



# CHRISTUS Fund

**A GRANT PROGRAM**

**PROVIDED BY**

**CHRISTUS HEALTH**

**TO SUPPORT  
OUR COMMITMENT  
TO CREATING**

**HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES**

*Sponsored jointly by the Congregations of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Houston, and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, CHRISTUS Health is one of the 10 largest Catholic health systems in the country. CHRISTUS Health has more than 30 hospitals and long-term care facilities, as well as dozens of other health services in more than 60 communities in Texas, Louisiana, Utah, Arkansas and New Mexico.*



## MISSION

*To extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ*

## CORE VALUES

***Dignity:*** Respect for the worth of every person with 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.

## VISION

The Vision of CHRISTUS Health, a Catholic, faith-based ministry, is to be a leader and advocate in creating exemplary health care services, processes, and structures that improve the health of individuals and of local and global communities so all may experience God's healing presence and love.

## **CHRISTUS HEALTH**

Faithful to their founding call to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, the Sponsoring Congregations of CHRISTUS Health have a history and tradition of commitment to the community with a preferential option for serving the poor and underserved. CHRISTUS Health's vision calls us to "Make significant contributions to creating healthy communities." The Grant Program is designed to enable us to utilize our financial resources to promote our vision of healthier communities.

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

Creating Healthy Communities is a core driving strategy for CHRISTUS Health. We are committed to advocating for systemic changes to improve the health of our communities.

We recognize that each community is unique with distinct cultures and resources, thus each community must create its own healthy community vision. CHRISTUS Health is committed to working with community-led partnerships in all the communities we serve in order to achieve measurable, sustainable improvements in well being. This commitment is a reflection of our conviction about optimum health.

## **THE CHRISTUS FUND**

At CHRISTUS Health, we are committed to extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ beyond our acute care facilities and into our communities. The intent of the CHRISTUS Fund is to provide resources to not-for-profit organizations whose vision, mission and goals are consistent with CHRISTUS Health's mission, values and philosophy of a healthy community. We believe that by working together, we can make a profound difference in the quality of peoples' lives and create sustainable health in our communities.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND CRITERIA

## REQUIREMENTS

- Applications should be prepared according to the instructions on pages 7-8 of this brochure.
- Complete applications must be submitted by the established deadlines: January 1 and July 1.
- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- The CHRISTUS Fund Advisory Committee will review the applications three times per year and will make recommendations about funding.
- Applications will be evaluated using an established set of criteria.
- Proposals will be considered for one year funding.
- Applicants will be notified within four months following the deadline.

## FUNDING CRITERIA

Criteria include but are not limited to the following:

### Eligibility Criteria

*The proposal must meet the following eligibility criteria in order to be considered for funding.*

- Proposals must be consistent with CHRISTUS Health's values, support its mission and be faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Proposals should be for community-based programs and support community planning or be supported by a community plan.
- The proposed program should reflect local community priorities and serve as a tool for building healthier communities.
- The proposed program should focus primarily on the geographic areas where CHRISTUS Health ministries and sponsoring congregations are involved.
- Applicants should be non-profit corporations with tax-exempt status and not a foundation.
- Priority is given to proposals for start-up programs. However, under special circumstances proposals will be considered for refunding.

### Exclusions

*The Fund does not support grants for the following purposes:*

- Individuals or special events
- Scholarships
- Costs for capital, equipment, overhead or administration (unless these are directly associated with the proposed program)
- Acute care services, hospital services
- Biomedical research
- Endowments
- Annual campaigns or fund raising
- Existing obligations or debt liability

## **EVALUATION Criteria**

*The following elements are considered important to the evaluation of the proposal for funding approval. Programs that:*

- are submitted by agencies in communities served by CHRISTUS Health or from CHRISTUS Health entities.
- improve the physical, emotional and/or spiritual health of low-income persons and underserved communities.
- focus on systemic change or promote human dignity.
- have the potential to empower or enhance the community's capacity for self-sufficiency and social responsibility.
- demonstrate special concerns for women, children, the elderly and the mentally or physically challenged.
- impact significant numbers of people.
- demonstrate measurable outcomes.
- demonstrate they are collaborative initiatives.
- generate a portion of their funding from other sources.
- demonstrate the ability to sustain the impact of the proposed endeavor over a reasonable time period.
- can become self-sustaining within a defined time period.
- have the potential to be replicated.
- offer creative approaches to service delivery.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Instructions: To apply for a grant from the CHRISTUS Fund, please follow the instructions below.

### The Application should include:

- Complete Grant Application Form signed by Chief Executive Officer of the applicant organization (*not to exceed three pages*).
- Complete Outcomes Worksheets: Programs may implement many activities and produce many outputs. However, for CHRISTUS Fund monies, please limit your focus to 1-2 outcomes.

**Required Attachments.** Please attach the following information to your application.

- List of names, addresses, phone, e-mail and fax numbers and a brief description of each collaborating or partner organization involved in the program.
- List of applicant's board members or community advisory body.
- Letters of support from at least two community members who will be served by this program.
- Letters of support from at least two collaborators or partners signed by the organizations' Chief Executive Officers.
- Itemized Project Budget Summary and brief budget narrative
- Organization's Operating Budget: Include a separate line-item budget for the next three years of the proposed program.
- Copy of your organization's IRS Tax Determination Letter – 501(c)(3) designation

Please submit completed application to: CHRISTUS Health, 2707 North Loop West, Houston, Texas, 77008, attention: Grant Administrator.

CHRISTUS Health welcomes the opportunity to assist you and answer any questions you may have. Contact the CHRISTUS Fund office at 281-936-3710 (email: [christusfund@christushealth.org](mailto:christusfund@christushealth.org)), or you may obtain information from the CHRISTUS Fund website at [www.christusfund.org](http://www.christusfund.org).