

Buckeye Partnership Grant Program Guidelines

Buckeye Health Plan's Vision is to "Transform the Health of the Community, One Person at a Time." Through strategic partnerships, innovative programs, and personalized patient care, we fulfill this Vision.

Buckeye is seeking Proposals to Partner from agencies across the State with the goal of addressing SDOH to improve the quality of life for all Ohioans. Significant funding and resources will be allocated to support Proposal to Partner initiatives on a bi-annual basis based on the following schedule:

Proposal Deadline	Decision Date	Grant Period
November 1	December 1	January 1 – December 31 st
May 1	June 1	July 1 – June 30 th

GRANT GUIDELINES AND PRIORITIES

Buckeye is investing time and resources to address SDOH focus areas including:

- Health and healthcare (access to healthcare, primary care, health literacy, and transportation)
- Social and community context (incarceration, foster care, parenting skills, substance abuse, and addiction and mental health)
- Education (early childhood education and development, literacy, key milestones, high school graduation and enrollment in higher education)
- Economic stability (employment, skills training, food insecurity, and financial literacy)
- Neighborhood and Built Environment (environmental conditions, access to healthy food, housing quality and affordability)

Grant Minimum Expectations

- Must evaluate impact and result in measurable outcomes
 - **Grantees are expected to submit quarterly reports**

When evaluating proposal, Buckeye will place greatest priority on opportunities that:

- **Include year-round partnership with opportunities to implement programs statewide in Ohio.**
- Directly provide services to low-income Medicaid-eligible residents of Ohio.
- Focus on addressing barriers related to economic stability (e.g. workplace development and access to healthy, affordable food).
- Offer exclusive managed care sponsorship

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

Buckeye will not fund the following types of proposals:

- Proposals to individuals
- Proposals to fund operational expenses (salaries, facilities, maintenance, etc.)
- Proposals to religious organizations for religious purposes
- Proposals to organizations for projects outside of Ohio

- Proposals to endowments or other discretionary funding pools
- Proposals for dinners, fund-raisers, or other ticketed special events
- Proposals for political purposes or for lobbying activities
- Proposals for debt reduction

FUNDING LEVELS

Buckeye reserves the right to set upper or lower limits on the size of funding to promote efficiency in grant administration, provide for financial stability, and ensure that there are adequate funds to support worthy current and long-term projects. The minimum funding awarded will be \$5,000. The maximum funding awarded per year per organization is \$10,000. Buckeye reserves the right to request additional documentation of expenditures, including, but not limited to, cancelled checks or expenditure certifications and to require project status reports and periodic updates.

PROPOSAL DEADLINES

Organizations are invited to submit proposals for partnership on a **bi-annual** basis. All proposals must be complete and submitted on or before the due date to be considered. If a proposal is not complete or submitted by the deadline, it will not be considered in that review cycle.

Submission deadlines are as follows:

Proposal Deadline	Decision Date	Grant Period
November 1 at 5pm	December 1	January 1 – December 31 st
May 1	June 1	July 1 – June 30 th

- The funding review process includes a thorough review of the merits of each proposal.
- To be fair to all applicants and to permit adequate time for the review process, any proposals received after **5 p.m. on the deadline** will be denied and can be reconsidered upon resubmission the next review cycle.
- Proposals must be submitted by a person authorized by the organization. If any sections of the proposal are incomplete, a written statement must be submitted explaining the reason(s).
- The funding review committee reserves the right to ask for additional information or to make a site visit during the review process.

NEXT STEPS FOR AWARDED PROPOSALS

Proposals are reviewed and awarded on a **bi-annual** basis. Applicants will be notified of the decision via email. All grant applications become the property of Buckeye Health Plan and will not be returned to the applicant. Grant funds will be awarded in whole or in payments over time as determined by Buckeye. **Awarded Grantees will be invited to attend a partner orientation at Buckeye Health Plan Headquarter office in Columbus, OH to introduce the program, relationship build, provide training, define expectations and answer questions.**

Buckeye Health Plan requires each organization receiving grants to publish an acknowledgement of the grant. The publicity may be in the form of a press release (template to be provided), an annual report, a brochure or materials related to the project or in some other

means of communication. All public recognition should be in the name of Buckeye Health Plan and be submitted to Buckeye for review and comment prior to publication/release to the public. A copy of any public acknowledgement should be submitted with the final grant report. A template for partner use will be provided for a press release and social media posts.

PARTNER EXPECTATIONS

Awarded organizations are expected to adhere to quarterly and annual reporting guidelines outlined in the proposal evaluation form.

Buckeye requires photo documentation and metrics of programming. Photographs (with consent), client testimonials and impact numbers may be requested for inclusion in Buckeye's newsletters, press releases, social media and/or website. On an annual basis, a minimum of 10 photos and 5 testimonials will be requested for reporting in addition to known metrics.

Each organization receiving funds from Buckeye may be required to provide periodic financial reports and project reports. Failure to expend funds and to provide a complete, accurate, and timely accounting of awarded funds may prohibit the organization from receiving future funding and may result in the Buckeye seeking restitution of misspent funds.

Your local community relations representative will meet with you quarterly to review the funding requirements and discuss additional opportunities to partner.

Some projects, particularly those of considerable duration or size, may encounter changes in key personnel, funding partners, or resource requirements. The grant recipient must notify Buckeye and describe a plan to address unforeseen events. Grant recipients must contact BuckeyeGrants@centene.com immediately if significant events occur that may impact the project. Examples may include, but are not limited to: a change in the project director or in the organization's key personnel; a change in the organization's priorities, Board members, or operations; a change in other funding resources or project costs. **Failure to notify Buckeye of issues that may adversely impact the project may result in a temporary or permanent cessation of payments or possible legal action to reclaim funds.**