

# CHRISTUS

# *Community Impact*

# Fund

**2023 Call for Letters of Intent**

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# Introduction

**CHRISTUS Health** has a long history of caring for those in need. In keeping with our mission to extend the healing of Jesus Christ, we invest in long-term, transformative and sustainable strategies that respond to the expressed needs of our communities.

The **CHRISTUS Community Impact Fund**, the grant-making arm of CHRISTUS Health, was launched in January 2011 with the purpose of supporting initiatives led by non-profit community agencies, collaborative or coalitions that advance the health and well-being of our communities and that build resilient communities and improve social determinants that affect overall health.

## The Opportunity

Through this 2023 Call for Letters of Intent (LOI), CHRISTUS Health invites your organization or collaborative to apply and use upstream approaches to address our Ministry's chosen priority topics within one of two domains:

**Advance Health & Wellbeing:** Health education, prevention and wellness programs or initiatives that address community needs and opportunities that are aligned with a CHRISTUS Health Ministry's Community Health Needs Assessment or Community Health Implementation Plan priority area or a System-Wide priority initiative.

**a) Chronic Conditions**

- Heart Disease
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Cancer

**b) Mental Health & Wellbeing**

- Mental Health
- Substance Use Disorder

**Build Resilient Communities & Improve Social Determinants:** Programs or initiatives that foster collective partnerships between non-profit organizations and social services to address critical social determinants of health within our communities. Areas of focus can include:

**a) Healthy Food Access**

**b) Reducing Smoking and/or Vaping**

**c) Safe Housing**

**d) Education**

**e) Environmental**

**Stewardship\***

### *Additional Information about Environmental Stewardship\**

Please note that programs associated to Environmental Stewardship should address environmental pollutants that adversely impact the physical and mental health of the under resourced and vulnerable communities that we serve, and improve the social determinants of health. The programs must align with advocacy, awareness and research related to environmental stewardship.

### *Examples of Environmental Stewardship:*

- Advocacy for climate change, energy efficiency and waste management.
- Awareness and education of how pollutants can cause cancer, asthma, and any other health related conditions.
- Research and testing of air quality, lead levels, etc.
- Conservation of air, water and energy.
- Creation of community gardens to eliminate food deserts and develop food sustainability.

# Award Information

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Organizations, collaboratives or coalitions can apply for a maximum of \$100,000 for 1 program.

## Guiding Principles

Proposed solutions should align with the following guiding principles:

- Must be consistent with CHRISTUS Health's values, support its mission and the teachings of the Catholic Church;
- Focus on evidence-based, age-appropriate interventions;
- Emphasize wellness and/or prevention;
- Increase the capacity of persons and groups to become self-sufficient;
- Increase collaboration with existing community initiatives;
- Develop systems and processes and/or leverage best practices to attract outside funding;
- Produce tangible, measurable outcomes.

## CHRISTUS Health Core Values

As the grant-making arm of CHRISTUS Health, the CHRISTUS Community Impact Fund is guided by CHRISTUS Health's Core Values of:

- **Dignity** | Respect for the worth of every person, recognition and commitment to the value of diverse individuals and perspectives, and special concern for the poor and underserved.
- **Integrity** | Honesty, justice, and consistency in all relationships.
- **Excellence** | High standards of service and performance.
- **Compassion** | Service in a spirit of empathy, love, and concern.
- **Stewardship** | Wise and just use of talents and resources in a collaborative manner.

## Non-Exclusive List of Potential Lead Organizations

- Non-profit community-based organizations having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS and not classified as a private foundation.
- Collaborations can include:
  - State, County, City, or Township Governments
  - Independent School Districts
  - Public or State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
  - Public Housing Authorities
- Hospital systems can be a part of a collaboration but cannot serve as the lead applicant

## Funding Exclusions

Grant recipients may not use funds for:

- Indirect costs greater than 15%
- Biomedical Research
- Endowments or capital campaigns
- Capital expenses, construction projects, purchases of large equipment
- Fundraising activities or event sponsorships
- Individual or single special event
- Direct delivery of reimbursable health care services
- Grants or scholarships to individuals
- Advertising reimbursement of pre-award costs is not allowed
- Existing obligations or debt liability
- Lobbying activities including, but not limited to:
  - publicity or propaganda purposes,
  - preparation, distribution, or use of any material designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body.

