The California Health Equity and Racial Justice Fund

— We Are All Public Health —

We work best, and for the most people, when all of public health is fully funded and working together. Thus, we need continued investments in collaborative efforts across all sectors, including local health jurisdictions; hospitals; and community-based organizations, clinics, and tribal organizations (CBOs). And we need dedicated funding for each of those sectors, so they can lead where they are the experts. CBOs’ expertise lies in their trusted relationships with community leaders, multi-lingual capacity, and deep knowledge about the causes of and solutions to inequities at the local level. In another year of historic budget surplus, in the throes of deep, inequitable social and health impacts from COVID-19, CBOs can't be left out again.

Over 190 CA organizations support an ongoing commitment of at least $100 million to the Health Equity and Racial Justice Fund to support (CBOs) as part of a comprehensive approach to improving the health and well-being of our communities. Last year, the Legislature strongly supported investing in the Health Equity and Racial Justice Fund and deferred funding to the 2022/23 state budget.

The California Health Equity and Racial Justice Fund is a bold proposal to provide resources directly to CBOs to identify the most pressing health and racial justice issues in their communities and develop self-determined solutions to address them. Goals of the Fund are to: 1) reduce health and social inequities that impact communities of color and other historically marginalized communities and 2) transform community conditions and institutional government systems to promote racial justice.

Health Equity grants will support organizations to take action to reduce health inequities at the local level by addressing the social determinants of health which drive preventable diseases such as: 1) housing security, 2) food security & healthy food systems, 3) economic stability, 4) schools and childcare, 5) community violence & hate crimes, 6) youth criminal justice, and 7) health promoting built environments & environmental justice.

Racial Justice grants will support innovative approaches to promote racial justice via systems and governance changes such as: 1) overcoming structural barriers to racial equity in how government activities are implemented, 2) improving data systems and collection to ensure that demographic data recognizes all Californians, 3) supporting racially equitable leadership and participation in sectors such as arts and culture, technology, and research.

An Oversight and Accountability Committee with diverse representation will be established to collaborate with California Department of Public Health’s Office of Healthy Equity (OHE) in guiding the distribution, implementation, and assessment of impact of local and regional grants dispersed by the Fund. All grantees from the same geographic area will be required to participate in local collaboratives that include their local health departments to ensure coordination of efforts.

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Over 190 organizations have signed on in support of the Health Equity and Racial Justice Fund:

