



## **2026 - 2027 IEHP Foundation (IEHPF) Healthy Communities Grant Systems Change Goals**

In order to be eligible for a 2026 -2027 IEHPF Healthy Communities Grant, an applicant's proposed project/use of funds must align with *at least one* of IEHPF's Systems Change goals. These grants are intended to promote sustainable change that lasts beyond the one year grant cycle.

### **Systems Change Goals:**

Healthy Communities grants aim to advance IEHPF's Systems Change goals. These goals intend to expand the collective action of nonprofit organizations, collaborations and networks to effectively advocate for better health policies, strengthen regional workforce development efforts (especially in health, social services and to address the workforce requirements to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility) and focus on improving population health outcomes for Inland Empire children, youth and families experiencing the poorest health outcomes and that can be sustained beyond the one-year lifecycle of the grant.

These Systems Change goals fall into three goal categories. Each goal category has 2 - 3 indicators of success that an organization can use to demonstrate advancement in that goal category.

Each organization must select one goal category (e.g., SC 2) and 1 - 2 indicators of success (e.g., SC 2.1) that their proposed project/use of funds aligns with.

To streamline reporting, applicants may not select more than one goal category and two indicators of success.

### **Goal Categories & Indicators of Success:**

**SC Goal Category 1: Strengthen communications and policy/advocacy efforts that promote positive health outcomes for children, youth and families in the Inland Empire.** Indicators of success include:

- **SC 1.1:** Advanced policy and collective advocacy at the local, state and federal levels that promote health equity
- **SC 1.2:** Increased ability to enact healthy behaviors for community members through trusted messengers via communications campaigns

**SC Goal Category 2: Strengthen the Inland Empire workforce to better address health access needs for children, youth and families in the Inland Empire.** Indicators of success include:

- **SC 2.1:** Increased diversity of the healthcare and social service workforce in the Inland Empire and/or increased enrollment/advancement in healthcare education and career pipelines.
- **SC 2.2:** Increased access and availability to education and workforce training programs and placement for community members to retain Medi-Cal/healthcare insurance.
- **SC 2.3:** Increased access and availability for community members to upskill to high-wage and living wage careers.

**SC Goal Category 3: Improve population health outcomes for children, youth and families in the Inland Empire currently experiencing the poorest health outcomes.** Indicators of success include:

- **SC 3.1:** Decreased gaps in health equity between Inland Empire subregions and subpopulations
- **SC 3.2:** Improved community conditions and environments that promote health equity, including the availability of healthy food and spaces for physical activity
- **SC 3.3:** Decreased rates of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, asthma and poor mental health days among IEHPF's priority populations

#### **Sample Projects:**

Below is a list of sample projects and use of funds that would align with Systems Change goals and indicators of success. This list is for illustrative purposes only and is not exhaustive.

- Community Health Worker Hub
- Merger of two organizations
- Expansion of Healthcare internships and fellowships
- Expanded case management or workforce development training for Medi-Cal retention
- Coalition strategic planning to expand regional affordable housing development
- Pilot mental health program for school-aged children
- Pooled funding for a diabetes prevention program for families in rural/remote communities