

Funding Opportunity

OPEN CALL

Housing + Health: Completing and Improving Affordable Housing

Letter of Intent (LOI) and Application Questions

Note: There may be slight variations to the LOI and application questions once in the online grants portal. This document is intended to serve as a guide and resource during your application process.

The [Housing + Health: Completing and Improving Affordable Housing](#) open call seeks to leverage SDF funding to increase the number of safe, healthy, and affordable housing options in Central Texas and increase the number of organizations and local governments that meaningfully engage community members in decision-making. By doing so, we build on existing investments in affordable housing in Central Texas and ensure that those investments yield housing that is not only affordable, but also safe, stable, and health-promoting, so that individual residents and the surrounding community can thrive.

Organizations intending to apply for this funding opportunity must **submit an initial Letter of Intent (LOI) by 5:00 p.m. CDT on September 10, 2026. After submitting the LOI and if accepted, all invited applications will be due by October 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. CDT.**

For technical assistance, email grantsinfo@stdavidsfoundation.org or call 512-879-6584.
For program-related inquiries, email questions@stdavidsfoundation.org.

Eligibility Criteria

Please review the eligibility criteria associated with the Housing + Health: Completing and Improving Affordable open call.

To be eligible, applicants must be a:

- Tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization located and operating in Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, or Williamson counties (a valid IRS determination letter is required at the time of LOI Submission), OR
- Public or government entity located in and serving rural Central Texas communities (e.g., those outside the City of Austin within the five counties listed above)

Additionally, the proposed projects must:

- Predominantly serve households at or below 50% of [area median income](#) (\$67,200 for family of 4, FY 2026). This means that more than half of the project's units are restricted to households with incomes below 50% AMI.
- Be in one of the following phases of development:
 - New construction that is close to the finish line (i.e., land and permits secured, building(s) dried in, Certificate of Occupancy expected by September 2027)
 - OR,
 - Complete and well-established properties (i.e., funds for needed upgrades that extend the life of the property or improve health amenities).
- Provide multi-family rental housing that offers residents a lock and lease. Congregate shelter

housing or single-family owner-occupied housing is not eligible for this funding opportunity. The questions that follow in the LOI will allow you to provide additional information for the Foundation to determine the proposal's potential for impact. All applications must be submitted through the online grants portal. Paper copies and emailed submissions will not be accepted.

Note: Organizations with an existing St. David's Foundation grant are eligible to apply.

Step 1: Letter of Intent (LOI) Questions

To begin the application process, organizations must submit a letter of intent (LOI) through the online grants portal. Paper copies and emailed submissions will not be accepted. The questions that follow in the LOI will allow you to provide additional information for the Foundation to determine the proposal's potential for impact.

REQUEST DETAILS

Request Title

Include a brief title of your proposed work.

Area of Focus

Select the area of focus for your proposed project

- Final Mile of Construction
- Improvements to Existing Property

Request Summary

Tell us about your proposed project to provide or improve affordable housing for those at or below 50% AMI, including the percentage of units that are reserved for those at or below 50% AMI. Include how the project design and amenities are tailored to support the health and well-being of existing and/or future residents so that the housing serves as a platform for health for low-income residents. For additional background, view the funding opportunity [here](#).

Please aim for no more than 500 words

Geographic Impact

Select the geography that best aligns with the intended impact of this proposed work.

Choose regional if your proposed work's impact ***is equally focused*** across all Central Texas counties.

Choose County if your proposed work may impact multiple counties within Central Texas but ***is not equally focused*** across all counties.

- National or multi-state
- Statewide
- Regional
- County

*Primary County Served (if Geographic Impact "County" or "regional" is selected)

Select the county that best aligns with your intended audience.

- Bastrop
- Caldwell
- Hays
- Travis
- Williamson
- No primary county

How did you learn about this funding opportunity?

- Email from St. David’s Foundation
- Social Media
- News Story
- Advertisement
- Peer or Colleague
- Other _____

ORGANIZATION DETAILS

***Organization Name**

***Organization Address:**

Address
City
State
Zip Code
County

Organization Website

***Current Annual Operating Budget**

Submit the annual operating budget of your organization. There is no specific format required for submission.

***Provide your Employer Identification Number (EIN)**

CONTACTS

By submitting this application, you agree to receive email communications from St. David’s Foundation, including updates about funding opportunities and Foundation news. You may update your preferences or [unsubscribe](#) at any time.

Application Contact

This will be the primary point of contact for questions related to the LOI proposal and will be notified of application status once decisions have been made.

Additional Contact(s)

Please note any additional contacts that should be copied on communications related to the LOI, if applicable.

Step 2: Funding Opportunity Application Questions

If your LOI demonstrates a strong alignment with the goals of the call, your organization will be invited to submit a full application.

Welcome to the St. David's Foundation application form. We look forward to learning more about your organization's work and how that work can advance the Foundation's goals. Learn more about the Foundation's [2030 Vision for Impact](#), [Strategic Plan](#) and [Funding Priorities](#). We also recommend reviewing the Housing + Health: Completing and Preserving Affordable Housing [funding opportunity](#) and the [FAQs](#) before completing the application.

