



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY HEALTH FUND

Who We Are

The San Joaquin Valley Health Fund strengthens 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.

The San Joaquin Valley Health Fund (SJVHF) is a partnership of 71 nonprofit organizations, along with 11 state and national foundations. We are committed to improving the health of children and families in cities across the Valley, and we're calling on elected officials and community leaders to join our effort.

We know there is strength in numbers, and that together we can make the San Joaquin Valley a healthier place to live, work and prosper. The Fund supports organizations that care for our communities' well-being, and that advocate for what we most need to thrive. By combining resources and working with local leaders and residents, together we are creating positive, lasting change.

Why We're Here

For far too long, communities across the San Joaquin Valley haven't had access to the same opportunities that make California golden for other regions. While the Valley is responsible for producing much of our nation's fruits and vegetables, it is also home to some of the state's worst health outcomes and seven of the 10 counties with the highest child poverty rates in California are in the region. Simply put, the Valley is ground zero for our state's overall health.

What We Do

Since the Fund launched in fall 2014, we've made grants totaling \$4.7 million to 71 organizations throughout the Valley – Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare counties. These partners are tackling the most critical issues that affect our families' health: food security, air quality, clean drinking water, domestic violence, housing, health care, education, employment, immigrant rights, open space and neighborhood safety.

Through our collective funding, we've been able to support organizations to increase their programs, advocate for policy change, deepen community engagement, and share knowledge and expertise. Our fourth round of funding was announced in October 2017 with an anticipated start in April 2018.

How To Get Involved

We're building a partnership of people and organizations who care about making the Valley a healthier place for all. Our policy platform reflects an all-in approach, and we'll need your support to spread the word. To learn more, visit www.shfcenter.org/sjvhealthfund

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