

GIH Annual Conference on Health Philanthropy Proposal Instructions and Policies

Welcome to Grantmakers In Health's (GIH) Call for Session Proposals for the 2024 GIH Annual Conference on Health Philanthropy, *Bold Results Through Courageous Action*, which will be held in-person in Portland, Oregon on June 4-6, 2024.

We are accepting session proposals until **11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, October 27, 2023.**

This year we are highlighting innovative programming and risk-taking to improve health, advance health equity, and transform systems of care. We're looking for new initiatives or collaborations that yielded significant impact and/or important lessons learned for philanthropy and public health. We are particularly interested in sessions that reflect our [Strategic Plan](#), which center health equity and social justice along with themes of access and quality, community engagement and empowerment, population health and philanthropic growth and impact. We are also interested in sessions that focus on one of [GIH's policy priorities](#).

The most successful, highly rated annual conference sessions include new voices and diverse perspectives; allow for thoughtful reflection and candid conversation; avoid traditional meeting formats; and actively inform, inspire, and engage in-person participants.

Who Can Submit Session Proposals?

Health funders administering charitable grantmaking, such as foundations, corporate giving programs, and other grantmaking institutions; operating foundations; regranting institutions; federal, state, and local government agencies; national and regional philanthropy serving organizations; academic institutions working on projects related to philanthropy or health; and philanthropic advisors that manage philanthropic funds such as banks, trust companies, or private firms.

What Types of Sessions Can Be Proposed?

- **Learning Labs:** Two-hour skill-building workshop sessions led by experienced practitioners focused on strategies, principles, tactics, and skills relevant to attendees' work. **Limited to four speakers (or three speakers and a session moderator).**
- **Peer Dialogues:** One-hour roundtable discussions in which session leaders pose targeted questions and offer key insights designed to generate attendee participation, peer learning, and idea exchange. Peer dialogues are an ideal format for networking, relationship-building, brainstorming, and strategy development. **Limited to three or four speakers.**
- **Case Studies:** One-hour sessions sharing candid, real-world examples of philanthropic initiatives, describing what worked and what didn't. **Limited to four speakers (or three speakers and a session moderator).**

- **Panel Presentations:** One-hour sessions that feature a coordinated presentation by panelists, which is followed by Q&A and group discussion. Sessions that feature panelists and examples from more than one region or organization are preferred. Session designs that allow time for robust audience participation are highly encouraged. **Limited to four speakers (or three speakers and a session moderator).**
- **Site Visits:** Three-hour visits that explore local communities, organizations, or programs doing great work. Proposals should indicate the maximum number of attendees the site visit location can accommodate in person, and the length of the program should allow for travel time. **Limited to four speakers (or three speakers and a site visit guide).**
- **Quick Takes:** Compelling talks on important topics or lively demonstrations of digital tools, delivered in 20 minutes or less. Proposals should include a link to the proposed speaker(s) in action, if possible. **Limited to no more than two speakers.**

When Are Session Proposals Due?

Proposals are due **Friday, October 27, 2023 by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time.** If you have questions, please contact Kate Treanor at ktreanor@gih.org or 202-534-3009.

How Do I Submit a Session Proposal?

Click [here](#) to submit a session proposal for GIH's annual conference, *Bold Results Through Courageous Action*. To submit a proposal, you will need to create a username and password, and complete all required fields. This includes contact information for the session designer(s) and proposed speakers.

You will also be asked to submit the following information about your session:

1. **Title:** Up to 100-character title of your proposed session.
2. **Abstract:** Up to 300-character description of your proposed session. An edited version of this title and description will be used in our conference materials if your session is selected.
3. **Content Description:** Up to 4,000 characters explaining what makes the content of your proposed session unique. No need for detailed background and data on the issue the session is designed to address; instead, focus on the following questions: What are the session goals and objectives? Will it explore a timely topic? Introduce a provocative idea? Lift up new voices? Include diverse perspectives? Feature dynamic speakers? Be based on leading-edge research or practice? Share insights on what worked and what didn't? Reflect changing conversations in health philanthropy? What are the key takeaways for participants?
4. **Format Description:** Up to 1,000 characters describing your session format. What makes the format of your session compelling? Will it allow time for thoughtful reflection and candid conversation? Will it make use of effective and intentional moderation? Will it include group activities, simulations, sample documents, or videos? Will participants leave the session with insights or tools that can be put into action?

Session Proposal Selection

Proposals are reviewed by a committee of health funders representing the diversity of the field, as well as by GIH staff. **Priority will be given to sessions designed to promote candid insights, open discussion, and active learning as well as alignment with [GIH's strategic plan](#).**

Notification of Acceptance

You will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours acknowledging receipt of your completed proposal. You will be notified about the status of your proposal by the end of January 2024. GIH may request that alterations be made to a proposed session so that it more closely reflects the goals and objectives of the annual conference.

Associated Costs

- GIH does not cover costs related to speaker participation at the annual conference. Session designers are expected to cover conference-related costs including conference registration, hotel accommodations, travel expenses, and any honoraria, for speakers who are not affiliated with a philanthropic organization.
- Speakers who are affiliated with philanthropic organizations are expected to cover their own conference-related costs as defined above.
- All speakers are required to register for the conference. Speakers may register for their session only (free of charge) or for the entire conference (at the reduced GIH Funding Partner rate).