



Igniting Vibrant Health in the Inland Empire.

2026 – 2027 Healthy Organizations & Healthy Communities Grants – Cycle 2
Virtual Information Session
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Information Session Overview

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- **Responsive Grant Overview**
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 - Funding Priorities & Eligibility Criteria
 - Lessons Learned from Cycle 1
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- **Questions & Answers (time permitting)**

A recording of this webinar will be available at iehpfoundation.org/grants within 3 business days, and a follow-up email will also be sent to those who registered for the call with a link to the recording and copy of this presentation.

Information Session Logistics

- As you have questions, type them into the Teams Webinar Q & A feature.
- We will do our best to answer them live but may need to follow-up after the webinar.
- For additional questions, email grants@iehpfoundation.org. Allow 3 – 5 business days for a response.



About IEHP Foundation

Our Why

At IEHP Foundation, we know that healthy living starts long before and extends well beyond a doctor's visit. That's why we collaborate with nonprofit organizations and invest in initiatives that strengthen the building blocks for good health.

Because when everyone in the Inland Empire lives a full and vibrant life, our region thrives!



Igniting Vibrant Health Together!

IEHP Foundation is a separate nonprofit organization, created by **Inland Empire Health Plan** as a strategic investment in a community-centered approach to tackle health disparities from the start.

While the health plan delivers clinic-based healthcare services, the Foundation focuses on improving the community conditions that shape a person's health, like access to food, housing, mental health care and economic opportunity. Our independence as an organization allows us to invest flexibly in long-term, community-led solutions to help improve health and wellness across the region.



Advancing Vibrant Health in the Inland Empire.



Building Capacity of *Trusted Health Messengers*



Champions for Vibrant Health

After success of our first cohort, looking forward to launching our second cohort.

More information to come – application will open this fall.



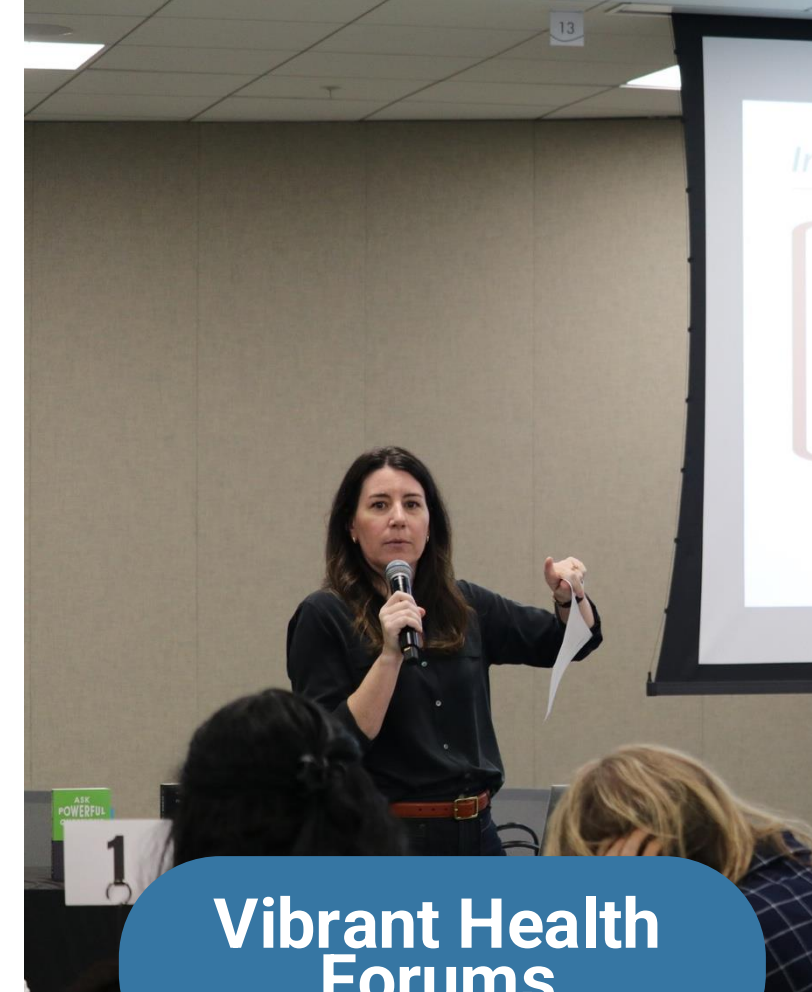
Capacity Building Grants 2025-2026

25 Small Nonprofit Capacity Building Graduates

22 Major Gift Cohort Graduates

20 Organizations selected for 2026 Storytelling Cohort

\$125k awarded in grants



Vibrant Health Forums

Convene hundreds of nonprofit leaders on a quarterly basis to learn about the issues that shape health & strengthen the nonprofit sector.