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- Organizations invited to submit a full application demonstrated a well-defined and logical plan to provide or improve affordable housing for those at or below 50% AMI while also ensuring that the project's design and amenities are tailored to support the health and well-being of existing and/or future residents so that the housing serves as a platform for health.
- Before completing the application, organizations are encouraged to review the [Funding Opportunity](#), including eligibility requirements, intent of the open call, and scoring rubric. Applications will be evaluated using the full rubric as a decision-making framework.
- Please note that questions do not have word limits. If you experience any formatting problems or error messages, email grantsinfo@stdavidsfoundation.org or call 512-879-6584.

***Request Title**

Include a brief title of your proposed work. Please note that, if awarded, we may need to modify your request title for clarity and consistency.

***Requested Grant Amount**

Indicate your requested grant amount. Each awardee will receive a one-time, flexible capital grant. The maximum award per project is expected to be \$750,000. The award size will ultimately be determined by the Foundation, based on the scale of the proposed work, the organization's potential for long-term impact, and the organization's current annual organizational budget.

Area of Focus

Select the area of focus for your proposed project

- Final Mile of Construction
- Improvements to Existing Property

***Proposed Project Budget**

Submit a budget detailing the estimated expenses for the proposed work described in this application. This budget should include all proposed expenses for that work, not just those requested by the Foundation. Requests should use the Capital Budget Template (template available in GivingData).

***Project Impact**

Provide a brief 3-4 sentence overview of the project and the expected impact.

***Description of Work**

Provide a detailed description of the proposed work and how it addresses the intent of this funding opportunity. Applications will be evaluated using the rubric summarized below and further detailed in the Funding Opportunity as a decision-making framework. Please make sure your description of work directly addresses each rubric category.

Rubric Categories	Possible Points
Equity-focused: The proposed project primarily serves historically marginalized Central Texans that have faced systemic barriers to resources, opportunities, and representation due to race, ethnicity, income level, immigration status, language, geography, sexual orientation, gender, or other factors.	5
Potential for Impact: The proposed project has a well-defined and logical plan to provide or preserve affordable housing for those at or below 50% AMI while also ensuring that the project's design and amenities are tailored to support the health and well-being of existing and/or future residents so that the housing serves as a platform for health	15
Of and By Community: The organization is trusted by and connected to historically marginalized community members. The organization's current practices and/or past track record demonstrate a commitment to resident-led decision-making in which residents have a meaningful role in informing how their spaces are designed, as well as how and which services are offered at their communities.	15
Team Capacity: The team responsible for the proposed project has experience building or preserving affordable housing for low-income residents in Central Texas, as demonstrated by the successful completion of other affordable housing projects serving those living at or below 50% AMI. Given that property management is critical to successful affordable housing, responses should also include the qualifications of staff or contractors who will provide property management for the proposed project and describe how property management decisions balance caring for the physical structure with supporting residents' health, well-being, and engagement.	15
Durability: There is a clear and feasible plan for maintaining the impact of the project after the capital grant funds are exhausted, including affordability and resident health and well-being.	10
Collaboration: The proposed project reflects strong ties to other community-based organizations and leverages other community assets to support residents' health and well-being.	5

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Organization Name

Mission of the Organization

Tell us about your organization and its mission.

*Financial Statements

Submit the most recent audited financial statements for your organization.

- If your organization is not required to complete an audit report, please provide a balance sheet and income statement for the most recent fiscal year.

*Organizational Diversity

The Foundation is committed to using an equity lens in our work. In our grantmaking, we assess the demographics of applicants as well as grantees to understand how our processes and practices reach the entire Central Texas community that our Foundation serves. Across the organization, we transparently report on who the Foundation serves through our investments and programs. Organizational demographic data is not a component of the Foundation's grantmaking rubric and is not used in determining grant eligibility or selection.

To this end, the Foundation requests information on organizational diversity using the chart below. Person/People of color (POC) is primarily used to describe any person who does not identify as "white". However, we recognize that organizations collect this information in different ways and use different race/ethnicity categories. We ask that if you collect this information from your Executive Staff and Board, to report it using the following table. Numbers input below should be unduplicated within each category, meaning an individual should not be counted in multiple categories.

For-profit organizations who do not have a Board of Directors should enter 0 for Board demographics.

	White	Identify as POC	Unknown
Board, if applicable	#	#	#
Executive Staff	#	#	#

Additional Information to be Provided

During the application review process, you may be required to provide additional information, including but not limited to:

- Additional information about your organization, including financial documents

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*Request Primary Contact

This contact will be the main point person for the grant, including reporting and ongoing communication.

***Executive Director or CEO**

Please specify a leadership contact for your organization.

***Signatory**

In the event of a grant award, this contact will be authorized to sign the grant agreement.

***Payment Contact**

In the event of a grant award, this contact will provide the banking information to receive payment.

Additional Contact(s)

Please note any additional contacts that should be copied on grant-related communications.