The AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation's *Connections for Cardiovascular Health℠* program awards Foundation grants from $150,000 to $180,000 annually to U.S.-based, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations or similar nonprofit organizations working to improve cardiovascular health in their communities.

The intent of the awarded grants is to support innovative initiatives or programs at the community level to help improve cardiovascular health in the community during the grant year and subsequent years. Our aim is for funded programs to maximize the benefit to participants, and we will review each application with that in mind.

To qualify for a Foundation grant, an organization is required to be a U.S.-based, nonprofit organization with a 501(c) designation or a public school, government entity or municipal institution that is eligible to accept tax-deductible, charitable contributions. Organizations that are 501(c)(3) and also have an IRS designation as a 509(a)(3) are ineligible for funding. The nonprofit organization must be engaged in charitable work at the community level or otherwise. The program must address the Foundation's *Connections for Cardiovascular Health℠* mission and meet four key criteria:

1. Address patient cardiovascular health issues within the United States and its territories
2. Recognize and work to address an unmet need related to cardiovascular health in the community
3. Respond to the urgency around addressing cardiovascular health issues, including cardiovascular disease or conditions contributing to cardiovascular disease
4. Improve the quality of participants' and non-professional caregivers' lives in connection with the services provided and work done.

Foundation grant applications that meet the criteria and describe innovative initiatives with clearly defined outcomes, measurable results and processes will be considered for funding. Applicants must demonstrate sustainability plans for the initiative to show that the program can continue to improve cardiovascular health after the Foundation grant funds are expended.

Organizational Criteria

- The organization and its program must be based in the United States and its territories.
- The Foundation provides grants to organizations that are:
    - Nonprofits with a 501(c) designation. (Organizations that have a 509(a)(3) designation are ineligible for funding.)
    - Public schools
    - Municipal institutions (e.g., city health department, municipal hospital or county board of health).
- Applying organizations will be required to provide 1) a copy of their current IRS 990 form or documents that establish eligibility to receive charitable donations and 2) audited financials for the past fiscal year. (If audited financials are not available, unaudited financial statements may be submitted. The *Connections for*

Cardiovascular Health[SM] program preference is to provide funding to organizations that have both a current audited financial statement and IRS Form 990 available.)

- After submitting the application, organizations cannot make substantive changes to their tax status. Once selected for a grant award, organizations cannot reassign, transfer or credit their grant to another entity, including any related entity, without prior written approval by the Foundation. Any changes in an organization's tax status after submitting the application or being selected for a grant award must be reported immediately and may impact the organization's eligibility to receive the grant.

Funding

- The Foundation funds grants between $150,000 and $180,000.
- An organization with current funding does not have to wait until that funding has ended to submit another application for a new program.
- Programs should be designed with funding for equipment less than 30% of the total budget for equipment that is integral to the specific program design and not for equipment that might support other ongoing, routine programs run by the organization. Equipment costs over 30% of the total funding request will not be considered. Incidental equipment and costs necessary to complete or sustain a project are allowed.
- The Foundation will not fund vehicle purchases.
- Costs over 10% in the budget category "Other" will not be considered.
- The Foundation will only fund requests for a single year of funding. There is no guarantee of funding beyond the initial grant award. Applicants who are approved for a Foundation grant award must meet program objectives and reapply annually for continued funding.
- Programs that have received *CCH* funding in previous years may receive up to a maximum of three years (inclusive of any prior years of funding) of program funding over the program's lifetime.

Program Design

- **Exclusions.** The Foundation does NOT fund programs that focus exclusively on the following:
    - Capital investments and unsolicited capital campaigns
    - Media/awareness campaigns
    - Hospital software systems, hospital in-patient programs or enhancement of existing hospital services
    - Professional education and/or training for healthcare professionals that is more than incidental to the program
    - Research or clinical trials
    - Healthcare provider/cardiologist salaries
    - Faith-based programs that are NOT open to the community-at-large.

- The Foundation does NOT support:
    - Cardiovascular initiatives outside the United States or its territories
    - Individuals
    - For-profit organizations
    - Endowments
    - Journals or advertising
    - Political causes, lobbying, fraternal or social organizations
    - Religious organizations whose activities are not open to the general public

- Nonprofit organizations that discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, military service, veteran status or disability.

- **Preference.** The Foundation seeks programs that:
  - **Are focused on measurable results.** The program should demonstrate clear, defined and designated outcomes, measurements and processes.
  - **Provide an innovative approach.** The program should find innovative ways relevant to the program, population and goals to maximize benefits for the participants and impact to the community.
  - **Demonstrate sustainability**. Programs should be able to continue beyond the potential grant period and potential AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation funding.
- **Participant goals.** Programs must be designed to track at least 100 unduplicated participants by year-end.

Program Execution

- Prior written approval from the Foundation is required from Grant Awardees prior to making a major change in program objectives, budget or scope. Some examples include, but are not limited to, program location, target audience, number of participants reached and tracked, and behavioral and/or clinical measures.
- Award recipients will be required to submit regular program reports and other requirements to the Foundation according to deadlines and processes set forth in the Letter of Agreement. These requirements include:
  - Three-month progress report (November 2016 through January 2017)
  - Mid-year progress report (November 2016 through May 2017)
  - Comprehensive year-end report and program outcomes (November 2016 through December 31, 2017)
  - The AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation requires that all programs:
    - Demonstrate measurement outcomes at both the mid-year (May 2017) and year-end (December 2017) time frames following the grant award.
    - Report on at least baseline measurements and progress toward program outcomes for approximately half of the planned unduplicated tracked participants by May 31, 2017.

For more information: http://www.astrazeneca-us.com/foundation/