth of skills, capacity, and experience necessary to ensure the organization’s continued success and ability to carry out its mission on the following scale:

LIMITED CAPACITY	
0 points	Organization leadership and staff lack required skills, capacity, and/or experience , and does not have a plan to build those areas of expertise. Organization is unlikely to continue successfully.
3 points	Organization leadership and staff have skills, capacity, and experience to maintain current efforts.
5 points	Organization leadership and staff exceed expectations of depth of skills, capacity, and experience and have a plan to continue the organization’s successful evolution.
ROBUST CAPACITY	

#5: HEALTH EQUITY INNOVATION

Rate the extent to which the organization has mechanisms in place to understand dynamic health equity needs and underlying systemic drivers, and evolves approaches in response, on the following scale:

LIMITED INNOVATION	
0 points	Organization does not have mechanisms in place to understand dynamic health equity needs and underlying systemic drivers and does not demonstrate the ability to evolve approaches in response to needs . Organization is unlikely to innovate to advance health equity.
3 points	Organization has limited mechanisms in place to understand dynamic health equity needs and underlying systemic drivers and evolve approaches in response . Organization has potential to innovate to advance health equity.
5 points	Organization has robust mechanisms in place to understand dynamic health equity needs and the underlying systemic drivers and evolves approaches . Organization is positioned well to innovate to advance health equity.
ROBUST INNOVATION	

#6: COLLABORATION

Rate the extent to which the organization exhibits productive and mission-driven partnerships, coalition-building, and collaboration on the following scale:

ABSENCE OF COLLABORATION	
0 points	Organization does not exhibit productive and mission-driven partnerships, coalition building, or collaboration. Organization is unlikely to collaborate with community partners to advance their mission.
3 points	Organization somewhat exhibits productive and mission-driven partnerships, coalition building, and/or collaboration. Organization is likely to maintain and expand community partnerships to advance their mission.
5 points	Organization exhibits productive and mission-driven partnerships, coalition building, or collaboration. Organization has a proven track record of maintaining and expanding meaningful community partnerships.
MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY COLLABORATION	

SPECIAL PRIORITY: OPERATING AS A COLLABORATIVE

Select if applicant is applying as a coalition or collaborative:

0 points	Applicant does not operate as or represent a coalition or collaborative.
5 points	Applicant does operate as or represent a coalition or collaborative.

About St. David's Foundation

St. David's Foundation is a community-focused and equity-driven organization supporting health and wellness in five Central Texas counties – Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson. As one of the largest health foundations in the United States, SDF funds approximately \$80 million in grants annually. Through a unique partnership with St. David's HealthCare, the Foundation reinvests proceeds from the hospital system into the community to advance health equity and improve the health and well-being of our most under-resourced Central Texas neighbors. St. David's Foundation also operates the largest [mobile dental program](#) providing charity care in the country and offers the largest healthcare [scholarship program](#) in Texas.

