

# The Common Health Challenge: Catalyst Awards FAQ

## What is the Common Health Coalition?

The Common Health Coalition brings together leading health organizations in pursuit of a reimagined health system: one in which the nation's health care and public health systems no longer work in parallel, but hand in hand – with better health for all as the common goal. Learn more about the Coalition at [commonhealthcoalition.org](https://commonhealthcoalition.org).

## What is the Common Health Challenge?

The Common Health Challenge is a new, annual call-to-action for Coalition members to rally around a critical health system-wide issue for which the solution relies on improved partnership between health care and public health. To learn more about the Common Health Challenge and the focus for 2025, please visit [Commonhealthcoalition.org/Challenge](https://Commonhealthcoalition.org/Challenge)

## How can my organization participate in the Challenge?

Go to [Commonhealthcoalition.org/Challenge](https://Commonhealthcoalition.org/Challenge) and complete the Challenge sign up form.

## What are the Catalyst Awards?

The Catalyst Awards fund organizations that demonstrate a strong capacity to integrate Community Health Workers (CHWs) in ways that strengthen partnerships between health care and public health in communities. Awardees will contribute to a nationwide movement aimed at bridging the health care and public health sectors.

Awardees will propose locally based initiatives that can demonstrate significant progress in 1 year and support the establishment of sustainable relationships between health care and public health service providers. Ten organizations will be selected to receive a Catalyst Award of \$30,000.

Catalyst Award organizations will:

- be invited to participate in a Community of Practice,
- receive technical assistance to support their efforts to strengthen partnerships and CHW integration in health care and public health systems, and
- showcase their successes and lessons learned through nationally disseminated events and materials.

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## How can I nominate an organization for a Catalyst Award?

The Coalition welcomes nominations for a Catalyst Award **through January 24, 2025**.

- All organizations nominated for a Catalyst Award will be invited to join a Community of Practice.
- Self-nominations will be accepted.
- Nominators are not limited to only nominating one organization.

The Coalition will then review nominations and invite applications for further consideration to receive a Catalyst Award.

## What is the process to receive an award?

1. Nomination of eligible organizations (self-nominations are welcome)
2. Invitation to apply
3. Awards made to selected organizations

## What are the eligibility criteria?

An organization is eligible for nomination if it:

- Has experience implementing initiatives related to community health, public health, or related health care collaboration and/or sustainability efforts.
- Is in the United States or a U.S. territory.
  - The United States includes the 48 contiguous states, Hawaii, Alaska, and Washington D.C.
  - U.S. territories include Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa
- Is an Educational institution, Nonprofit organization, For-Profit organization, State or Local government entity, Tribal entity, Public Housing Authority, Community-based organization, or Faith-based organization.
  - Public or State controlled Institutions of Higher Education
  - Private Institutions of Higher Education
  - Independent School Districts
  - Nonprofits with 501(c)3 IRS Status
  - Nonprofits without 501(c)3 IRS Status
  - Health care / public health organizations
  - State / County / City or Township / Special District Governments
  - Indian / Native American Tribal Governments, Tribal organizations
  - Public Housing Authorities / Indian Housing Authorities
  - Community-based / Faith-based organizations

The Coalition will not accept nominations from:

- Individuals
- Federal government agencies
- Organizations outside the U.S. or one of its territories

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## What are the Coalition's priorities for Catalyst Awardee activities?

The Coalition seeks Catalyst Awardees that demonstrate:

- **Advancing partnership:** Commitment to work to advance health care and public health partnerships.
- **Organization readiness:** Preparedness and capability to effectively implement CHW-focused initiatives that enhance collaboration between health care services and public health efforts.
- **Past Performance:** Proven track record in community health, public health collaboration, or related initiatives.
- **Commitment to Equity:** Demonstrated dedication to health equity and underserved communities.
- **Health care and public health partnership plan:** Clear and actionable plan for how the organization will use award funding to strengthen partnerships between health care and public health supporting sustainable CHW integration.

## How can my organization apply for a Catalyst Award?

In February 2025, a select number of nominated organizations will receive an invitation to apply.

Applications are due by March 14, 2025 at 11:59 pm PT.