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## Moving Our Region Forward Together: Confluence Health and Wenatchee Valley Medical Group Announce Community Health Partnership Fund Grant Application Opening

**North Central Washington:** Confluence Health and the Wenatchee Valley Medical Group announced today that applications will open starting this Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> for the annual Community Health Partnership Fund, which provides grant support for local organizations working to improve health and wellbeing across Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties.

Funded jointly by Confluence Health and the Wenatchee Valley Medical Group (WVMG), the Community Health Partnership Fund awards up to \$500,000 each year to community-based, health-related initiatives serving North Central Washington. The program reflects the shared commitment of both organizations to strengthening the health of the region through local investment and partnership.

“Confluence Health has long been devoted to the health and wellbeing of our region, guided by our mission to provide *local care by and for our community*,” said Dr. Andrew Jones, CEO of Confluence Health. “Through the Community Health Partnership Fund, we’re able to support organizations that are doing meaningful work to improve lives throughout the region we serve. Health is shaped by far more than just what happens inside hospitals and clinics. It grows from partnerships and a shared commitment to our community. This grant is one of the ways we can help move our region forward together.”

The fund focuses on two primary areas: health and wellness, and the social determinants of health. Health and wellness grants support projects that expand access to care, prevention, and wellness-related activities. Grants addressing the social determinants of health support initiatives focused on factors such as food and housing security, early education, economic stability, and community support systems.

“As stewards of this funding, our goal is to support initiatives that create lasting, measurable impact in our region,” said Suzanne Carté-Cocroft, chief philanthropy officer for Confluence Health who oversees the Confluence Health Foundation. “These focus areas help ensure we’re directing resources to programs that strengthen both individual and community health as we partner together to make the greatest impact possible.”

The Community Health Partnership Fund is administered by the Confluence Health Foundation. Eligible applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or qualified government agencies located in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, or Okanogan counties. Each organization may submit one proposal per annual funding cycle. Churches and faith-based organizations are not eligible.

Organizations that do not meet the eligibility criteria for the Community Health Partnership Fund may be eligible for other community support programs offered separately by Confluence Health and WVMG. Additional information on those programs is available on the [community support section of the Confluence Health website](#).

Applications will be available online beginning June 1, 2026, through the [Confluence Health Foundation website](#) and must be submitted by July 31, 2026. Questions about the program or application process can be directed to the Confluence Health Foundation at [foundation@confluencehealth.org](mailto:foundation@confluencehealth.org) or by calling (509) 436-6275.

The Confluence Health Foundation will also provide an informational webinar hosted by Chief Philanthropy Officer Suzanne Carté-Cocroft on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 2pm. Hosted online, it will provide an overview of the Community Health Partnership Fund and how local non-profits can use the funding to make an impact on community health in our region, along with learning about the application process and asking any questions applicants might have. More information is available on the [Confluence Health Foundation website](#) and those interested can [register now at the link provided](#) to secure their place.

“Each year, WVMG looks forward to partnering with Confluence Health to support organizations making a real difference in community health and wellbeing,” said Dr. Jennifer Jorgensen, president of WVMG. “These grant applications come from a wide variety of organizations, but each shows a commitment to advancing and promoting the health and welfare of our region. We are looking forward to great submissions this year and encourage eligible organizations to apply, sharing how their work will improve health and wellbeing across our region.”

### **About Confluence Health**

Confluence Health serves the largest geographic region of any healthcare system in Washington State, covering over 12,000 square miles of Okanogan, Grant, Douglas, and Chelan counties. Confluence Health is one of only two locally-lead healthcare systems in the state with the purpose of maintaining availability and access to high-quality, cost-effective healthcare services for North Central Washington. The Confluence Health Board of Directors provides governance for Confluence Health and includes nine community board members and six physician board members.

### **About the Wenatchee Valley Medical Group**

Wenatchee Valley Medical Group serves North Central Washington as the largest physician group affiliated with Confluence Health. Its history began with the founding of the Wenatchee Valley Clinic (WVC) by three physicians in the 1940s, born from a vision of bringing high-quality, multispecialty, integrated healthcare to the Wenatchee Valley. Over the next 70 years, WVC grew to become Wenatchee Valley Medical Center (WVMC), a large healthcare system that provided care across its four-county region and included 300 physicians in roughly 30 primary care and specialty disciplines. In 2013, WVMC and Central Washington Hospital affiliated to form Confluence Health with the vision to continue to provide high level, comprehensive care locally.

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