

The Real Impact Program FAQs

About Real Impact Initiatives:

Why Community Based Organizational partnerships are important for our Impact Initiatives.

Community based organizations (CBOs) are nonprofit groups that work at a local level to improve life for residents. The focus is to build equality across society in all streams - health care, environment, quality of education, access to technology, access to spaces and information for the disabled, to name but a few. Common knowledge is that the communities represented by the CBOs are typically at a disadvantage. CBOs are typically, and almost necessarily, staffed by local members - community members who experience first-hand the needs within their neighborhoods. Besides being connected geographically, the only link between staff members and their interests is often the desire and willingness to help. Occupational skill sets and experience are greatly diverse.

With this in mind, Imara believes that the most effective way to increase the resources and community awareness is through the linkage of CBOs. This relationship will be one in which an established CBO is fostered to more effectively and efficiently provide service to their specific SCD community.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Must be U.S.-based nonprofit organization dedicated to serving individuals living with SCD and Beta – Thalassemia and are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Proof of tax-exempt status will be required.
- Collaborations between two or more entities are eligible.
- One grant application per organization will be permitted.

When are proposals due?

- Applications are due 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time on May 14, 2021. Applications received after the deadline will not be assessed.

How much money can be requested?

- Grant requests up to but not exceeding \$5,000, five thousand dollars will be considered.

How long is the funding term?

- The performance period ends on the last day of November of the current calendar year.

How many awards will be given?

- Up to thirty proposals will be funded.

If I am awarded, when will I receive payment?

- Grantees will receive payment within 2 weeks of signing the CBO Funding Agreements, Commitment to Reporting Notice and Wire Transfer Form.

Can proposals support existing programs?

- Yes, proposals may support existing programs or services.

Which topic areas or categories will be considered for funding?

Categories we will be funding are as follows:

- Social Health Impact Grants (Including COVID – 19 Relief)
- Virtual Support Grants
- Community Based Organizational (CBO) Capacity Grants

How many proposals can my organization submit?

- Only one grant proposal can be submitted for each organization.

How are proposals submitted?

- Completed proposals and required documentation should be submitted through Imara's funding request system portal at: [Real Impact Awards](#)

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What is included in the submission packet?

- Applications must be in English with currency in USD
- W-9 form (signed and dated for the current year)
- IRS tax determination letter of 501(c)(3) status

What are the funding restrictions?

The following are outside the of this funding opportunity:

- Capital campaigns, building construction, or fundraising
- Expenses for new lines of business or start-up costs
- Advocacy activities
- Fundraising activities
- Lobbying activities
- Bad debts
- Entertainment costs
- Alcohol
- Fines, penalties and judgements
- Interest and other financing costs
- Investment costs
- Capital expenditures or land acquisition
- Medical and scientific research (e.g., Investigator Sponsored Trials)
- Entertainment expenses
- Funding market research or analysis to build a business plan
- Salaries for Community Health Workers and other internal CBO staff are permitted however, direct physician or other health care provider salaries/compensation are outside the scope of this program.
- Housing and personal living expenses (except for COVID 19 Response and Social Health Grants – for patients only)

Is there a required budget template?

- Budgets templates are to be complete within Imara's Grant Application portal.

Can supplemental information or materials be included in an application?

- While it is not required, supplemental information may be included in a proposal submission (e.g., letters of support are highly encouraged). All supplemental materials must be submitted in PDF format.

What are the evaluation criteria?

Responses to questions or requirements identified in the application will form the basis of evaluation. The final decision and award(s) granted by Imara will be subject to the following key decision criteria about each application:

- SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, & timely) goals & objectives
- Strength of proposal
- Highest potential impact on SCD and Beta-Thalassemia patients
- Degree of innovation
- Budget

Who is on the review committee?

- Proposals will be reviewed by a panel comprised of Imara personnel and external stakeholders with expertise in the issues affecting people with SCD or Beta Thalassemia.

Are there other required steps if a grant is awarded?

- All proposals which are awarded a grant will be required to sign a grant agreement. Imara does not have any obligations to grant applicants until the parties have signed a CBO Grant Agreement.

Are there any reporting requirements for grantees?

Grantees are required to submit a final progress report after the funding period ends, documenting milestone(s) achieved.

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I've applied, what happens next?

- Applications will be reviewed for eligibility to go to the next round.
- Applicants will be notified of their award status in June.
- All grantees that are approved will be notified to sign and return three items:
 - Grant Agreement
 - Wire Transfer Form
 - Media Release Form (Optional)
- Each grantee will have access to the grant account to report outcomes.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

- Inquiries concerning this funding opportunity are encouraged. Please contact advocacy@imaratx.com or call 1 617-206-2020 to request additional information or to submit questions.