Join us for our upcoming Vibrant Health Forum: AI For Impact on August 13, 2026. Register at iehpfoundation.org/events



Responsive Grants 2025

30 Nonprofits funded

\$470k invested in projects supporting CHWs, mental health care, housing, youth programs and more.

Building Healthier Communities

IEHP Foundation invests in **place-based initiatives** including:

- **Blue Zones Projects** in Banning, Coachella, Palm Springs, Riverside and Mead Valley.
- **Vibrant Villages** in Barstow and San Bernardino city.



VIBRANT VILLAGES



Responsive Grants Overview:

Goals & Eligibility Criteria

2026 – 2027 Responsive Grants Summary

- Flexible funding to meet emerging needs of Inland Empire nonprofit partners and collaboratives who address **social drivers of health**.
- Since Cycle 1, based on lessons learned, implemented the following changes:
 - No LOIs, only applications
 - Only coalitions, collaborations and networks can apply for Healthy Communities
- Two grant cycles for 2026 – 2027, dates and deadlines on slide 32
 - Applications for Cycle 2 are now open through August 31
- Two opportunities based on goals of proposed use of funds:
 - **Healthy Organizations:** Organization Strength goals
 - **Healthy Communities:** Systems Change goals

Organizations may only apply once per grant year and to only one type of opportunity.

Healthy Organizations vs. Healthy Communities: Focus & Goals

Healthy Organizations (Most Projects)

- Supports individual organizations in building their internal capacity and infrastructure
- Focus on advancing IEHPF's Organizational Strength goals
 1. **Increase financial resources and infrastructure** – new technologies, increased sustainable investments and improved internal processes
 2. **Improve leadership skills and practices** – improved staff knowledge, change leadership practices and organization participation in collaboratives
 3. **Improve reach/quality of services** – expansion to new population, increased depth, increased efficiency/effectiveness

Healthy Communities

- Supports systems-change efforts across organizations or networks/collaboratives
- Focus on advancing IEHPF's Systems Change goals
 1. **Strengthen communications & policy/advocacy** efforts that promote positive health outcomes
 2. **Strengthen IE workforce** – healthcare/social service, workforce placement/training for Medi-Cal retention, upskilling to living-wage careers
 3. **Improve population health outcomes** – improved community conditions/environments & decreased rates of chronic conditions (diabetes, cardiovascular disease, asthma, poor mental health)

Healthy Organizations vs. Healthy Communities: Eligibility Criteria

	Healthy Organizations	Healthy Communities
Organization Annual Budget Past 3 years (2023 – present)	\$200,000 or more	\$500,000 or more
Fiscally sponsored organizations eligible	Yes	No
Grant Award Amounts	\$5,000 - \$20,000	\$20,000 - \$75,000
Recommended For	- Organizations in need of internal infrastructure and capacity building support - One-time projects and upgrades to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of SDOH delivery	- Collaboratives, coalitions and networks - Mid – large scale pilot, expansion, or community/system transformation projects - Organizations addressing Medi-Cal retention strategies (e.g., case management, workforce development training, job placement)
Sample Projects	- Electronic Health Records system upgrade - Refrigeration for cold food storage - Website and marketing material upgrades/translations - Development of curriculum for a new program - Staff training on trauma-informed care - Consultant to lead strategic planning process	- Community Health Worker Hub - Exploration of 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 collaborative mental health program

