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San Joaquin Valley Grant Opportunity Focuses on Community Health

Second round of funding through the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund

Sacramento and Merced – Today, Sierra Health Foundation Center for Health Program Management announced the second round of funding through the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund. This Fund works to strengthen the capacity of communities and organizations in the San Joaquin Valley to improve health and well-being by advancing programs and policy changes that promote community health and health equity for all. Grants of up to \$20,000 are available for new prospective grantees working within the eight targeted San Joaquin Valley counties – Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare.

The San Joaquin Valley Health Fund was launched in the fall of 2014 and is supported by Sierra Health Foundation, The California Endowment, the Rosenberg Foundation, The California Wellness Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Following the launch, a [San Joaquin Valley Health Fund Briefing Paper](#) and [Mapping Report](#) were released highlighting the Valley's challenges and opportunities.

Applications are due December 1, 2015 by noon and awards will be announced in March 2016. Applicants are encouraged to review the 2015 Funding Opportunity and participate in a proposer conference (October 6, 8, 9) or via webinar (October 15). Information can be found on the [San Joaquin Valley Health Fund web page](#).

Earlier this year, nearly \$630,000 was awarded to 30 organizations working to improve health and reduce health disparities in the San Joaquin Valley through policy and systems change. A full list of organizations that received funding through the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund can be found [online](#).

This opportunity is for new prospective grantees only and previously funded San Joaquin Valley Health Fund grantees will be eligible for funding under a different funding process to be announced in the near future.

For more information about the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund, please visit the [Center for Health Program Management's web site](#).

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The **Center for Health Program Management** works to reduce health disparities in underserved communities. With commitment, creativity and collaboration, the Center promotes efforts to eradicate health inequities across California. www.shfcenter.org

Sierra Health Foundation is a private philanthropy investing in and serving as a catalyst for ideas, partnerships and programs that improve health and quality of life in Northern California through convening, educating and grantmaking. www.sierrahealth.org

The California Endowment is a private, statewide health foundation with a mission to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians. www.calendow.org

The **Rosenberg Foundation** is a private philanthropy that believes that in order for democracy to thrive in our state and nation, every person in California must have fair and equitable opportunities to participate fully in the state's economic, social, and political life. www.rosenbergfound.org

The California Wellness Foundation is a private, independent foundation with a mission to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education and disease prevention. Since its founding in 1992, the foundation has awarded 7,690 grants totaling more than \$912 million. www.calwellness.org

The **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** (WKKF), founded in 1930 as an independent, private foundation by breakfast cereal pioneer, Will Keith Kellogg, is among the largest philanthropic foundations in the United States. Guided by the belief that all children should have an equal opportunity to thrive, WKKF works with communities to create conditions for vulnerable children so they can realize their full potential in school, work and life. The Kellogg Foundation is based in Battle Creek, Michigan, and works throughout the United States and internationally, as well as with sovereign tribes. Special emphasis is paid to priority places where there are high concentrations of poverty and where children face significant barriers to success. WKKF priority places in the U.S. are in Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico and New Orleans; and internationally, are in Mexico and Haiti. For more information, visit www.wkkf.org