# Letter of Intent

## What is a Letter of Intent?

A Letter of Intent allows the CHRISTUS Fund to quickly assess if there is a match between the CHRISTUS Community Impact Fund priorities and the project. If we determine the project to be a good match, we will send an invitation to apply for the grant.

## Why are we requesting a Letter of Intent?

The CHRISTUS Community Impact Fund recognizes that improving the overall health and wellbeing of our communities is a collaborative effort. We are requesting Letters of Intent to learn of the various programs happening in the community and to identify different ways CHRISTUS Health can partner with community organizations, whether it be through funding, volunteers, or knowledge sharing.

### Letter of Intent

In 500 words or less, share with us your quick pitch.

- How will your program address the prioritized health need?
- Who is the population that your program will serve?
- What is your program's process from beginning to end?
- How will you evaluate the impact of your program?

### Additional Documents

- Proof of 501(c)3, non-profit status
- Organizational Background (150 words)
- List of Board Members (w/ Diversity Information)
- Audited Financial Statements within the past 5 years

# Submissions & Questions

## Submissions

All applications must be submitted through  
<https://christusfund.communityforce.com/Login.aspx>  
by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11:59pm CST

Late submissions will not be accepted. Collaborative organizations or coalitions must designate a lead organization or fiscal agent to submit the application on their behalf.

## Questions

Please direct questions regarding this LOI to  
[christusfund@christushealth.org](mailto:christusfund@christushealth.org).

For other questions, please contact:  
Jessica Guerra Martinez  
[jessica.guerramartinez@christushealth.org](mailto:jessica.guerramartinez@christushealth.org)

## Right to Reject

CHRISTUS Community Impact Fund reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all applications submitted.
- Request additional information from any or all applicants
- At their sole discretion, conduct discussions with any applicant to assure full understanding of and responsiveness to the RFP requirements

No applicant will be reimbursed for the cost of developing or presenting a proposal in response to this RFP. The submission of proposals through the CHRISTUS Community Impact Fund's online portal is for operational purposes and will not result in any obligation by any of CHRISTUS Health's Ministries to fund a proposal. All letters of intent will be reviewed, and finalists determined solely as described in this RFP.

# Key Dates & Timeline

Deadline	Activity
November 2022	Call for Letters of Intent (LOI) on November 17, 2022
<b>December 2022</b>	<b>LOI Submission Due by December 15, 2022 at 11:59pm CST</b>
February 2023	<b>RFP Announcement to Selected Organizations</b> Results Based Accountability Training
<b>March 2023</b>	<b>RFP Submission Due by March 1, 2023 at 11:59pm CST</b>
April 2023	Selection of Applicants & Notification of Awards
June 2023	Kick-Off Meeting Onboarding Grant Disbursement
July 2023	Grant Implementation Period Begins on July 1, 2023
June 2024	Grant Implementation Period Ends on June 30, 2024

# Priorities & Areas to Serve

## CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini

Advance Health & Wellbeing	Build Resilient Communities and Improve Social Determinants
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### Areas to Serve in CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini

Acadia Parish, LA	Allen Parish, LA	Avoyelles Parish, LA	Calcasieu Parish, LA
70515	71463	71341	70601
	71303	71350	
	71322	71351	
Catahoula Parish, LA	Concordia Parish, LA	Evangeline Parish, LA	Grant Parish, LA
71343	71334	70554	71417
		70576	71423
		70586	71467
LaSalle Parish, LA	Natchitoches Parish, LA	Rapides Parish, LA	St. Landry Parish, LA
71342	71457	71301, 71302, 71328	70535
		71346, 71360, 71405	70570
		71409, 71433, 71485	
Vernon Parish, LA	Winn Parish, LA		
71403, 71446	71483		

