



2021 East Valley Community Grants Program Initiative & Fact Sheet

Dignity Health is pleased to announce the official kick-off of the 2021 Dignity Health Community Grants Program for Dignity Health, East Valley including Chandler Regional Medical Center (CRMC) Mercy Gilbert Medical Center (MGMC) and Arizona General Hospital Mesa (MAGH) – Mesa on Wednesday June 10, 2020.

Community Grants Overview: The Right Resources in the Right Place at the Right Time

Philosophy

We cannot change the world by ourselves. Partnering with others who share our vision and values is the only way to bring about real improvements in the healthcare system. The Dignity Health Community Grants Program is funded by contributions from our member hospitals. Our Community of Care Grants Program is an important way we are working with others to address issues revolving around social determinants of health, as well as to increase access to quality health care, and improve quality of life in the communities we serve.

Grant funds are used to deliver services and strengthen service systems, to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable and underserved populations. The program is one way Dignity Health puts its mission and values into practice.

Priority

With the Community of Care Grants Program, Dignity Health realizes its mission and enhances the advocacy, social justice and the healthier communities' efforts of its hospitals along with their religious and community sponsors. Dignity Health seeks to partner with other nonprofit organizations that are working collaboratively with others to address significant health needs identified in the Chandler Regional Medical Center (CRMC), Mercy Gilbert Medical Center (MGMC), and Arizona General Hospital Mesa (MAGH) Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Significant health needs identified in the CHNA include:

Chandler Regional and Mercy Gilbert Medical Centers	Arizona General Hospital Mesa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Access to Care ● Mental Health Behavioral Health ● Diabetes ● Breast Cancer ● Injury Prevention ● Social Determinants of Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Homelessness ➢ Food insecurity ➢ Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Access to Care ● Mental Health Behavioral Health ● Overweight/Obesity ● Cancer ● Injury Prevention ● Social Determinants of Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Homelessness ➢ Food insecurity ➢ Transportation

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

The 2021 Community Grants Program is also accepting proposals addressing needs exacerbated or created by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (including physical or mental health, and health-related social, economic and human needs).

Funding Criteria

The Community Grants Program uses funding criteria to ensure that its charitable resources address health needs in ways that demonstrate accountability for impact. Grant applicants should ensure that their proposed projects:



- Address one or more prioritized significant needs in the local hospital’s Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and Implementation Strategy.
- Proposals addressing needs exacerbated or created by the coronavirus pandemic (including physical or mental health, and health-related social, economic and human needs) are encouraged.
- Serve identified vulnerable or underserved populations, to help address health disparities.
- Include three or more collaborating organizations (a “Community of Care”) with distinct, complementary and substantive project roles.
- Work in some capacity with Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, Chandler Regional Medical Center or Arizona General Mesa.
- Integrate one or more of the following principles:
 - Focus on disproportionate unmet health-related needs;
 - Emphasize primary prevention and address underlying causes of health problems;
 - Contribute to a seamless continuum of care;
 - Build community capacity; and
 - Demonstrate collaboration.
- Identify – and plan to evaluate and report on – specific and measurable outcome goals.

2021 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM TIMELINE	
July 10, 2020	Project Proposal Forms due
October 1, 2020	Applicants notified whether they have been selected for funding
November 1, 2020	14-month project year begins
December 31, 2021	Project year ends

Eligibility and Parameters

- Lead applicant and funded partners in accountable Community of Care collaboration must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
- Grant project awards are from \$20,000 up to \$100,000, at the discretion of the local Dignity Health hospital.
- Grant project performance period is 14 months from November 2020 – December 2021.

- Projects can serve specific community and/or patient populations.
- Organizations participating in more than one Community of Care or Dignity Health Grants Program will be limited to \$100,000 in funding.
- Mid-year and final written reports are required.
- A Community of Care that has been awarded five years of grant funding since 2017 will not be eligible to apply in 2022 grant cycle.
 - Year five is based on calendar years and does not have to be consecutive years. The Community of Care will need to take a three year bye-period before applying again in 2025
 - The funding term limits will apply to all Communities of Care.
 - Each year the grants committee will review funding history and sent a reminder notice to Communities of Care at their 4th year that they should ensure sustainability planning as they reach their 5th year of funding.

The Community Grants Program has awarded \$80 million to nearly 3,600 health improvement projects since 1991.

Application Process

1. Review the prioritized significant needs in the Dignity Health hospital’s CHNA report and Implementation Strategy (Download from: <https://www.dignityhealth.org/about-us/community-health/community-health-programs-and-reports/community-health-needs-assessments>).
2. Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the Grant Representative to inquire about specific funding priorities. Proposals addressing needs exacerbated or created by the coronavirus pandemic (including physical or mental health, and health-related social, economic and human needs) are encouraged, in addition to those addressing needs in a hospital’s community health needs assessment.
3. To access the East Valley Full Proposal Form and apply online visit <https://agency.e-cimpact.com/login.aspx?org=DignityHealth> .

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Community of Care Concepts/Tips

- Population Health Focus with targeted population.
- Seamless integrated approach to planning, implementation, monitoring, and reporting.
- Strong Communication among collaborative partners demonstrating
 - Trust
 - Transparency
 - Ongoing communication
 - Shared data
- Shared vision for resolving an “identified” problem.
- Cross-Sector collaboration with focused, innovative and collaborative approaches to needs
- What is the gap: What does not exist in expertise and resources that the Community of Care can provide?

- Targeted Focus:
 - Plan for Success: Who -What -Where –When-Why-How.
 - Clearly stated strategies, goals, activities, and outcomes.
 - Identify change expected change and how the change will be achieved and measured.
- Partner Contribution
 - Each partnering organization should demonstrate their contribution and integration with the overall project including expertise, resources, and activities.
- Demonstrate Strong alignment with:
 - Dignity Health CHNA
 - Core Community Benefit Principles
 - Community Grants Program Initiative
- Identified and Strong Lead Agency/organization
 - Disperses the predetermined and approved funding
 - Has the infrastructure, experience, and expertise
 - Leads collaboratively
 - Guides the work of the Community of Care
 - Organizational structure
- Identify Dignity Health hospital department or key collaborator

About Dignity Health

Dignity Health hospitals in California, Nevada and Arizona are a part of CommonSpirit Health. CommonSpirit was created by the alignment of Catholic Health Initiatives and Dignity Health as a single ministry in early 2019.

CommonSpirit Health is committed to building healthier communities, advocating for those who are poor and vulnerable, and innovating how and where healing can happen—both inside our hospitals and out in the community. As CommonSpirit Health, we make the healing presence of God known in our world by improving the health of the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, while we advance social justice for all.

The Community Grants Program embodies CommonSpirit Health’s values of compassion, inclusion, integrity, excellence and collaboration.

Our commitment to serve the common good is delivered through the dedicated work of thousands of physicians, advanced practice clinicians, nurses, and staff; through clinical excellence delivered across a system of hospitals and other care centers covering 21 states, and accessible to nearly one in four U.S. residents; and through more than \$4 billion annually in charity care, community benefits, and government program services.