

The Dignity Health Community Grants Program is funded by contributions from our member hospitals. In awarding community grants, Dignity Health actively partners with non-profit organizations working to improve health status and 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.



## Funding Criteria

The Community Grants Program uses specific funding criteria to ensure that its charitable resources strategically address significant 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.
- Serve identified vulnerable or underserved populations, to help address health disparities.
- Include three or more collaborating organizations (an “Accountable Care Community”) with distinct, complementary and substantive project roles.
- Work in some capacity with the local Dignity Health hospital.
- 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.

2020 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM TIMELINE	
<b>June 21, 2019</b>	Letters of Intent (LOI) due
<b>July 26, 2019</b>	LOI applicants notified whether they have been selected to submit a full grant proposal
<b>August 23, 2019</b>	Invited full grant proposals due
<b>September 30, 2019</b>	Hospital submits funding recommendations to Dignity Health’s System Office
<b>November 18, 2019</b>	Funding decisions announced

**The Community Grants Program has awarded  
\$75 million to nearly 3,500 health improvement projects since 1991.**

## Eligibility and Parameters

- Lead applicant in Accountable Care Community collaboration must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
- Applicants' missions must be consistent with the mission and values of Dignity Health.
- 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 January – December 2020.
- Projects can serve specific community and/or patient populations.
- Mid-year and final written reports are required.

## 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 any specific funding priorities within the wider set of significant needs.
3. Request a Letter of Intent template from the Grant Representative.

### Grant Representative

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After Letters of Intent are reviewed, full proposals will be invited from applicants whose projects best address the Community Grants Program's priorities. The Grant Representative will provide the full proposal template.

## About Dignity Health

Dignity Health is a vibrant, national health care system known for service, chosen for clinical excellence, and standing in partnership with patients, employees, and physicians to improve the health of all communities served. It includes 39 hospitals in California, Nevada and Arizona.

Dignity Health is committed to furthering the healing ministry of Jesus. We dedicate our resources to:

- Delivering compassionate, high-quality, affordable health services;
- Serving and advocating for our sisters and brothers who are poor and disenfranchised; and
- Partnering with others in the community to improve the quality of life.

The Community Grants Program embodies Dignity Health's five core values:

- Dignity – Respecting the inherent value and worth of each person.
- Collaboration – Working together with people who support common values and vision to achieve shared goals.
- Justice – Advocating for social change and acting in ways that promote respect for all persons and demonstrate compassion for our sisters and brothers who are powerless.
- Stewardship – Cultivating the resources entrusted to us to promote healing and wholeness.
- Excellence – Exceeding expectations through teamwork and innovation.

For more information, please visit [www.dignityhealth.org/communitygrants](http://www.dignityhealth.org/communitygrants)