Community Solutions for Health Equity FAQs
Eligibility Criteria

1. **Why must the award be made to an organization?**
   There are strict limits on the awards that the Foundation can make directly to individuals or groups of individuals under its private foundation status with the IRS.

2. **How do I find an organization to apply and manage the grant?**
   You or one of your group members may be an employee of an organization willing to sponsor your program or project under a fiscal sponsor arrangement. You may also know of an entity in your community that is active in your area of work (i.e., a local community foundation, health center, etc.). You can also find a fiscal sponsor through this resource: [http://www.fiscalsponsors.org/](http://www.fiscalsponsors.org/)

3. **What is a fiscal sponsor?**
   Fiscal sponsors are tax-exempt, charitable ventures that have the ability to receive charitable contributions for specific projects, the infrastructure to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state laws and adequate internal controls to ensure that the funds will be used for the intended charitable purposes. Simply stated, fiscal sponsors place responsibility for implementing programs in the hands of project leaders while ensuring appropriate fiduciary oversight.

4. **How do I identify a fiscal sponsor?**
   Connections in your community may be able to help you identify a fiscal sponsor. Alternatively, [here](http://www.fiscalsponsors.org/) is a resource to guide you.

5. **What are the responsibilities of the applicant organization for this program**
   The applicant organization will be required to: (1) execute and comply with the Foundation’s grant agreement for the program; (2) accept and administer grant funds from the Foundation related to the program; (3) monitor the use of grant funds received from the Foundation to ensure that such funds are only used to support the program; and (4) file annual financial and narrative reports to the Foundation.

6. **What is meant by: “Applicant organizations must demonstrate the capacity to manage awards of this size, either directly or with the benefit of technical assistance”?**
   One of the Foundation’s guiding principles is to act as good stewards of its financial resources. In doing so, we review the financial and infrastructure
capabilities of the applicant organization to ensure they are able to manage the award. The applicant organization can demonstrate this capacity through proper governance, sufficient staffing and strong policies, procedures and internal controls. Alternatively, this support may be provided through a third party consultant (i.e., technical assistance) or more formally by engaging a fiscal sponsor.

Program Specific Questions
Q: What if the local health care system is a public one: a municipal or county hospital, a public-private partnership FQHC, a state university-affiliated hospital? Does this still count as “local health care system policy”?
A: Yes, any type of local health care system would be in-scope, including public systems.