

Request for Applications Olympic Connect Referral Partners Funding Opportunity | April 2026

Funding Purpose & Overview

Olympic Community of Health (OCH) seeks to contract with partners throughout the Olympic region (Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap counties) to provide resources and services to Olympic Connect clients through its integrated regional referral system, Connect2 Coordinator. Through this shared platform, partners will receive direct referrals and provide vital services to address the social needs of local community members. The goal of this initiative is to expand access to local programs and services, increase regional data to inform future decision-making and sustainability, and to strengthen a truly closed-loop referral system that ensures no member of our community slips through the cracks.

What is Olympic Community of Health?

Olympic Community of Health (OCH) is a non-profit organization serving the three-county region of Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap counties with partnerships with the seven sovereign Tribal nations in the region. **OCH’s goal is to improve individual and population health and advance equity by addressing the determinants of health.**

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Purpose	Vision	Mission
To tackle health issues that no single sector or Tribe can tackle alone	A healthier, more equitable three-county region	To solve health problems through collaborative action

What is Olympic Connect?

Olympic Connect is a service of Olympic Community of Health that launched in early 2024. *Olympic Connect* is a Community Care Hub (CCH). A CCH is a community-centered entity that supports a network of partners providing services and resources to address social needs, centralizes administrative functions and infrastructure, and has relationships with and understands the capacities of local organizations and fosters cross-sector collaboration.

Olympic Connect aims to add value throughout the region by creating a more coordinated, systemic, and [data-driven approach](#) to how we address social needs like housing, job training, food assistance, health care, childcare, and more in culturally appropriate and accessible ways. In addition to supporting the expansion of infrastructure for resource and service providers, supporting the community-based workforce through expert led trainings, and stewarding a [Regional Resource Directory](#), Olympic Connect partners with 12 clinical and community-based care coordination agencies throughout the region to provide client-led support to community members in need. By helping community members address

their social needs, we help all communities thrive. *Olympic Connect* strengthens the connections between community members and the resources and services they need to thrive. [Learn more about Olympic Connect.](#)

Through this funding opportunity, OCH aims to identify health-serving partners throughout the three-county region interested in collaborating to expand a regionwide system for providing support services for community members seeking to address social needs. It is anticipated that OCH will accept 30 local service providers through this funding opportunity to be onboarded in four cohorts from June to October.

Scope of Work

OCH seeks partnerships with resource and service providers to expand access to their programs through shared use of the technology platform Connect2 Coordinator to receive and process referrals from Olympic Connect care coordinators.

Organization Leadership	Referral Coordinator
Purpose: Organization leadership facilitates integration into the Olympic Connect network to expand regional service access, providing the necessary oversight and infrastructure for their staff to utilize the Connect2 Coordinator platform for secure, bi-directional communication.	Purpose: The Referral Coordinator serves as the primary point of contact within the partner organization to receive, triage, and process incoming referrals, ensuring a streamlined intake experience and providing closed-loop status updates.
Scope of Work	
Appoint and supervise a dedicated Referral Coordinator	Participate in cohort-based onboarding and platform testing.
Integrate Connect2 Coordinator into existing workflows	Check the platform daily for new referrals and secure messages
Review, sign, and ensure staff adherence to all associated policies	Build network trust by responding to all new referral messages within 1–2 business days
Share a comprehensive program overview with the Community Based Workforce through OCH Partner-led Presentation series.	Provide status updates to “close the loop” on client outcomes
Maintain project oversight throughout the 12-month contract period	Communicate any program eligibility/capacity updates to OCH to ensure up-to-date information in the Regional Resource Directory

Eligibility

Organizations, Tribes, and governmental entities in the Olympic region (Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap counties) working to advance health through direct support services are eligible to apply under this funding opportunity. Applicants must be in good financial standing, have presence in the Olympic region, and be an established legal entity in Washington State. There is room for everyone in this important

work, whether you're providing financial assistance, transportation, employment support, or any other social care service.

Role of Olympic Community of Health

OCH will provide the following roles and functions to support contracted partners under *Olympic Connect*:

- Provide robust training and onboarding for those who will coordinate resource & service referrals through the shared technology, Connect2 Coordinator.
- Provide a variety of opportunities for community building, learning, and convening.
- Provide access to a Connect2 Coordinator for centralized management of client referrals.
- Provide access to and maintain accuracy of a regional resource directory platform.
- Provide structure for the system including secure, bi-directional referral coordination, workflows, policies, and procedures.
- Provide technical support and overall project coordination and communication.
- Contract monitoring in alignment with funder, state, and federal policies and in accordance with the approved scope of work and budget.
- Data, analytics, and reports.

