

Purpose

The Health Impact Fund (HIF) supports internal capacity building to address community and clinically aligned needs, including but not limited to Social Determinants/Drivers of Health (SDOH) as identified in BSMH Community Health Needs Assessments, Community Health Implementation Plans and BSMH Market Strategies. Examples of SDOH needs include: stable housing, food security, financial security, health care access and equity, and neighborhood environment.

The fund will support existing programs/initiatives with a history of serving BSMH patients or communities. It can also support new programs/initiatives to address emerging or previously identified social/clinical needs.

We remain committed to not duplicating current community or internal programming or efforts but aim to address gaps in offered interventions while focusing on long term impact and health improvement.

Award Amount

- Approximately \$900,000 in total award support will be available.
 - Minimum award amount: \$50,000
 - Maximum award amount: \$200,000
- Award amount may be adjusted based on the number of approved requests. If an award amount adjustment is needed, you will be contacted to update your project budget.

Eligibility

- All BSMH departments/services lines who directly engage patients or community members are eligible to apply.
- Clinical and non-clinical programs and initiatives, including those that address Social Determinates/Drivers of Health (SDOH) are eligible.
- HIF is not intended to temporarily replace or divert operational funds from current or future program budgets.

Project Requirements

- Must align with the local Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIP) or BSMH market strategy.
- All projects require BSMH or Market Senior Leadership approval.
- Markets are limited to two applications per market.
- Project(s) require a one-year or two-year commitment:
 - One-year awards: January 2026 – December 2026
 - Two-year awards: January 2026 – December 2027
- Project progress reports will be required, as outlined below.
- Please work with your local grant director to coordinate applications for market-based projects and Alice Parisi for system-wide or multi-market projects.

Award Review Process

- The HIF Review Committee will review and determine which requests will move forward to the BSMH Foundation Stewardship Committee.

How to Apply

- **Complete the HIF award online application: [here](#).**

- **Complete the Compliance/Legal New Project Form (New Projects ONLY).** If your project is approved, it must be reviewed by Compliance/Legal before project implementation. You can access/submit the *New Project Form* [here](#). *New Project Form* template access [here](#).
- **Applications review and decisions.** The HIF Review Committee will review all applications and approve a slate of projects to move forward to the Stewardship Committee for award determination. Decision notification will be made via email in November 2025. If awarded, next steps will be detailed.
- **Signed award letter and MOU.** Each awarded project will receive a guidance letter and MOU that must be signed and returned before funding will be distributed.

Mission Outreach Program (MOP)

While MOP and HIF are similar funding opportunities the following differences apply.

Mission Outreach Program	Health Impact Fund
Focus on innovative programs	Focus on building internal capacity
Limited to one proposal per market.	Limited to two proposals per market.
Markets eligible to apply.	Markets and ministry-wide/multi-market service lines eligible to apply
Applications reviewed by stewardship committee.	Applications reviewed by multi-disciplinary committee for stewardship committee approval.
No capital support	Limited capital support if program related
Awards limited to \$80,000 or less.	Awards range from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

Previously funded MOP projects are eligible for HIF awards if the project meets eligibility requirements.

Funding Exclusions

- There are limitations on capital requests that can be discussed on a 1:1 basis prior to application submission. Capital requests must be program related and preapproved through the capital process.

Questions?

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Geographic Area	Foundation Grant Directors & Gift Officers
System & Any Market	Alice Parisi
Baltimore	Carrie Brekke
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Lima	JoAnn Christie
Lorain	Catherine Woskobnick
Richmond	Sally Dunn
Toledo	Ashley Pere
Youngstown	Kristina Nicholas

One Year Awards: Key Dates	
Activity	Date
Applications Open	September 4, 2025 Application Link
Applications Due by 12:00 p.m.	October 10, 2025
Award Notification	November 2025
Signed Agreement Due	December 12, 2025
*Request for fund distribution	by June 01, 2026
Project Implementation	January – December 2026
*Mid-year report (Including recommendation to continue or stop program)	June 2026
*Year-end report (Including sustainability plan and implementation timeline)	January 2027

Two Year Awards: Key Dates	
Activity	Date
Applications Open	September 4, 2025 Application Link
Applications Due by 12:00 p.m.	October 10, 2025
Award Notification	November 2025
Signed Agreement Due	December 12, 2025
*Request for fund distribution	by June 01, 2026
Project Implementation	January – December 20227
*Year 1 Mid-year report (Including recommendation to continue or stop program)	June 2026
*Year 1 Year-end report (Including sustainability plan and implementation timeline)	January 2027
*Year 2 Mid-year report (Including recommendation to continue or stop program)	June 2027
*Year 2 Year-end report (Including sustainability plan and implementation timeline)	January 2028

*Date subject to change based on Stewardship Committee and Foundation Board review dates.