Healthy Organizations vs. Healthy Communities

- Both grant opportunities are open to organizations that address **social drivers of health (SDOH)**
- Organizations do not need to be headquartered in the Inland Empire but do need to demonstrate a significant presence in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties
- Organizations can be a direct or indirect service provider – could be a coalition that supports direct service providers or promotes collective advocacy
- Grant opportunities are intended for 501(c)(3) organizations only
 - If a collaborative or public entity – consider having a partner organization apply on behalf of project.
 - Only one application should be submitted per project – multiple organizations should not be applying for the same project.
- Both grant opportunities require alignment with IEHPF's priority populations and Vital Condition action areas

Healthy Communities: Coalition & Collaborative Definition

To qualify for a Healthy Communities Grant, a formal coalition or collaborative is generally defined by the following criteria:

- Consist of **three or more independent organizations**
- Have a **documented shared mission, purpose or community objective**
- Demonstrate an **established history of collaboration**
- Hold **regularly scheduled meetings**
- Engage in **ongoing coordinated activities** beyond information sharing, such as joint planning, program implementation, advocacy, systems change, or collective impact efforts
- Have an **identified leadership structure**, facilitator or governance process
- Maintain documentation such as meeting agendas, minutes, membership lists, or a charter/MOU that demonstrates active collaboration

Priority Populations

- Organizations must serve Inland Empire children, youth or families from one or more of the priority populations:
 - Low-income households and/or those living in poverty
 - Rural or remote communities
 - Communities experiencing the poorest health outcomes. This includes cities with a [Healthy Places Index](#) (HPI) score lower than the 25th percentile.



Vital Condition Action Areas

- **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



[Vital Conditions - Inland Empire Vital Conditions Network](#)

Official Recognition as Public, 501c(3) Nonprofit

- Must have own EIN
 - If applying with fiscal sponsor for Healthy Organizations grant, fiscal sponsor must meet all eligibility criteria
- Must be in good standing with the IRS and not delinquent on any tax filings
- Cannot be a private non-operating Foundation
- Cannot be a 501c(4) organization
- Officially recognized means the organization had been given tax-exempt status as a nonprofit by CA and/or federal government
- Organizations that were fiscally sponsored for 3+ years and now have their own EIN may be considered. Email grants@iehpfoundation.org for consideration.



Annual Operating Budget

- The organization's annual operating budget for the past three years must be greater than the minimum listed for each grant opportunity
 - Healthy Organizations: \$200,000+
 - Healthy Communities: \$500,000+
- Past three years includes 2023 – present.
- Annual operating budget includes all anticipated revenue and expenses for the organization.
- Organizations that have had an operating budget that exceeds minimum for more than one year, but less than 3 years, **may** be considered. Email grants@iehpfoundation.org for consideration.

Candid Guidestar Seal of Transparency

- Organizations must have a 2025 or 2026 Candid Guidestar Seal of Transparency rating of either gold or platinum.
- Organizations can obtain this seal by updating their Candid profile with demographic and financial information. Updates can be completed in a day.
- If your organization has not claimed/verified a profile, plan for up to 5 business days for your organization's account to be verified.
- IEHP Foundation is leveraging Candid Guidestar to decrease administrative time to complete applications and enhance data available on nonprofit landscape.

Candid.



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in the U.S.
nonprofit
sector



Candid Guidestar Seal of Transparency

IEHP Foundation

Location: Rancho Cucamonga,
CA

EIN: 36-5021477

Tax status: 501(c)(3) Public
Charity



- Candid Guidestar is to be updated on an annual basis.
- For information on how to update profile, [click here](#).
- Assistance from IEHP Foundation is available upon request.

Organizations NOT eligible for funding

- ✓ Organizations who received a 2025 Responsive Grant and who have not yet completed the grant cycle or submitted a progress report.
- ✓ Cycle 1 Healthy Organizations or Healthy Communities Grant Recipients
- ✓ 501c4 organizations
- ✓ Public entities or local education agencies
 - These organizations may partner with a 501c3 organization to submit on behalf of a joint project
- ✓ 2025 – 2026 Champions for Vibrant Health Leadership Network participating organizations – must reach out to IEHP Foundation prior to submitting an application for Healthy Communities.

