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More than \$975,000 Awarded in the San Joaquin Valley

Funding provided to 58 organizations working on policy and systems change to improve health

Sacramento and Merced – Today, The Center announced more than \$975,000 awarded to 58 organizations working on policy and systems change to improve health outcomes in the San Joaquin Valley. These San Joaquin Valley Health Fund (the Fund) partners are working in one or more of the nine counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare that comprise the Valley. A full list of organizations that received funding in Round 4 as well as through the cluster grant opportunity can be found [here](#).

This fourth round of funding includes 13 grants awarded to fund work specifically focused on immigration rights through a targeted funding opportunity supported by The James Irvine Foundation. The 45 other grants will fund organizations working to address health disparities and factors that impact health, such as food security, air quality, clean drinking water, housing, health care, education, employment, immigrant rights, domestic violence, open space, neighborhood safety and other drivers of health outcomes.

Building off [Equity on the Mall](#) in February when more than 1,500 San Joaquin Valley residents rallied at the State Capitol to highlight what is needed for a “golden state for all,” the funded organizations met today to continue to build a movement for health equity in the San Joaquin Valley. Participants heard from community members who are working to promote the [2018 Policy Platform](#).

“As the impact and influence of the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund grows, we are seeing the power of having affected communities at the forefront of the equity movement to improve their own health and well-being,” said Chet P. Hewitt, President and CEO, The Center. “The collective commitment of our diverse group of forward-thinking community leaders, nonprofits, activists and funders is making transformative policy and system change happen now.”

Established in 2014, The Fund is a partnership of 89 nonprofit organizations, along with 12 state and national foundations, who are jointly working to build a greater level of health and racial equity in this important part of the state. The Fund is managed by The Center with funding from Sierra Health Foundation, The California Endowment, Rosenberg Foundation, The California Wellness Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Blue Shield of California Foundation, Wallace H. Coulter Foundation, Dignity Health, Tides, Hellman Foundation, The James Irvine Foundation and Convergence Partnership. With the announcement of this funding, the Fund has made more than \$6 million in grant commitments to support San Joaquin Valley community organizations.

For more information about the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund, please visit [The Center’s website](#).

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