Geographic Distribution

To ensure regionally equitable expansion, resources and service providers must be able to serve residents within the three-county region. In the application, partners will identify which subregion(s) they are available to provide services:

- Subregion#1: West End of Clallam County (west of Port Angeles and including parts of the west side of Jefferson County – Beaver, Clallam Bay, Forks, La Push, Neah Bay, Sekiu)
- Subregion#2: Port Angeles and Sequim area (Carlsborg, Joyce)
- Subregion#3: East and South Jefferson County (to include Port Townsend, Port Hadlock/Irondale, Chimacum, Quilcene, Brinnon, Port Ludlow, Nordland)
- Subregion#4: North Kitsap (Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo, Kingston, Indianola, Suquamish, Port Gamble, Hansville)
- Subregion#5: Central Kitsap (Silverdale, Keyport, Tracyton)
- Subregion#6: Bremerton and Seabeck
- Subregion#7: South Kitsap (Port Orchard, Burley, Gorst, Manchester, Olalla, South Colby, Retsil, South Park Village, Southworth)

Compensation

Contracted partners will receive a one-time, capacity-building award of \$5,000, 30 days after contract execution, to offset the administrative costs of onboarding and integrating Olympic Connect and the technology platform, Connect2 Coordinator, into existing workflows.

Timeline (all dates in 2026 and all times in Pacific time)

Timeframe	Step	Notes
April 9	Funding opportunity released	
April 21 – 10-11am	Optional virtual information session	Zoom Registration
April 9 – May 11	Frequently asked questions (FAQ) and responses available online	FAQ Document
May 11 by 5pm	Applications due	Submit to: Connect@OlympicCH.org
May 12 -18	Application review and scoring	
May 29	Notification of application status	Applicants will be notified via email if they have been selected
June - October	Contracting and onboarding per cohort as outlined below	

	Contract Start Date	Onboarding Session
Cohort 1	June 15	June 16
Cohort 2	August 1	August 3
Cohort 3	September 1	September 1
Cohort 4	October 1	October 5

Through this opportunity, OCH will onboard 30 local service providers across four staggered cohorts between June and October, 2026. Selected applicants will receive an initial 12-month contract, with options for annual renewal based on performance and interest.

Scoring and Evaluation

Criteria

Applications: OCH staff will conduct a technical review to ensure applications include all required information. Partners will receive notification of receipt of complete application or requests for additional information. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed or scored.

Each application will be reviewed and scored by OCH staff based on the following criteria:

Element	Top scoring responses will demonstrate:	Points Available
Service(s) Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear articulation of which service(s) or resource(s) you will be providing as part of the Olympic Connect network. 	10

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service(s) provided address the primary health-related social needs of Olympic Connect clients. • Applicant demonstrates that they are well-established as a local and trusted service provider. 	
Eligibility & Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility requirements for provided service(s) are clear and appropriate. • Referrals and inquiries are responded to in a timely and considerate manner. • Any waitlist process is transparent and communicative. 	10
Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in collaborating with OCH to expand and strengthen a regional social care network. • Understanding and enthusiasm for the value of our Community Care Hub (Olympic Connect). • Excitement to build collaborative partnerships with other key Olympic Connect partners. 	10
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding of the populations to be served and the barriers they face to optimal health. • Trauma-informed and culturally relevant approach to providing services. • Clear commitment to accessibility and inclusion by implementing reasonable accommodations that ensure all community members can access and benefit from services. 	10
Total points available		40

Decisions: OCH staff will consider application scores, geographic area(s) served, type of service provided, and service limitations in making selections. We will aim to fund a variety of partners and ensure services are available throughout the region. It is anticipated that OCH will accept 30 local service providers through this funding opportunity to be onboarded in four cohorts from June to October.

Application reviewers may reach out to applicants for clarifying or additional information.

Application Technical Assistance

- **Information session:** Join OCH for an optional information session via Zoom. Tuesday, April 21 from 10:00-11:00am. [Register here](#). A recording of the information session will be available on April 22.
- **FAQ:** [A Frequently Asked Questions document](#) will be updated regularly throughout the process.
- **Email:** Connect@olympicch.org – send us any questions and we will respond within 1-2 business days and will update the FAQ document accordingly.

Contract Requirements

In an effort to aid in transparency and clarity, applicants should be aware of the following elements that will be required as a part of contracting with OCH for this work:

- Prior to contracting, OCH will certify that the applicant is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded in any Federal department or agency from participating in contract transactions.
- Contractors must provide proof of insurance coverage including commercial general liability insurance and automobile liability coverage. Coverage must be issued by a company authorized to do business in Washington State.
- Contractors must provide OCH with a current, completed W-9.
- OCH processes payments electronically. Contractors will be required to provide banking information for automatic payment.
- Partners will be required to keep OCH staff updated regarding staff turnover and absences, which could impact their ability to provide timely referral coordination services.
- Partners are required to use the cloud-based software provided by OCH and adherence to privacy and security policies is integral to the success of this work.
- Partners will be required to adhere to relevant the policies and procedures laid out in the [Olympic Connect Policy Manual](#).

Application Process

Complete applications include the following elements:

- Completed [written application](#)
 - Submit no later than 5pm on Monday, May 11 to Connect@olympicch.org

Final decisions will be made by May 18 and partners will be notified by May 29.