Projects/Activities NOT eligible for funding

- ✓ Projects where overhead costs exceed 30%
- ✓ Projects that have already received funding or applied for current grant cycle year (2026 – 2027)
- ✓ Large Capital Projects
 - IEHPF does not typically fund major capital projects.
 - Smaller projects like upgrades to an afterschool program room, playground equipment, etc. may be considered eligible to apply.
 - If your organization seeks capital funding, big or small, please email grants@iehpfoundation.org for additional discussion to determine eligibility

FAQ sheet will be updated on an ongoing basis with additional insight into potential project eligibility.

Application Overview: How to Apply & Key Dates

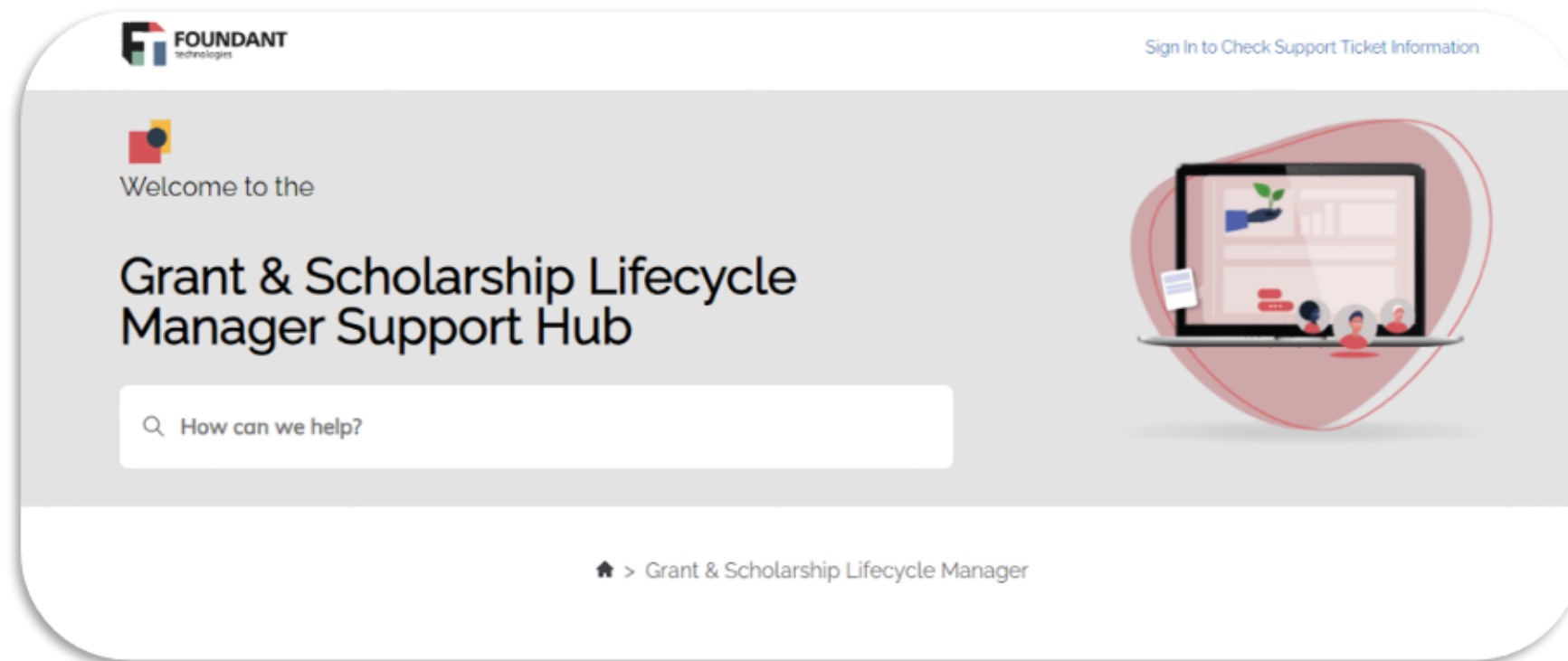
Grants Management Portal

IEHP Foundation uses Foundation Grants Lifecycle Management (GLM) as the platform to management all grant and funding opportunities.

- To access, go to iehpfoundation.org and click on Grantee Portal in the upper righthand corner.
- For additional information on available grant/funding opportunities click the Grant tab.



Tutorials and Support



- Foundant Support Hub offers a library of tutorials, please reference as needed: [Grant & Scholarship Lifecycle Manager – Foundant Technologies](#)
- Recommended to use “applicant” as a key word in searching for tutorials and support.
- Specific helpful tutorials are linked throughout the application process.

