

Pathways to Request MHB Funding

Request Type	Purpose	Award Information	Decisions/Approval
Flexible Funding			
Sponsorships (for trainings & events, not fundraisers)	<p>To increase access to mental health information and education for hard to reach populations.</p> <p>To increase access to trainings and professional development for the behavioral health workforce.</p> <p>To promote greater understanding and skill development for human service organizations focused on city residents.</p>	<p>\$55,000 in FY26 budget for Public Awareness</p> <p>Priority given to budgeted commitments received in Q3 for the following fiscal year.</p> <p>Average award \$5,000</p>	<p>Internal MHB staff initiated requests. No external public application.</p> <p>Deputy Director and/or Executive Director review and approve staff request/recommendation.</p> <p>Executive Director approves award amounts.</p>
Expansion or Enhancement of Currently Funded Project	To adjust a funded partner's proposed services to address emerging needs or changes in the service environment.	Funding available based on underspending	<p>Funded partner can make this request to MHB Lead Staff at any time including through the application renewal process. Lead Staff will review requests and make a recommendation to the Deputy Director.</p> <p>If the request is not a significant departure from the approved project, the Deputy Director and/or Executive Director can review and approve the request.</p> <p>If the request is significantly different from the approved project and/or if the request requires additional funding above the Board approved award amount, the Board of Trustees will make the funding decision.</p>
Emerging Need	<p>To provide quick access to funding to address a time-sensitive emerging need.</p> <p>To provide funding outside of the competitive application cycle for high priority issues.</p>	\$50,000 per tax fund in FY26 budget	<p>*Applicant contacts Executive Director to request funding for a special project addressing an emerging need.</p> <p>MHB staff follow up with applicant to determine if a full proposal is needed.</p> <p>If the request is under \$10,000 the Executive Director makes the funding decision.</p> <p>If the request is over \$10,000 the Board of Trustees make the funding decision.</p> <p>Depending on the level of urgency, the MHB Executive Committee may make a funding decision during an emergency meeting.</p> <p>* Proposed Change: Applicant submits Letter of Interest through the MHB Grant Portal to request a meeting with MHB staff to discuss their request.</p>



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Multi-Year Funding Commitments			
Competitive Application Cycle	To provide multi-year funding to projects that meet an MHB funding priority and/or address a community identified behavioral health and/or prevention need.	<p>\$18 million in FY26 budget</p> <p>Different application cycle conducted every 3 years</p>	<p>Applicants submit an application to be reviewed by MHB staff, trustees, and additional community reviewers, or subject matter experts as needed.</p> <p>Staff determine projects that are ineligible for funding.</p> <p>Board of Trustees make funding decisions.</p>
Strategic Initiatives	To support MHB-led initiatives that address high priority issues through collaboration with service providers, institutional partners, and peer funders.	<p>\$1,460,090 of external funding in FY26 budget</p> <p>\$75,863 of CCSF-EC funding in FY26 budget</p> <p>\$50,000 of CCSF funding in FY26 budget</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>MHB staff identify and invite potential partners to participate in planning and project development.</p> <p>MHB staff and/or a lead partner organization develop an implementation plan and budget request for consideration by the Deputy Director and/or Executive Director. Budget requests may include plans to apply for external funding.</p> <p>MHB Program Committee and/or MHB Executive Committee reviews proposed implementation plan and budget request to make a funding recommendation if MHB funds are being requested.</p> <p>Board of Trustees make final award decisions on MHB funds and approve acceptance of third-party funds, if awarded.</p>
Strategic Partnerships	To support MHB's participation in funding partnerships that advance our theory of change and mission.	<p>\$184,000 of CMHF funding in FY26 budget</p> <p>\$60,000 in CCSF funding in FY26 budget</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>MHB staff actively participate in partnerships that are convened by peer funders, government, and other key stakeholders to advance our strategic priorities.</p> <p>MHB staff and or a key stakeholder make a funding request to support the work of the partnership that aligns with the intended purpose of our tax funds.</p> <p>MHB Deputy Director and/or Executive Director reviews the request and makes recommendation to MHB Program Committee and/or MHB Executive Committee.</p> <p>MHB Board of Trustees make final award decision based on recommendation of MHB Program Committee.</p>