

Partners for Health Foundation

Proposed Change to Small Grants Approval Process For Board Approval: Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Partners for Health Foundation Grants Committee Co-chairs, Diana Candeledo and Ammar Idelbi, propose the following change to streamline the approval process for Small Grants.

- Current practice is:
 - Staff may approve grants of \$7,500 or less.
 - Staff recommends Small Grants of \$7,501 - \$15,000 to the Grants Co-Chairs, and award funding with their approval.
- Proposed change:
 - Staff may approve Small Grants of \$15,000 or less.
- Current practices that will remain the same:
 - Small Grants must be aligned with PFH Strategic priorities.
 - Staff reports Small Grant awards to the Grants Committee and the Board.
 - Larger grant requests of \$15,001 or more are reviewed by the Grants Co-Chairs, and then brought to the Grants Committee and the full Board for approval.
 - The Board Chair, or another Officer with signature authority, approves grant disbursements of \$2,001 or more.

Rationale for this change:

- The Grants Co-Chairs will be able to focus on larger requests (\$15,000+).
- The Foundation can be nimbler in its response to funding requests that fall below \$15,000, allowing us to release funds more quickly throughout the year.

A report of Small Grants awarded in 2024 is on page 2.

Small Grants Awarded in 2024:

Organization Name	Project Summary	Amount Awarded	Strategic Area
Verona Community Garden	Expanding Garden Plots	\$7,500	Policy, System and Environmental Change/ Collaborative Grants
Start Out Fresh Intervention Advocates	Safe Dating Outreach Coordinator	\$5,000	Policy, System and Environmental Change/ Collaborative Grants
Montclair Community Farms	Mobile Farm Stand Program (2023)	\$15,000	Policy, System and Environmental Change/ Collaborative Grants
Montclair Neighborhood Development Corporation	Communications Development	\$4,000	Policy, System and Environmental Change/ Collaborative Grants
Good Success Academies	Project Life Summer Entrepreneurial Program 2024	\$5,500	General Operating Funds
Regional Plan Association	Statewide Campaign to Improve the Built Environment	\$15,000	Policy, System and Environmental Change/ Collaborative Grants
Montclair Gateway to Aging in Place	Project ABC's of Emergency Digital Messaging for Modern Agers	\$14,600	Policy, System and Environmental Change/ Collaborative Grants
St. Peter's Haven Family Shelter and Food Pantry	For the Love of Grub - Cooking Classes for Pantry Households	\$5,000	General Operating Funds
Montclair Shared Housing Association	The Montclair Inn Residents' Room Renovation Project	\$15,000	Policy, System and Environmental Change/ Collaborative Grants
Montclair Emergency Services for Hope, Inc. (MESH)	Overnight Winter Respite	\$15,000	General Operating Funds
Montclair History Center and Aging in Montclair	Connecting to Montclair's History through Storytelling	\$7,000	General Operating Funds
Montclair Health Department	"Mental Health Matters: Break the Silence, End the Stigma!" Project.	\$7,500	Policy, System and Environmental Change/ Collaborative Grants
The Bridge, Inc.	Manager of Data Analytics and Operational Excellence	\$15,000	Policy, System and Environmental Change/ Collaborative Grants
Montclair Community Farms	Mobile Farm Stand Program (2024)	\$10,000	Policy, System and Environmental Change/ Collaborative Grants

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