

Fellowship Expectations: FAQ

What is findhelp?

At <u>findhelp</u>, our mission is to connect all people seeking help and the programs that serve them — with dignity and ease. We make it easy for organizations to connect to and follow up with care. From food assistance to help paying bills and many more free or reduced-cost programs, our search is an easy way to get services, connect people to what they need, and follow up quickly.

What is the findhelp fellowship program?

The purpose of our fellowship program is to support and enhance the work of social care champions in their communities. Our fellows organize innovative projects that directly contribute to improving social care outcomes in their focus areas. Fellows in each cohort work together to create and promote their activities, and will have the support of findhelp in helping them achieve their project goals.

What are the benefits of the fellowship program?

<u>Findhelp</u> will sponsor and support each fellow in the creation of a project for their community. During this 6 month program, fellows will have:

- The opportunity to tackle a topic of personal or professional interest to improve their community
- Funding from findhelp (up to \$1,000 per project)
- Opportunities to network, build relationships and explore fields and careers outside of their own
- Support and project planning advice from Community Engagement Managers
- Printed materials for communications and promotion of their event or project(s)
- A tight knit cohort of fellows to partner with
- Professional development opportunities
- A chance to learn from experts in the field, gather meaningful skills and insights, and explore regional data

How long is the fellowship program?

The Fall 2022 findhelp Fellowship cycle will run from approximately August 2022 through January 2023. Applications will be accepted June 13th - July 15th, 2022. Selected recipients will be notified by late August 2022.

Who is eligible for the fellowship program? Are previous findhelp fellows eligible?

The findhelp fellowship is open to anyone based in the United States or a U.S. territory!* Our only criteria is that selected fellows are able to fulfill the fellowship requirements as outlined in the <u>findhelp fellowship FAQ</u>.

*At this time, previous recipients of the findhelp fellowship are not eligible to apply.



What are the Fellowship expectations/requirements if my project is selected?

If you are selected as a findhelp Fellow, we require you to meet the following expectations:

- Design, implement and execute a community project
- Facilitate and attend required monthly fellowship cohort meetings
- Attend at least one required monthly meeting with your findhelp mentor
- Present your project to a findhelp audience at the end of your fellowship
- Create a findhelp.org account
- Become findhelp certified

What types of community projects are eligible?

Projects can take a variety of forms. They can be a fundraiser, workshop, awareness or advocacy campaign, donation drive, learning series, resource fair, or other pre-approved community event. We are also accepting applications for projects that fit into existing lines of work or contribute to a larger project. All projects must be based in the United States or a U.S. territory.

The application asks me questions about my project goals, budget, timeline and partners. Do I need to have these polished before I apply?

There is no definitive answer as this will depend on the applicant and project. We are looking for a clear idea that details what you want to achieve (your project outcomes) and how you will achieve it (budget, timeline, and project partners). We will take all aspects of an applicant's proposal into consideration, including their background and experience.

Where can I find the application or more information on the fellowship program?

Interested applicants can find program details, fellowship expectations, and the application link on our <u>fellowship</u> <u>webpage</u>. If you have any additional questions or need accessibility resources, please reach out to: <u>cnaval@findhelp.com</u>.

What can I expect if I'm selected as a findhelp fellow?

When you are selected to join the fellowship program, you will be joining a tight knit group of like minded individuals, working together to affect positive change in their communities. Our mentorship team at findhelp is made up of former professional social workers, nonprofit leaders, community organizers, and fundraisers. You'll be working with people who have the same goals as you and who have experienced what it's like to organize community projects.

Your dedicated findhelp mentor will work with you to develop, refine, and implement your project plan, our marketing team will ensure that you have the right materials to promote your project, and we will help divide up the budget to make sure your fellowship dollars are put to good use. More details will be shared with selected applicants.