## CHRISTUS Ochsner Health Southwestern Louisiana

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### Areas to Serve in CHRISTUS Ochsner Health Southwestern Louisiana

Beauregard Parish	Calcasieu Parish
70634	70669, 70665, 70663
	70647, 70615, 70611
	70607, 70605, 70611



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### Areas to Serve in CHRISTUS Shreveport-Bossier

Bossier Parish	Caddo Parish	De Soto Parish
71112	71129, 71119, 71118	71078
71111	71115, 71109, 71108	71052
71037	71107, 71106, 71105	
71006	71104, 71103, 71101	
	71047	
Natchitoches Parish	Red River Parish	Webster Parish
71411	71019	71055

## CHRISTUS Southeast Texas

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### Areas to Serve in CHRISTUS Southeast Texas

Hardin County, TX	Jasper County, TX	Jefferson County, TX	Orange County, TX
77625	75951	77619, 77627, 77640,	77630
77656	75956	77642, 77701, 77702	77632
77657	77612	77703, 77705, 77706	77662
		77707, 77708, 77713,	

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### Areas to Serve in CHRISTUS St. Michael

Hempstead County, AR	Howard County, AR	Little River County, AR	Miller County, AR	Sevier County, AR	Bowie County, TX	Cass County, TX
71801	71852	71822	71854	71832	75501	75551
			71837		75503	75563
					75559	75572
					75561	
					75567	
					75569	
					75570	

## CHRISTUS Good Shepherd

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### Areas to Serve in CHRISTUS Good Shepherd

Gregg County	Harrison County	Marion County	Panola County	Upshur County
75601	75650	75657	75633	75644
75602	75670			75645
75603	75672			
75604				
75605				
75647				
75662				
75693				

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Areas to Serve for CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances			
Anderson County	Cherokee County	Delta County	Franklin County
75763	75757	75432	75457
75801	75766		
75803	75785		
Henderson County	Hopkins County	Rains County	Rusk County
75751	75420, 75431, 75433	75440	75654
75758	75437, 75482		
Smith County	Van Zandt County	Wood County	
75701, 75702, 75703	75103	75494, 75497	
75704, 75706, 75707	75140	75765, 75773	
75708, 75709, 75762	75754	75783	
75771, 75789, 75791	75790		

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CHRISTUS Santa Rosa		
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Areas to Serve in CHRISTUS Santa Rosa		
Bexar County, TX	Caldwell County, TX	Comal County, TX
78023, 78109, 78112, 78201	78622	78130
78202, 78207, 78209, 78210	78644	78132
78211, 78212, 78213, 78214	78648	78133
78216, 78217, 78218, 78219	78655	
78220, 78221, 78222, 78223		
78224, 78225, 78227, 78228		
78229, 78230, 78233, 78237		
78238, 78239, 78240, 78242		
78244, 78245, 78249, 78250		
78251, 78252, 78253, 78254		
78264		
Frio County, TX	Guadalupe County, TX	Hays County, TX
78017	78156	78640
	78155	78666
	78115	78676
Maverick County, TX	Medina County, TX	Val Verde County, TX
78852	78009	78840
		78841
		78842
Wilson County, TX		
78114		

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CHRISTUS Spohn	
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Areas to Serve in CHRISTUS Spohn			
Aransas County, TX	Bee County, TX	Brooks County, TX	Jim Wells County, TX
78382	78102	78355	78332
Kleberg County, TX	Nueces County, TX	San Patricio County, TX	
78363	78380, 78401, 78404	78368	
	78405, 78408, 78410	78374	
	78411, 78412, 78413		
	78414, 78415, 78416		
	78418		

CHRISTUS St. Vincent	
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Areas to Serve in CHRISTUS St. Vincent			
Los Alamos County, NM	San Miguel County, NM	Santa Fe County, NM	Taos County, NM
87544	87701	87501, 87505, 87506	87571
	87552	87507, 87508	

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## CHRISTUS Health System Office

*Area(s) to Serve: Dallas County*

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## Sponsoring Congregations

*Area(s) to Serve: Dallas County*

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