

## **UCF Lake Nona Hospital Community Benefit Fund**

### **Request for Proposals (RFP) from**

## **UCF Academic Health Sciences Center components**

The UCF Lake Nona Hospital was created through a joint venture between an HCA affiliate and UCF Academic Health, Inc., bringing together one of the largest healthcare networks in the nation with the UCF College of Medicine. Guided by our mission to improve human life through exceptional care, research, and education, we are committed to advancing health in the communities we serve.

The **UCF Lake Nona Hospital Community Benefit Fund** was established and funded solely by the hospital to support community health-related activities. The fund is now accepting proposals from components of the UCF Academic Health Sciences Center for projects that align with the Hospital's identified health priorities in Orange and Osceola counties.

### **Purpose of Funding**

This funding is intended to support initiatives that address community health challenges and improve access to care within our service areas. Priority consideration will be given to projects that directly impact the hospital's designated primary and secondary priority ZIP code service areas.

Proposals should describe how this grant will be used to support outreach, education, or community-based events and activities. Proposals should clearly outline how the project will strengthen community engagement, expand access to resources, or support healthier living in meaningful ways.

Proposals must address one or more of the following health priorities:

- Heart Disease and Stroke
- Maternal Child Health
- Unintentional Injuries

Priority Zip Code Areas:

- **Primary:** ZIP codes 32824, 32827, 32832 (Orange County) and 34743, 34744 (Osceola County).
- **Secondary:** ZIP codes 32809, 32812, 32822, 32829, 32831, 32837 (Orange County) and 34771 (Osceola County).

**Total Funding Available:** \$125,000. Funding requests should be appropriate to the scope and needs of the proposed project.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Applicants must be a component of the UCF Academic Health Sciences Center.
- Proposed project must align with one or more of the identified priority health areas.
- Serve residents of Orange and/or Osceola County.
- Demonstrate a commitment to improving access to care and quality of care for all community members.

### **Key Submission Dates**

**Funding Period:** January – December 2026

**Submission Deadline:** October 13, 2025

**Notification of Award:** December 15, 2025

**Award Start Date:** Dependent upon project timeline.

### **Proposal Requirements**

The proposal must be no more than three pages. Submit completed proposal in PDF format to:  
[Charnae.debose@ucf.edu](mailto:Charnae.debose@ucf.edu)

Proposals will be evaluated based on alignment with the identified community health priorities, potential for meaningful community engagement, feasibility within the proposed budget and timeline, and plans for sustaining impact beyond the grant period. Recurring funding is not expected.

- **Cover Page:** Project title/program name, contact information, project start and end date
- **Project Overview:** A clear description of the proposed project, including its purpose, target population, and how it aligns with one or more of the identified priority health areas and zip codes.
- **Goals and Objectives:** Clear SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and timely) objectives that outline the intended purpose and goals of the project.
- **Expected Community Impact:** Describe how the project will strengthen community engagement, expand access to resources, or support healthier living in Orange and/or Osceola counties and how impact will be measured.
- **Budget Overview and Justification:** A summary of how requested funds will be allocated, including major expense categories.

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)**

### **1. What is “Community Benefit”?**

Community Benefit refers to programs or activities that provide treatment or promote health and healing in response to identified community needs. These efforts go beyond normal hospital operations and are designed to improve the health of the community.

*Simplified Definition:* [Catholic Health Association Definition](#)

*IRS Definition:* [IRS Schedule H \(Form 990\) Instructions and Definitions](#)

### **2. What counts as Community Benefit?**

Examples include health education, screenings, outreach programs, charity care, or initiatives that address barriers to health such as access to services.

*Resource:* [Catholic Health Association What Counts Guide](#)

### **3. What does *not* count as Community Benefit?**

Examples of activities that do not qualify include marketing or promotional events, projects that primarily benefit the hospital or university rather than the community, and initiatives that are unrelated to identified community health needs.

### **4. How were the priority ZIP codes and counties determined?**

The ZIP codes and counties listed in this RFP are based on the UCF Lake Nona Hospital's most recent Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).

*View CHNA here:* [CHNA 2023-2026](#)

### **5. What types of projects are considered priorities for the hospital?**

Projects that align with the hospital's CHNA Implementation Plan, focusing on the identified health priorities: heart disease and stroke, maternal child health, and unintentional injuries.

*View Implementation Plan here:* [CHNA 2023-2026 Implementation Plan](#)

### **6. Who is eligible to apply for funding?**

For this RFP, only internal components of the UCF Academic Health Sciences Center are eligible to submit proposals.

Internal components of the UCF Academic Health Sciences Center:

- UCF College of Health Professions and Sciences
- UCF College of Medicine
- UCF College of Nursing

### **7. Can multiple programs collaborate on a single proposal?**

Yes. Collaborative proposals are encouraged, provided they clearly identify roles, responsibilities, and how funds will be allocated.

**8. What is the maximum award amount?**

There is no strict cap for projects, but the total available funding is \$125,000. Proposals should request only the amount needed for the scope of work.

**9. Are indirect costs allowed?**

No. Funding must be directed toward project activities and expenses.

**10. Will recurring funding be available?**

No. This is a one-time award. Applicants should describe how the project could continue or have sustained impact beyond the grant period.

**11. Who should I contact with questions?**

Please direct all inquiries to Charnae DeBose, UCF College of Medicine Community Health Program Manager at [Charnae.debose@ucf.edu](mailto:Charnae.debose@ucf.edu).