

2026 – 2027 IEHP Foundation (IEHPF) Healthy Communities Grant Summary

Healthy Communities grants provide funding and support to nonprofit organizations, collaboratives or networks addressing regional health needs, social drivers of health (SDPH) and systems change efforts for Inland Empire community residents who are experiencing the poorest health outcomes in low-income communities, rural or remote areas and/or communities with a Healthy Places Index (HPI) score lower than 25. The grant focuses on supporting projects and activities that improve the organization or network's capacity to effectively advocate for better health policies, strengthen regional workforce development efforts (especially in health, social services and for the purposes of Medi-Cal retention) and focus on improving population health outcomes that can be sustained beyond the one-year lifecycle of the grant.

Healthy Communities grants are awarded twice a year and have a one-year grant lifecycle. Awards will range from \$20,000 - \$75,000, although exceptions may apply. Organizations may only apply once per calendar year and must address at least one of the IEHPF's priority [Vital Conditions](#). **Additionally, organizations cannot submit an application for a 2026 - 2027 Healthy Communities grant if they plan to submit a request for a 2026 - 2027 Healthy Organizations grant.**

To apply, organizations, networks and collaborative will complete a brief Eligibility Quiz to determine eligibility and submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) with a brief description of the project or activity they hope to fund with the Healthy Communities grant. IEHPF staff members will then will review the LOI and determine if the organization, network or collaborative will be invited to the full application on a rolling basis, but by the invitation deadline below.

Please note that applicants are encouraged to submit their LOIs early to allow for greater time to complete an application, if invited. However, as long as an LOI is submitted by the deadline, the project will be evaluated and considered for funding.

2026 – 2027 Grant Cycles & Timelines

There will be two grant cycles for 2026 – 2027 IEHPF Healthy Organizations Grants. Please see table below for key dates and deadlines.

Virtual Information Sessions will be held online and live during the times below. Attendance is optional and a recording will be available on the IEHPF Website Grants page approximately 3-5 business days after the live session. There will be a live Question and Answer portion during each of the Virtual Information Sessions, so applicants with questions are encouraged to attend the live session.

During the Virtual Information Sessions, additional information about the criteria for evaluation.

	Grant Cycle 1	Grant Cycle 2
Letters of Inquiry (LOI) submission period opens	February 26, 2026	July 14, 2026
Virtual Information Session - Live*	9am – 10am PT on March 13, 2026. Click here to register.	11am – 12pm PT on August 5, 2026. Click here to register.
LOI submission period closes	5pm PT on April 3, 2026	5pm PT on August 31, 2026
Invitations to Application sent to LOIs approved	March 1, 2026 – April 17, 2026	July 20 – September 14, 2026
Applications Due	5pm PT on May 11, 2026	5pm PT on October 5, 2026
Final Status Notification	May 25, 2026	October 30, 2026
Grant Payments	Mid June 2026	Late November 2026
Grant Cycle	July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027	January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027
	5pm PT on August 6, 2027	5pm PT on February 4, 2028

How to Apply

- **Step 1:** Review the [Eligibility Criteria](#) to confirm your organization is eligible to apply.
- **Step 2:** Review the [Grant Goals](#) to confirm your organization’s proposed project/use of funds aligns with these goals.
- **Step 3:** Submit a [Letter of Inquiry \(LOI\)](#) via IEHPF’s [Grants Management Portal](#). Prior to submitting the LOI, you will need to complete a brief eligibility quiz to confirm your eligibility. More detailed instructions regarding this step will be available during the Virtual Information Session.
 - IEHPF Staff Members will review the LOIs and provide final notice of next steps on a rolling basis, in the order the grants are received, but no later than the Application Invitation deadline listed above. Any LOI submitted by the deadline will be reviewed and considered.
- **Step 4:** If invited to submit a full application, complete the application within IEHPF’s [Grant Management Portal](#) by the Application deadline listed above. [Click here](#) for a copy of the grant application.
- **Step 6:** Applications will be reviewed and applicants will be notified of the grant request final status by the Final Status notification deadline listed above.
- **Step 7:** If approved, grant payments will be made within 10 business days of a completed grant agreement.

- **Step 8:** Submit a [Grant Impact Report](#) to provide an update about the use and impact of the grant funds.
 - Grant Reports will be due approximately 6 weeks after the completion of the grant cycle.
 - Organizations will not be eligible to apply for a 2027 - 2028 Healthy Organizations or Healthy Communities grant unless a 2026 - 2027 Grant Report has been submitted.

Communications

- Email communications regarding the status of your application will come from IEHP Foundation Grants <administrator@grantinterface.com> or grants@iehpfoundation.org. Make sure both these email addresses are marked safe on your server to avoid communications being blocked or sent to a SPAM folder.

Additional Questions

- For any additional questions, comments or accommodation needs, please email grants@iehpfoundation.org. Please allow 1 – 3 business days for a response.

What will not be funded

- Academic scholarships
- Endowments
- Individuals
- Major capital projects
- Private Foundations
- Retroactive funding
- Sabbaticals
- Vehicles