



Komen Northeast Ohio Guiding Principles in Grantmaking

Susan G. Komen[®] is committed to fulfilling our promise to save lives and end breast cancer forever through empowering people, ensuring quality care for all, and energizing science to find the cures. Our Guiding Principles in Grantmaking assist in holding Komen Northeast Ohio and our grantees to the highest standards of accountability.

With funds raised at Komen Northeast Ohio, we provide financial support to local agencies through large community grants that support evidence-based strategies and promising practices aimed at reducing disparities in breast cancer mortality within our 22 county service area.

Grant funding is prioritized according to the needs as identified by the Komen Northeast Ohio Community Profile. Komen Northeast Ohio's Guiding Principles in Grantmaking provide a framework for all potential grant applicants and our grants are awarded based on the following principles:

Impact – Komen Northeast Ohio strongly supports programs that impact multiple individuals, groups, families and/or communities with large populations of high-risk individuals. Funded projects reach high-risk populations through interventions or programs that impact multiple levels on the continuum of care.

Collaboration – Komen Northeast Ohio and our grantees collaborate and build partnerships with key stakeholders, legislators, community members, and grassroots organizations to leverage existing resources. A strong priority is given to funding requests that include the coordination of services and information sharing among organizations to strengthen the continuum of care. Komen Northeast Ohio values maximizing resources to ensure program sustainability.

Cultural Competence – Cultural competence in healthcare ensures a high level of care is delivered to patients with diverse values, beliefs and behaviors, including tailoring delivery to meet patients' social, cultural, and linguistic needs. Programs initiated by Komen Northeast Ohio and our grantees will promote cultural competency through information and education on the latest in breast health practices. In accordance with this principle, Komen Northeast Ohio values grant programs representative of the communities they serve.

Shared Learning – Komen Northeast Ohio will foster an environment of shared learning amongst our grantees and between the grantee and Komen Northeast Ohio, allowing everyone to learn from each other's success and experience. Komen funds evidence-based and outcome-driven programming. Sharing information on how grantees were able to impact lives or to demonstrate return-on-investment enhances the process for all and raises the probability of success for future grantees.