

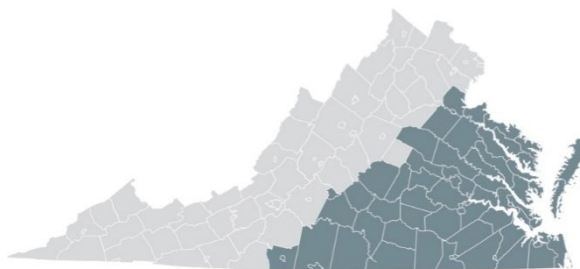
Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center Community Grant Initiative

Letter of Intent (LOI) | Harvest Grant (2026-2028)

Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center's Seed to Harvest Community Grant Series creates community-academic partnerships to reduce the cancer burden for all Virginians, particularly for the most impacted communities. Following on the community engagement driven by the *Seed* grant, and the research capacity building from the *Cultivate* award, the HARVEST Grant (**\$50,000 over a 24-month cycle**) will fund community partners to co-lead a community engaged or community-based participatory research project with a Massey Cancer Center investigator as a collaborator.

Harvest grants are pilot projects co-led by community grant recipients and a Massey co-investigator. The grants are meant to support the collection of preliminary data and to conduct other preparatory work to position the community-academic partnership team to apply for larger foundation (e.g. American Cancer Society, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, etc.) and federal (e.g. NIH, CDC, etc.) funding opportunities. Pilot project activities may include conducting focus groups, developing and implementing surveys, designing and implementing interventions to reduce the burden of priority cancers (e.g. screening, early detection, healthy diet and exercise), or measuring changes/outcomes after an implementing the intervention. The HARVEST award funding is meant to promote research activities that align with Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center mission and associated cancer priorities.

The **mission** of the Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center is to reduce the burden of cancer for all Virginians through community integration and person-centered care. Our **priority cancers** are breast, colorectal, lung and prostate cancer. The catchment area is home to 4 million Virginians. The catchment spans nearly 19,000 square miles and is approximately 275 miles or 1.5-5 commuting hours to Massey and is defined as 66 contiguous localities in Virginia's central, eastern, and southern areas.



Massey catchment area (outlined in dark gray)

Eligible teams include Non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations and other community advocacy groups partnered with a Massey Cancer Center investigator. Organizations with a fiscal sponsor are also eligible to apply. Community-academic partnerships may have been developed as part of a SEED or CULTIVATE award, but research collaborations developed through other programs (e.g. Massey Champions) are also eligible to apply. Applicant teams that do not include a community partner and a Massey Cancer Center investigator **WILL NOT** be considered responsive to this opportunity. In other words, an LOI without a Massey Investigator as part of the team will not be invited for full proposal. Similarly, these funds will not be awarded to any Massey Investigator who is not working with a community, faith-based, or other type of partner.

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Letters of Intent (LOI) must include the following elements

Please summarize the organization's eligibility and interest in receiving the Cultivate Award. In the LOI, please address the following questions (page limit: 2 page, single spaced, 11-point font, submitted in PDF format)

- Project Title
- Describe the problem that the project will address
- Describe the project's geographic service area
- Describe or list the partners (e.g. academic and community/faith-based) who will be involved in the project, including a brief history of previous collaboration
- List the potential goals/aims of the project (Goals should be SMART: Specific, Measurable, Attainable/Achievable, Realistic, and Time-bound).
- Describe the impact the project will have if the team is successful in reaching the goals/aims

Key Dates:

The Letter of Intent (LOI) is due on **November 6, 2025 by 11:59pm**.
 Successful LOI's will receive an invitation for full application on/around **November 19th, 2025**
 Full applicant workshop (optional): **December 3, 2025, 1-2pm on zoom**
 Full applications are due **March 2, 2025 at 11:59pm**

2026-2028 Harvest Grant Detailed Timeline

Date	Activity
November 6, 2025 (by 11:59pm)	Letter of Intent (LOI) submission due
November 19, 2025	Organizations notified of invitation for full proposal
December 3, 2025 (1-2pm, Zoom)	Proposal development workshop (optional)
December 3, 2025-March 1, 2026	Collaboration with Massey researchers
March 2, 2026	Full application due
April 15, 2026	Award notification
June 1, 2026	Grant Initiation Date
December 15, 2026	6-month progress report due
June 15, 2027	Midpoint progress report due
December 15, 2027	18-month progress report due
May 31, 2028	Project completion date
June 15, 2028	Final written report due

Questions?

For more information, contact Massey grant administration at
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