Organization Profile

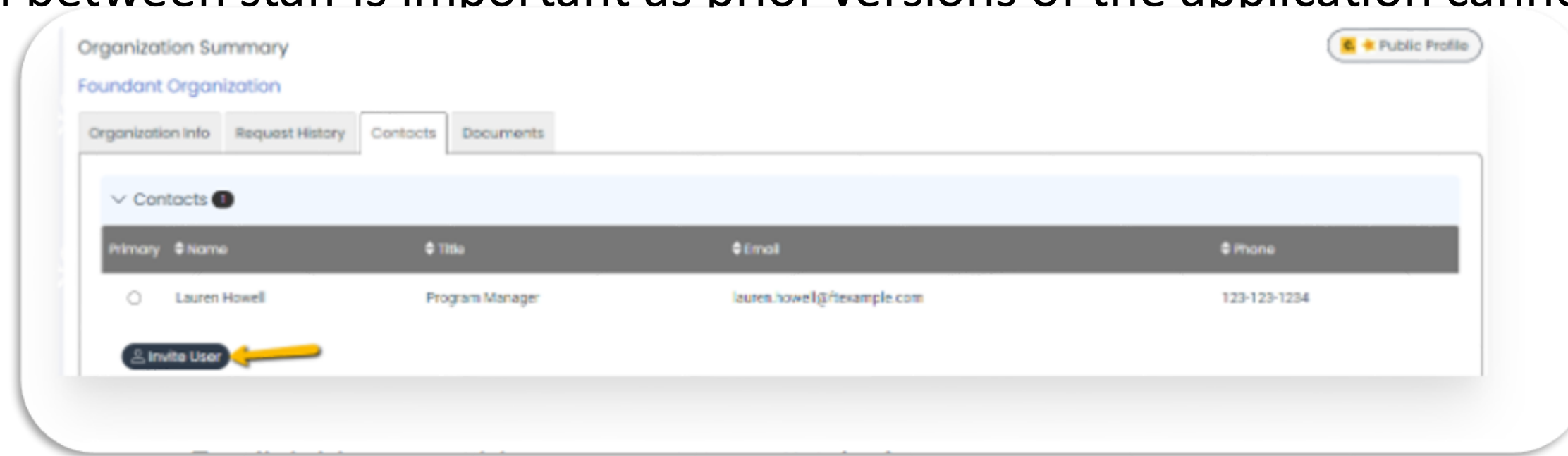
- Each **organization** should have one profile in IEHP Foundation's grant management portal
 - If another funder for your organization uses Foundant GLM, a profile will need to be created in IEHP Foundation's grant management portal, as profiles are not shared between funders.
 - If your organization has received funding from IEHP Foundation before, an organization profile already exists. **Do not create a new profile.**
- Each **organization** should only submit one application for this opportunity. Organizations that submit more than one application will not be considered.
- Organization information needed to setup an account is minimal:
 - Name of Organization
 - EIN
 - Address
 - Website
 - Phone Number
 - Email Address
 - Primary Contact
 - Mission Statement
 - IEHPF Subregions Served
 - Vital Conditions Addressed

Individual (User) Profile

- Each individual should have their own, unique user profile. IEHP Foundation recommends that users do not share logins.
- Individuals (grant writers) that represent multiple organizations can have one login.
- **Applicant** for the grant will be IEHPF's main point of contact for grant updates.
 - Primary contacts will be copied on the email communications
- Individual contact information needed to setup an account includes:
 - Name
 - Job Title
 - Address – use official organization address/place of work. Do not use personal address
 - Email
 - Phone Number
 - Password

Individual (User) Profile

- Each organization will need **one primary contact identified**. This contact can be the same as the applicant or it can be another staff member
 - Primary contact must have signing rights for the organization.
 - Primary contact will be copied on all communications from portal, if different than individual applying
- Multiple individuals can be assigned and invited to work on the application. Instructions available [here](#). Please note individuals must work asynchronously on the application.
- Communication between staff is important as prior versions of the application cannot be recovered.



