San Joaquin Valley Health Fund
Proposers’ Webinar

IHHEEL Round 8
Advocacy and Learning Grants

June 13, 2023
Agenda

- Program background
- Funding opportunities
- Application process
- General tips
Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management (The Center)

- Launched in 2012
- Brings people, ideas and infrastructure together to create positive change in California
- Dedicated to health and racial equity
- Managing entity of the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund
San Joaquin Valley Health Fund

- The Center launched the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund (SJVHF) in 2014.
- SJVHF is a unique collaboration of more than 40 funders and more than 170 community-based organizations.
- Goal: To help fuel a movement to advance health and racial equity across the San Joaquin Valley.
Funding Region

San Joaquin
Stanislaus
Merced
Mariposa
Madera
Fresno
Tulare
Kings
Kern
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY HEALTH FUND
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:
IHHEEL POLICY PLATFORM ADVOCACY
IHHEEL POLICY PLATFORM LEARNING

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
JUNE 2023
Grant Descriptions

IHHEEL Advocacy

One-year IHHEEL Advocacy grants are for up to $25,000.

Demonstrate experience in policy and systems change advocacy and be working in partnerships with impacted grassroots community members.

Identify policy and/or systems change goals that would advance the 2023 IHHEEL Policy Platform.

IHHEEL Learning

One-year IHHEEL Learning grants are for up to $15,000.

Demonstrate interest and potential for policy and/or systems change work that is aligned with the 2023 IHHEEL Policy Platform.

Identify how you will need to increase capacity in order to engage in policy and systems change advocacy.
Eligibility Criterion

- The organization must be a nonprofit organization that is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or designated as a 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization.

- Fiscal sponsors for entities that are not qualifying 501(c)(3) nonprofits are eligible to apply. (Fiscal sponsors may apply separately on behalf of more than one organization or collaborative group.)

- Proposed grant goal, objectives, activities, and anticipated outcomes must be aligned with the IHHEEL Policy Platform and be intended to advance health and racial equity in the San Joaquin Valley.

- Work must be conducted in at least one of the nine counties that make up the San Joaquin Valley Health Fund funding region.
Selection Criterion

- Identify a grant goal, realistic objectives and aligned activities that would advance the IHHEEL Policy Platform.
- Demonstrate how the proposed grant activities would reduce health disparities, promote health and racial equity and/or address systemic barriers to a healthier and more equitable San Joaquin Valley.
- Demonstrate approaches and authentic partnerships with the impacted community with whom the applicant works.
Selection Criterion (cont.)

- Include realistic project scope, budget and anticipated outcomes.
- Leverage social and financial resources, experience, expertise and partnerships to deepen the desired outcomes of the grant.
- Identify how desired outcomes will be demonstrated and tracked.
- Demonstrate previous engagement and/or commitment to the SJVHF’s Policy Committee, convenings, trainings and events (i.e., Equity on the Mall, Regional Townhall, etc.)
The grant term is one year, beginning August 1, 2023, and ending on July 31, 2024.

Up to 15% of direct costs may be requested for indirect costs.

Direct costs may include, but are not limited to, staff compensation, consultants, operating costs, meeting costs, travel and necessary equipment.

Funded organizations are required to submit a detailed financial report and a final narrative report summarizing major activities, explaining outcomes and learnings within 30 days of the grant’s end.
If awarded, all awarded partners are strongly encouraged to:

- Participate in monthly 90-minute SJVHF Policy Committee virtual meetings.
- Participate in an IHHEEL Policy Sub-committee (Immigration, Health, Housing, Education, Environmental Justice, Land Use and Planning, and Digital Divide)
- Attend a minimum of three SJVHF partner meetings/convenings during the grant year (e.g., Equity on the Mall, regional townhalls, partner meetings, funder briefings, technical assistance training, etc.)
Examples of Advocacy Projects

- Supporting policies and investments that produce new affordable housing, preserve existing affordable housing, and protect residents for improved housing affordability, housing quality and home ownership opportunities.

- Advocating for humane immigration reform that ensures accessible and inclusive pathways to legal protections and citizenship for immigrants and policies that keep families together.
Examples of Learning Projects

- Strengthening “Sustainable Communities Strategy” in a regional transportation plan that demonstrates how the region will promote active transportation and public transit options and involve traditionally underrepresented communities in the planning and implementation phases.

- Bringing awareness to the communities' right to food sovereignty and economic justice.
Strategies for Proposed Activities

- Coalition Building/Partnership Development
- Civic Engagement
- Non-legislative Policy Conceptualization and Development
- Community Leadership Development
- Community Engagement, Organizing, Advocacy and Mobilization
- Research/Participatory Action Research
- Multi-Ethnic/Multi-Racial/Multi-Sector Collaboration
- Organizational Capacity Building
- Communications/Outreach and Education
- Youth Engagement, Organizing and Advocacy
- Peer Learning
What We Will Not Fund

- Direct services
- Debt retirement
- Operational deficits
- Partisan activities
- Individuals
- Religious organizations for explicitly religious activities
- Activities that exclusively benefit the members of sectarian or religious organizations
- 509(a)(3) supporting organizations
- 501(c)(4) organizations or lobbying activities
Application Timeline

- **Application Deadline**: June 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time)
- **Award Announcement**: July 25, 2023
- **Grants Issued**: August 1, 2023
Questions?
Application Process
Online Application

IHHEEL Advocacy and Learning Grants Application

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Use Tab key or mouse click to move from field to field. Clicking Enter will attempt to Submit incomplete application. If you are a Mac user - Press and hold the Command key, then click the Drop Down Items.
Applicant Information

Please note: If your application has a fiscal sponsor, the fiscal sponsor’s information should be entered into this section.
A fiscal sponsor is an organization that applies on behalf of an entity or group that does not have legal nonprofit standing with the IRS. The fiscal sponsor is the IRS qualifying organization and the fiscally sponsored organization is the organization that will be leading the work mentioned in the application.

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CEO/Director Information

If this application has a fiscal sponsor, this section is to be completed with information from the CEO/Director of the fiscal sponsor.

- **First Name** *
- **Last Name** *
- **Title** *
- **Email** *
- **Office Phone** *
- **Extension**
Narrative Questions

1) Organization Description
2) Organizational Capacity
3) Goal
4) Activities
5) Outcomes
6) Evaluation Process
7) Staff Qualifications
8) Technical Assistance
9) Leveraging
10) Previous Engagement
Application Attachments

- Proposed Budget
- 501(c)(3) Determination Letter
- W-9 Form
- Financial Report (will only be required if selected as grantee partner)
# Proposed Budget

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**SJVHF IHHEEL Round 8 Budget Proposal**

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Proposal Writing Tips

- Read and follow application guidelines and instructions.
- Verify your organization is eligible.
- Answer questions clearly.
- Provide enough detail about the proposed activities to enable reviewers to fully understand your proposed project and the changes that will result from funding.
- Check for consistency in the project description, budget narrative and budget line items.
Application Submission Tips

- Click the “Save my progress and resume later” button if you will not be active in the application (be sure to save the email that is sent to your inbox and write down the password).
- Submit the application before the deadline.
- Answer the narrative questions outside of the application portal, then copy and paste your responses into the appropriate fields.
- As you write responses, track your word count.
Questions?
Thank you!

For questions regarding the funding opportunity, please email sjvhealthfund@shfccenter.org with the subject line: SJVHF IHHEEL Application Question.