



# City Health Improvement Grant Program: Notice of Funding Opportunity

**August 12, 2026**

## **Our Mission**

To serve member health with excellence and dignity, respecting the value and needs of each person.

## **Our Vision**

Provide all members with access to care and supports to achieve optimal health and well-being through an equitable and high-quality health care system.

# Agenda

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For more information on this funding opportunity please visit: [www.caloptima.org/en/community-impact/calaim/igt-city-health-nofo](http://www.caloptima.org/en/community-impact/calaim/igt-city-health-nofo)

# Funding Opportunity

- City Health Improvement Grant Program
  - A noncompetitive funding opportunity for city efforts/initiatives that strengthen community health and improve the built environment for Medi-Cal members across Orange County
  - CalOptima Health has committed \$5.2 million in funds for this program
  - Designed to distribute funding throughout Orange County for projects that will have a measurable impact on member health and are not already covered Medi-Cal services

## Overarching Program Goals

Encourage physical activity, safe public spaces and community engagement

Increase opportunities for early detection of chronic diseases

City Health  
Improvement

Improve access to healthy food and mental wellness support

Improve environmental conditions and reduce related health risks

## Requirements

- Cities must be incorporated in Orange County
- Must not have an active CalOptima Health grant that duplicates this scope
- Cities that previously received CalOptima Health funding must be in good standing
- Only one application per city may be submitted
- Proposed projects must align with the eligible projects menu and occur at eligible project locations

## Requirements (cont.)

- Cities must commit to reporting the number of CalOptima Health members impacted (estimates allowable and described in the application)
- Cities must attest that funds will not supplant existing city resources

# Maximum Funding Allocations

| Segments                                          | Cities                    | Maximum Request |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Segment 1</b><br>(high volume/high percentage) | Anaheim, Santa Ana        | \$350,212.47    |
| <b>Segment 2</b><br>(mid-volume/high percentage)  | Garden Grove, Westminster | \$262,659.35    |

The maximum funding amounts listed above reflect the upper limit a city may request. Cities are not required to apply for the full maximum amount. These amounts are subject to increase if not all cities apply for this opportunity. If that occurs, confirmed applicants will have the opportunity to request additional support.

## Maximum Funding Allocations (cont.)

| Segments                                                     | Cities                                                                                                                                                                                               | Maximum Request |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Segment 3</b><br>(moderate volume/<br>average percentage) | Buena Park, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Huntington Beach, Irvine, La Habra, Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, Los Alamitos, Orange, Placentia, San Juan Capistrano, Stanton, Tustin             | \$175,106.24    |
| <b>Segment 4</b><br>(low volume/low<br>percentage)           | Aliso Viejo, Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, La Palma, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, Seal Beach, Villa Park, Yorba Linda | \$87,553.12     |

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# Eligible Projects

## Category 1: Community Wellness Infrastructure

- Community health and fitness hub
- Asthma-friendly playground improvements
- Outdoor wellness and recreation improvements

## Category 2: Preventive Health Access

- Community preventive health fair program
- Public health kiosk/self-service screening station

## Category 3: Food and Mental Health Supports

- Community garden/nutrition space
- Community mental health quiet rooms
- Healthy food pantry refrigeration

## Category 4: Environmental and Climate Health

- Shade and rain shelter structures
- Park hydration station
- Cooling center/heat relief program

A full description of each project and expected outcomes is available on the website:  
[www.caloptima.org/en/community-impact/calaim/igt-city-health-nofo](http://www.caloptima.org/en/community-impact/calaim/igt-city-health-nofo).

# Eligible Locations

| City Segment     | Eligible Project Locations                                                                                      |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Segment 4        | Shelters, interim housing, senior centers                                                                       |
| Segment 3        | Community centers, public childcare centers, shelters, interim housing, senior centers                          |
| Segments 1 and 2 | Public parks, libraries, community centers, public childcare centers, shelters, interim housing, senior centers |

# Funding Expenditures

- Allowable expenses:
  - Capital and infrastructure costs directly related to approved project types (e.g., installation of equipment, shade structures, kiosks, refrigeration units)
  - Community outreach, education and programming costs associated with funded projects
  - Reporting activities
- Costs other than capital and infrastructure, including community outreach, education and programming costs associated with funded projects and reporting activities, cannot account for more than 10% of the total budget (orange bullets above cannot account for more than 10% of the total budget)

Payment structure will be defined in the fully executed grant agreement for awarded grants.

# Funding Expenditures (cont.)

- Unallowable expenses:

- Administrative expenses
- Indirect expenses
- Lobbying activities
- Projects or costs that are already funded through other CalOptima Health sources or Medi-Cal covered services
- Projects outside the eligible projects menu or at nonapproved locations

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# Proposal Evaluation Criteria

| Criterion                        | Maximum Points |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| CalOptima Health Value Alignment | 10             |
| Project Description              | 20             |
| Program Implementation Plan      | 20             |
| Readiness                        | 15             |
| Capacity                         | 15             |
| Sustainability                   | 10             |
| Evaluation Plan                  | 10             |
| <b>Total Earnable Points</b>     | <b>100</b>     |

All projects must receive a score of 75 to be eligible for funding. Technical assistance will be provided to cities who need support in completing any portion of the application.

# Timeline

| Action                                               | Date                         |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Application Released/Portal Opens                    | July 31, 2026                |
| Bidder's Conference (virtual)                        | August 12, 2026              |
| Letter of Intent Deadline (determines who can apply) | August 31, 2026              |
| Confirm Applicants/Max funding Amounts               | September 15, 2026           |
| <b>Full Application Deadline</b>                     | <b>October 30, 2026</b>      |
| Internal Review                                      | November 2–December 31, 2026 |
| <b>CalOptima Health Board of Directors Meeting</b>   | <b>February 4, 2027</b>      |
| Formal Announcement of Approved Grants               | February 5, 2027             |
| Grant Start Dates                                    | April 1, 2027                |

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## Creating an Applicant Profile

1. Navigate to the [Applicant Portal](#)
  2. Click “Create New Account”
  3. Enter all requested information
  4. Each city should create only **one** organization profile
  5. You can add collaborators when completing your Letter of Intent and Application
    - For applicant resources and tutorials, click [here](#)
- For technical assistance, reach out to CalOptima Health's Grant Management Team at [communitygrants@caloptima.org](mailto:communitygrants@caloptima.org)



## Q&A

**CalOptima Health's Grant Management Team**  
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