Eligibility Quiz

- Before navigating to the application for either Healthy Organizations or Healthy Communities, applicants must complete a **brief** Eligibility Quiz
- Eligibility Quiz only takes a few minutes to complete
- If your organization passes the eligibility quiz, instructions will then be provided directly on the Grants Management Portal for how to access the application

✓ Eligibility Questions

Is your organization a public, 501c3 nonprofit with up-to-date tax (Form 990) filings?*

Organizations that are eligible to apply must be a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and must not be a non-operating private foundation. IEHP Foundation will not be considering fiscally sponsored organizations for this opportunity.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Has your organization been in operation as an officially recognized nonprofit for 3 years or more?*

Organizations that are eligible to apply must have been a formally recognized nonprofit organization since 2023.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Application

- Provide details on project plan, evaluation and impact – approx. 2 – 3 hours
- **Project Details**
 - Project Budget & Amount Requested
 - Project Plan Description
 - Budget Narrative
 - Partnership or Collaboration Description
 - Description of challenge project is addressing
- **Alignment and Sustainability**
 - Description of how project supports IEHPF priority population through a Vital Condition action area
 - Description of how project contributes to the long-term sustainability of your organization/collaborative
- **Expected Outcomes**
 - Description of intended outcomes for the Goal Category & Indicator(s) of success selected
- **Optional:** Additional Information & Process Feedback

Key Dates & Deadlines – Cycle 2

Application Opens	Tuesday, July 14, 2026
Information Session	11am - 12pm on August 5, 2026
Application Closes	5pm PT on August 31, 2026
Final Selections Notified	Late September 2026
Grant Payments	Early November 2026
Grant Cycle	January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027
Reports Due	5pm PT on February 4, 2028



Decision Process

IEHPF Evaluation Framework- ARCH

- All requests received by IEHP Foundation are evaluated by no less than two staff members
- All request are evaluated using the ARCH framework. While individual measures of evaluation differ by grant, all measures fall into 4 categories:
 - **Accountability:** Organization demonstrates accountability to funders and community by being operationally efficient through healthy finances and strong leadership.
 - **Results-Oriented:** Organization strives to achieve results that are identifiable, measurable and demonstrate progress towards data-driven decisions.
 - **Connectedness:** Organizations intentionally connects with community and networks with other organizations
 - **Health Outcomes:** Organization is positioned as a trusted messenger of health to IEHP Foundation's priority populations through improving health outcomes related to IEHP Foundation's priority Vital Condition action areas.
- Not an exact science – consideration given to population and region served to ensure diversity and full region is served in each grant opportunity.

Application – Healthy Organizations

Evaluation Principle	Measure
Accountability	1.1 Organizational Need Organization clearly articulates why the project is timely and needed for their organization.
	1.2 Readiness to Achieve Impact Organization demonstrates the appropriate leadership, staff and organizational resources to achieve the desired outcomes.
	1.3 Navigation of Potential Challenges Organization clearly describes potential challenges that may impact the success of the project and thoughtfully explains how they intend to navigate/mitigate challenges.
Results-Oriented	2.1 Project Plan design Organization demonstrates a project plan with clearly defined deliverables that are aligned with IEHPF's Organizational Strength goals and demonstrates good financial stewardship of funds.
	2.2 Potential for Impact Organization articulates clearly an impact evaluation plan that is feasible and aligned with IEHPF's organizational strength goals.
	2.3 Application Completeness Organization adheres to all instructions in the application and answers all parts of question thoroughly, thoughtfully and succinctly.
Connectedness	3.1 Community Connection & Input Organization articulates their connection to target populations(s) and how they incorporate community voice or feedback in their program design and/or evaluation.
	3.2 Partnership Support Organization articulates an intentional leverage of partnerships for their project, if applicable. <i>This may not be applicable for some Healthy Organizations projects.</i>
	3.3 Geographic Reach Organization serves a region that is traditionally underserved due to geographic barriers.
Health Outcomes	4.1 Vital Condition Alignment Organization clearly articulates how their project will help them more sustainably advance Vibrant Health in at least one of IEHPF's priority Vital Condition action areas.
	4.2 Priority Population Alignment Organization clearly articulates how their project will help them more sustainably and effectively serve IEHPF's priority populations.
	4.3 Sustainability Organization clearly articulates how they will sustain the success of the project beyond the one-year grant lifecycle.