Abrazar, Inc.
Access Reproductive Justice
Albie Aware Breast Cancer Foundation
Alcohol Justice
Alliance for a Better Community
AltaMed Health Services
American Heart Association
API Equality-LA
APLA Health
APTP SAC
Asian Pacific Partners for Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership (APPEAL)
Asian Resources, Inc.
Asian Youth Center
BANII Health Center Inc.
Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII)
Be Smooth, Inc.
Berkeley Food Institute
Black Leadership Council
Black Women for Wellness Action Project
BreastfeedLA
CA4Health
California Access Coalition
California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits)
California Black Health Network
California Black Women's Collective
California Black Women's Health Project
California Chronic Care Collaborative in San Diego County
California Food and Farming Network
California Health Collaborative
California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative
California Immigrant Policy Center
California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
California Primary Care Association
California Reinvestment Coalition
California School Nurses Organization
California School-Based Health Alliance
California State University Channel Islands, Department of Health Science
California Urban Partnership
California4Health+ Advocates
Californians for Safety and Justice
Capitol City Black Nurses Association
Central California LGBTQIA+/25 Collaborative
Central Valley Immigrant Integration Collaborative (CVIIC)
Central Valley Pacific Islander Alliance
Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo Indígena Oaxaqueño
Centro Del Inmigrante
Ceres Community Project
Changelab Solutions
Changing Tides Family Services
Children's Cause Orange County
Children's Defense Fund-California
Christie's Place
Chula Vista Elementary School District
Comité Cívico Del Valle
Common Threads
Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo
Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)
Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County
Community Health Councils
Community Health Partnership, Inc.
Cooperation Humboldt
CRLA Foundation
Cultiva La Salud
Detour Empowers FANCY Teen Girls
Dignity Health
DOCS4POC
Dovetail Learning, Inc.
Ecology Center
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
Empowerment Association
End Hep C SF
Esperanza Community Housing Corporation
Essential Access Health
Face to Face, Ending HIV in Sonoma County
Faith in the Valley
First 5 Alameda County
Fresno Barrios Unidos
Fresno Community Health Improvement Partnership (FCHIP)
Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM)
Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce
God's Grace Outreach Ministries, International
Health Access California
Healthy African American Families
Healthy Hearts Institute
HEART of Davis
Helpline Youth Counseling
Hemophilia Council of California
Hmong Cultural Center
Human Impact Partners (HIP)
Humanidad Therapy & Education Services
I Am Love
Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Collective
Institute for Public Strategies
International Foundation for Autoimmune & Autoinflammatory Arthritis (AIArthritis)
Jakara Movement
Justice in Aging
JW Healthcare Insights
KIXE PBS
Korean Community Center of the East Bay
Korean Community Services
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
LC Disability Consulting
Leah's Pantry
Let's Kick ASS AIDS Survivor Syndrome
LifeLong Medical Care
Little Manila Rising
Liver Coalition of San Diego
Loma Linda University School of Public Health
Los Angeles Christian Health Centers
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches
Mark Horton LLC
Maternal and Child Health Access
Mental Health Advocacy Services
Mental Health America of Los Angeles
Merced County Department of Public Health
Mi Familia Vota
Mid-City Community Advocacy Network
Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP)
Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies
Multicultural Health Foundation
Mulvaneys B&L
NARAL Pro-Choice California
National Harm Reduction Coalition
National Health Law Program
National Union of Health Care Workers
NextGen California
NicOS Chinese Health Coalition
North Coast Clinics Network
Northern California Center for Well-Being
Nourish California
Nutrition and Fitness Collaborative of the Central Coast (NFCCC)
Ontrack Program Resources
Open Door Community Health Centers
Pacific Asian Counseling Services
Painted Brain
Partners in Care Foundation
Pesticide Action Network
Physicians for a Healthy California
Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California
PRC
Prevention Institute
Public Health Advocates
Public Health Institute
Public Health Strategies
Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition
Reach Out
Regional Asthma Management and Prevention
Regional Pacific Islander Taskforce - Bay Area
River Oak Center for Children
Roberts Family Development Center
Roots Community Health Center
Roots of Change
RYSE
Sacramento Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Advisory Board
Salud Para La Gente
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
San Francisco Senior and Disability Action
Sanctuary of Hope
Scripps Health
Second Baptist Church
Seeds of Hope
SEIU2015
Sepsis Alliance
SISTAHFRIENDS Women’s Counseling Services
South Bay Community Services
Southside Coalition of Community Health Centers
SSG/Asian Pacific Islander Forward Movement
SSG/PALS for Health
St. James Infirmary
Street Level Health Project
Substratum Systems LLC
Tarzana Treatment Centers Inc.
Thai Community Development Center
The Central Valley Urban Institute
The Children's Partnership
The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers
The Fresno Center
The G.R.E.N Foundation
The Health Trust
The Indigo Project
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health
The Unity Council
The Urban Collaborative Project
Think Dignity (formerly Girls Think Tank)
Toberman Neighborhood Center
Transformational Health and Wellness
Trinity Lutheran Church
United Parents and Students
United Way Bay Area
United Ways of California
United Women of East Africa Support Team
University of California Berkeley School of Public Health
Urban Strategies Council
Veritable Vegetable
Village Movement California
WALKSacramento
Watsonville Law Center
Wellspring Women’s Center
Western Center on Law and Poverty
Wholesome Wave
Wintu Education and Cultural Council
Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases (WORLD)
Worksite Wellness LA
YES Nature to Neighborhoods
Youth Forward
Youth Uprising