

Frequently asked questions

E³ – Effectiveness, Efficiency and Excellence in Healthcare Grants (formerly Patient Safety Grant Program)

Below are some frequently asked questions to help your organization with the process for letter of intent submissions for the 2010 program.

Question 1: What type of organization is eligible?

Answer: Healthcare institutions which provide direct patient care (health systems, hospitals and clinics) are all eligible to apply. The Cardinal Health Foundation provides grants to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations only. Please use your institution's appropriate charitable foundation or non-profit organization tax ID when submitting your letter of intent. The Cardinal Health Foundation database syncs to the IRS database of tax-exempt organizations in the U.S.

Special note: Due to a Vermont Attorney General ruling that was passed in June 2009, healthcare providers in the state of Vermont are not eligible to receive charitable donations. Please refer to the Vermont Gift and Marketing Disclosure legislation for additional information.

Question 2: What is the program's review process from start to finish?

Answer: The letters are first reviewed for completeness and fit against the published criteria for the program, then a committee of approximately 20 clinicians score and rank letters based on the scoring criteria outlined. The review committee will give fair consideration to all applications from organizations of any size. Following the initial letter of intent review in the fall, the committee will repeat the review process for full proposal applications in the winter.

Question 3: Can I receive individual feedback on my specific program?

Answer: Cardinal Health received more than 400 letters of intent in 2009 for the Patient Safety Grant Program. We anticipate a similar number in 2010. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide individual feedback for each applicant's specific program, but will provide information on the website regarding evaluation criteria. In addition, we will also publish information about the winning proposals to highlight those programs selected by our review committee.

Question 4: How many grants will the Cardinal Health Foundation award?

Answer: Grants up to \$50,000 will be awarded. Grant amounts will be based on the review committee's scores. In the past two years, the committee awarded 34 grants each year averaging \$30,000 per grant.



Question 5: If my organization applies for \$50,000 and is chosen as an award recipient, will we receive the full amount?

Answer: Not necessarily. In an effort to be fair to all applicants, the review committee's scores will determine the level of funding for selected grant recipients. If the work described in the proposal cannot be completed for less than \$50,000 please be sure that is included the budget narrative (required only for the full proposal).

Question 6: I applied on behalf of a health system / hospital / clinic in 2008 or 2009 and was not invited to submit a proposal. Can I apply again this year?

Answer: Yes, we encourage organizations to reapply and drive local improvement efforts in the areas of medication use, operating room efficiency and overall culture of safety initiatives that weave throughout the hospital/healthcare system.

Question 7: My organization received a Cardinal Health Patient Safety Grant last year. Are we eligible to apply again?

Answer: Yes, all organizations are eligible to apply again under the 2010 criteria. There will be no preference to previous winners.

Question 8: Can my organization submit more than one letter of intent?

Answer: Yes, organizations can submit more than one letter of intent for different programs that relate to the specific criteria outlined on the website. We encourage organizations to review the criteria carefully to determine appropriate programs for which you may submit letters of intent.

Question 9: Can you tell me the exact dates and timeline for this year's Grant Program?

Answer: The 2010 program will follow a very similar timeline to last year's evaluation process. Below are important dates to keep in mind.

October 30, 2009	Online letters of intent due
January 29, 2010	Invitations extended to select organizations to complete a full proposal
March 5, 2010	Online full proposals due
Spring 2010	Grant awards announced