Application – Healthy Communities

Evaluation Principle	Measure
Accountability	1.1 Organizational/Network Need Organization clearly articulates why the project is timely and needed for their organization or network.
	1.2 Readiness to Achieve Impact Organization demonstrates the appropriate leadership, staff and organizational/network resources to achieve the desired outcomes.
	1.3 Navigation of Potential Challenges Organization clearly describes potential challenges that may impact the success of the project and thoughtfully explains how the organization/network intend to navigate/mitigate challenges.
Results-Oriented	2.1 Project Plan design Organization demonstrates a project plan with clearly defined deliverables that are aligned with IEHPF's Systems Change goals and demonstrates good financial stewardship of funds.
	2.2 Potential for Impact Organization articulates clearly an impact evaluation plan that is feasible and aligned with IEHPF's systems change goals.
	2.3 Application Completeness Organization adheres to all instructions in the application and answers all parts of question thoroughly, thoughtfully and succinctly.
Connectedness	3.1 Community Connection & Input Organization articulates their connection to target populations(s) and how they incorporate community voice or feedback in their program design and/or evaluation.
	3.2 Partnership Support Organization articulates an intentional leverage of partnerships for their project and demonstrates clearly defined roles for each partner.
	3.3 Geographic Reach Organization serves a region that is traditionally underserved due to geographic barriers.
Health Outcomes	4.1 Vital Condition Alignment Organization clearly articulates how their project will help their organization/network more sustainably advance Vibrant Health in at least one of IEHPF's priority Vital Condition action areas.
	4.2 Priority Population Alignment Organization clearly articulates how their project will help their organization/network more sustainably and effectively serve IEHPF's priority populations.
	4.3 Sustainability Organization clearly articulates how the success of the project will be sustained beyond the one-year grant lifecycle.

What makes for a strong submission?

- Projects proposed are aligned with IEHPF's mission AND organization/network's mission.
- Leveraging of partnerships will be a key evaluation criteria for Healthy Communities
- Consider how the project will incorporate community voice/feedback
- Be specific yet succinct
- Capacity building and sustainability are important evaluation elements.
- Address all components of any given question
- Given limited word count - focus on alignment of your organization/network's programs, services and project with IEHPF's mission, priority populations and Vital Condition action areas
- Reach out to grants@iehpfoundation.org if you'd like to discuss your proposed project prior to submission. Please note that discussions will be scheduled based on availability – reach out early.

Reporting & Engagement

Reporting & Engagement

- One grant impact report will be required to be submitted no later than 6 weeks after the close of the grant cycle.
 - Organizations should not submit grant report ahead of the end of the grant cycle.
 - Reports will be submitted through GLM – if staff change during the grant cycle, please notify IEHPF to make sure notifications are sent to the right organization contact.
 - Indicators of success are intended to allow flexible in reporting.
 - Please keep in mind a success story to showcase the impact of the funds.
- Copy of grant impact report is included in the Grant Summaries for each responsive grant opportunity.
- During the grant cycle, IEHPF staff may reach out to schedule a site visit to learn more about your organization, project and use of IEHPF funds. We also encourage organizations to invite us proactively to their sites.

Important Notes

- **Apply early:** Allow sufficient response time for any questions, updates to Candid Guidestar and technology concerns. Late applications **will not** be accepted.
- **Status Updates:** Email communications regarding the status of your application will come from IEHP Foundation Grants administrator@grantinterface.com and grants@iehpfoundation.org. You may also view your application status update by logging into the grants management portal.
- **Successful Submission:** An application is considered successfully submitted only if you receive a confirmation email.
- **Follow instructions:** Read all instructions carefully and thoroughly. Failure to adhere to instructions will impact the evaluation of your application.
- **Reach Out:** IEHP Foundation recognizes organizations may have unique and nuanced experiences. Email grants@iehpfoundation.org for any questions. Allow 1 – 3 business days for a response.
- **Be Honest:** IEHP Foundation values honesty and transparency. This opportunity is intended to be responsive to the opportunities and challenges facing Inland Empire nonprofits.

Questions & Answers

FAQ Sheet will be updated regularly on website based on questions received.



Thank You!