



## Request for Proposals: Advocacy Efforts to Further Expand HUSKY Coverage to Undocumented People

**Proposal Due: September 16, 2024**  
**Grant Awards: Up to \$20,000**

The Connecticut Health Foundation recognizes the importance of health care coverage in achieving good health outcomes. Efforts to expand HUSKY coverage to people regardless of immigration status have been incremental but successful, due in large part to the work of the HUSKY 4 Immigrants coalition.

To support coalition efforts, the Connecticut Health Foundation seeks to expand our funding to support organizations that have limited resources to participate in advocacy efforts, but that are committed to engaging in advocacy work focused on coverage expansion to undocumented people. Grants will be available for two types of organizations:

- Those actively engaged in advocacy work with the HUSKY 4 Immigrants coalition
- Those engaged in advocacy work focused on expanding coverage to undocumented populations that are not currently represented within the HUSKY 4 Immigrants coalition

Potential activities<sup>1</sup> include, but are not limited to supporting:

- Outreach to engage a broader audience on advocacy issues.
- Efforts to provide education on advocacy and the legislative process to people who are new to the campaign.
- Stipends to individuals to help defray the cost of attending training and traveling to advocacy events.
- Gathering and sharing the stories of those who would be affected by coverage expansion.

Grants of up to \$20,000 will be awarded. Unfortunately, we will not be able to fund everyone who is engaged in this important work. As we review proposals, we will prioritize funding for groups that:

- Are immigrant-centered, immigrant-led, and engaged with communities that will be directly impacted by the campaign.
- Have limited funding available to engage in advocacy efforts.
- Demonstrate how funding will increase the organization's capacity to engage in advocacy efforts.
- Hold leadership roles within the HUSKY 4 Immigrants coalition (such as participating in a subcommittee or leading a subcommittee)
- Can increase engagement within communities not currently reflected in the coalition efforts.

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<sup>1</sup> The foundation cannot fund lobbying efforts. More information about our funding restrictions will be provided at the virtual information sessions.

## Grant Details

### Goal

This funding is intended to support organizations advocating for expansion of HUSKY coverage to undocumented residents who are not eligible for coverage because of their immigration status.

### Objectives

The proposal should highlight ways in which your organization has actively participated in advocacy and organizing efforts toward HUSKY expansion. It should also highlight the difference funding will make in your organization's advocacy work on behalf of HUSKY expansion.

### Timeline and process

<b>Application Available</b>	August 6, 2024
<b>Information Session</b>	August 14, 2024
<b>Proposal Due</b>	September 16, 2024
<b>Grantee Award Notification</b>	October 25, 2024
<b>Funds Released</b>	November 1, 2024

CT Health staff will hold a virtual informational session on **Wed., August 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm** to answer questions about this funding opportunity before the proposal's due date.

To assure that the foundation is working in coordination with those leading the efforts for expanded HUSKY benefits, the review process will also be supported by an external review committee.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be 501(c)(3) organizations or have an identified fiscal agent. Successful applicants will have a demonstrated history of active engagement in advocacy efforts related to expanding HUSKY coverage to undocumented people.

**To apply, visit CT Health's applicant portal at <https://cthealth.fluxx.io> and register for login credentials. Once you receive your credentials, log into the portal and navigate to "Apply: Requests for Proposals."**

For assistance with the application process, please reach out to Tonia Douglas at [tonia@cthealth.org](mailto:tonia@cthealth.org) or Tamisha Phillip at [tamisha@cthealth.org](mailto:tamisha@cthealth.org).

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## Application process and questions

### Questions

1. Name / Organization / Title
2. Which of the following best describes your organization's advocacy work related to HUSKY expansion to people regardless of their immigration status (choose all that apply):
  - a. My organization is a member of the HUSKY 4 Immigrants Coalition
  - b. My organization actively participates in a HUSKY 4 Immigrants Coalition subcommittee
  - c. My organization serves as chair of a HUSKY 4 Immigrants Coalition subcommittee
  - d. My organization provides leadership for the HUSKY 4 Immigrants Coalition as a member of the steering committee
  - e. My organization advocates for undocumented people who do not have access to health insurance because of immigration status but has not been engaged in the HUSKY 4 Immigrants Coalition
3. Describe the contributions your organization has made to the efforts to expand HUSKY coverage to all CT residents.
4. How will this funding impact your ability to engage in the campaign next year?
5. Please describe how you will use funding to support advocacy and organizing efforts to expand HUSKY benefits more undocumented people.