



2026 – 2027 IEHP Foundation (IEHPF) Healthy Communities Grant Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for a 2026 – 2027 IEHPF Healthy Communities Grant, the applicant organizations must meet the following criteria. Exceptions may be made in *very rare and unique* circumstances. For any questions, email grants@iehpfoundation.org.

- **Nonprofit, public benefit organizations** with evidence of tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and:
 - Have been operating for no less than 3 years (2023 – present).
 - Have had an annual operating budget over \$500,000 for the past 3 years (2023 – present).
 - Are headquartered and/or have a significant presence in Riverside and/or San Bernardino County
- Have programs/services that primarily serve **Inland Empire children, youth or families** from one or more of the following IEHPF priority populations:
 - Low-income households and/or those living in poverty
 - Rural and remote communities
 - Communities experiencing the poorest health outcomes. This includes cities with a Healthy Places Index (HPI) score lower than the 25th percentile. For more information about HPI, [click here](#).
- Provide direct services, lead collective action and/or engage in advocacy efforts focused on at least one of IEHPF’s priority Vital Condition action areas below. For more information about Vital Conditions for Health & Well-Being, [click here](#).
 - **Basic Needs for Health & Safety**
 - Access to healthy food and nutrition services
 - Reducing unhealthy behaviors and addictions
 - Access to physical health services
 - Access to mental health services
 - **Meaningful Work & Wealth**
 - Access to education programs/ career pathways for healthcare and social service workforce
 - Access to education programs and job placement for community members who are under-insured, not insured or on Medi-Cal.
 - Access to education programs/career pathways to upskill community members to high-wage and living wage careers
 - **Humane Housing**
 - Access to safe living conditions for unhoused families
 - Access to affordable housing for housing insecure
 - Access to home ownership
- Have a 2025 or 2026 Candid Guidestar Seal of Transparency rating of either gold or platinum. [Click here](#) to learn more about how to obtain this status.



Organizations that are not eligible to apply include:

- Private foundations
- 501(c)(4) organizations
- Organizations who are part of the 2025-2026 Champions for Vibrant Health Leadership Network
- Organizations and networks who received a 2025 Responsive or Regional Collaborative Grant and have not yet completed their grant cycle and impact report.
- Organizations and networks who have submitted an application for a 2026 Healthy Organizations grant.

Fiscally Sponsored Organizations or Networks:

IEHPF recognizes that impactful work often begins before formal nonprofit status is established. Organizations that do not yet have a nonprofit designation may apply for funding from IEHPF utilizing an eligible fiscal sponsor, provided both the fiscal sponsor and the sponsored organization and its project align with IEHPF's Healthy Communities grant eligibility requirements and goals. A fiscal sponsor is an IRS 501(c)(3) organization that agrees to receive and manage grant funds on behalf of another organization. The fiscal sponsor must meet all eligibility criteria.

Any organization that intends to utilize a fiscal sponsor should email grants@iehpfoundation.org before submitting their Letter of Inquiry to confirm eligibility.