



**2023 East Valley Community Health Improvement Grant Program  
Initiative & Fact Sheet**

We are pleased to announce the official kick-off of the 2023 Dignity Health East Valley, Community Health Improvement Grant Program on **Tuesday July 26, 2022**.

**Community Grants Overview: The right resources in the right place at the right time.**

**Philosophy**

The Dignity Health Community Health Improvement 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.

**Priority**

The Dignity Health community grants program, 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 East Valley 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 (AGHM) 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). The 10 significant health and social needs identified in the CHNA include:

Significant Health Needs	
<b>Mental Health and Suicide</b>	<b>Chronic Disease(s)</b>
<b>Substance Use</b>	- Diabetes
<b>Cancer</b>	- Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)
<b>Injury Prevention</b>	- Obesity
	- Oral Health
Significant Social Needs	
<b>Housing and Homelessness</b>	<b>Violence</b>
<b>Access to Care</b>	- Domestic violence
- Immunizations	- Human trafficking
<b>Nutrition</b>	<b>Equity</b>
- Food access	- Racial
- Exercise	- Health and Social

## Funding Criteria

The Community Health Improvement 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.
- 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 Hospital Mesa.
- Integrate one or more of the following principles:
  - Focus on disproportionate unmet health-related needs;
  - Emphasize primary prevention, including activities that address the social determinants of health;
  - 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.

<b>2023 COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM TIMELINE</b>	
August 30, 2022 - Tues. 5PM	Proposal application packets due in e-Cimpact.
September 28-30, 2022	Applicants notified whether they are invited to a presentation meeting.
October 20, 2022 - Thursday	Invited Communities of Care presentations meeting.
December 1-13, 2022	Applicants are notified whether they have been selected for funding.
January 1, 2023	12-month project year begins.

## Eligibility and Parameters

- Lead applicant and funded partners in accountable Community of Care collaboration must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
- Hospitals and Hospital Systems are excluded from applying for a Community of Care Grant.
- 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 12 months from January 2023 - December 2023.

- 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 up to a combined total of \$100,000 in funding.
- Mid-year and final written accountability reports are required.
- Communities of Care that have received 5 years of grant funding since 2017 will not be eligible to apply in the 2023 grant cycle and this restriction applies to all Communities of Care projects. Criteria for funding is based on a Community of Care, not individual agencies/organizations, who apply.

How to calculate year 5?	It is based on calendar years & does not need to be consecutive years
What takes place at year 5?	A 3 years hiatus will take place. An organization/ agency is eligible to apply within the hiatus period if they are participating in a different and/or new Community of Care project.
How to prepare for year 5?	At year 4 the Community of Care should ensure sustainability planning as they reach the possibility of year 5 funding.

**The Community Grants Program has awarded nearly \$91 million to over 3,800 health improvement projects since 1991**

**Application Process**

1. Review the prioritized significant needs in the Dignity Health hospital’s 2022 CHNA report and Implementation Strategy (Download from: <https://www.dignityhealth.org/arizona/locations/chandlerregional/about-us/community-benefit-outreach/benefits-reports>)
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 Dignity Health East Valley Full Proposal Form and apply online visit <https://agency.e-cimpact.com/login.aspx?org=DignityHealth> .

**Community of Care Concepts/Tips**

- Population health focus with a targeted population
- Seamless integrated approach to planning, implementation, monitoring, and reporting
- Strong communication among collaborative partners demonstrating
  - Trust and transparency
  - Ongoing communication and 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 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, & activities
  - Demonstrate strong alignment with:
    - Dignity Health 2022 CHNA and community benefit principles
    - Community Health Improvement Grants Program Initiative
- Identified and Strong Lead agency/organization
  - Disperses the predetermined and approved funding
  - Has the infrastructure, experience, and expertise
  - Leads collaboratively and guides the work of the Community of Care
  - Has an appropriate 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. The Community Health Improvement Grants Program embodies CommonSpirit Health’s values of compassion, inclusion, integrity, excellence and collaboration.

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.

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 \$5 billion annually in charity care, unpaid cost of Medicaid, other community benefits, and government program services.

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