



**CalOptima
Health**

Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program: Round 6 Notice of Funding Opportunity

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Our Mission

To serve member health with excellence and dignity, respecting the value and needs of each person.

Our Vision

Provide all members with access to care and supports to achieve optimal health and well-being through an equitable and high-quality health care system.

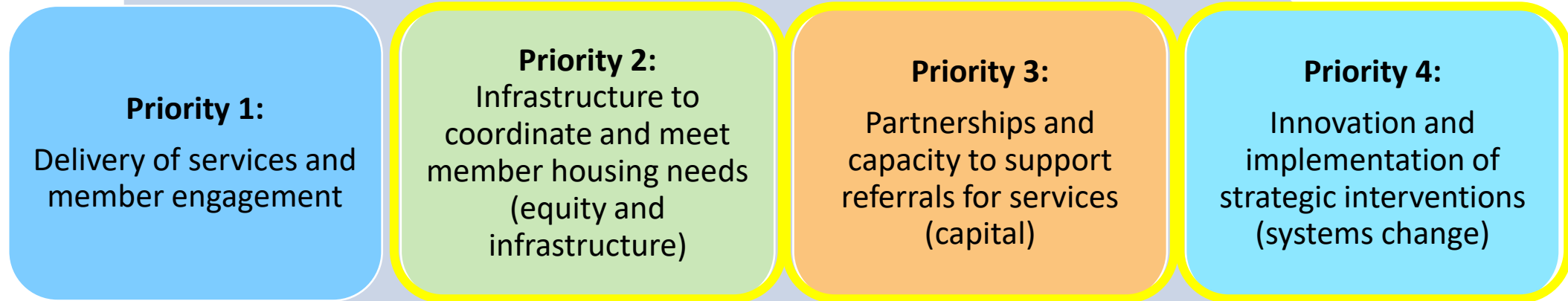
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Funding Opportunity Made Possible by HHIP

- Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP)
 - CalOptima Health invests in reducing health inequities and improving outcomes for members, including those experiencing homelessness.
 - Funding from Board-reserved resources and the state's HHIP program expands health and housing supports for Medi-Cal members at risk of homelessness.

HHIP Funding Priorities Areas



HHIP Round 6: Overview

- Focus on capital projects, systems change initiatives and equity grants to expand housing options and prevent homelessness, with particular attention to disproportionately impacted populations.

Funding Priority	Grant Request Limit	Total Amount Available	Notes Specific to this Priority	Project Duration
Equity Grants	No minimum; \$100,000 maximum request	\$500,000	A minimum of five grants will be awarded, assuming a large enough applicant pool.	Two-year projects
Capital Grants	Currently funded projects: \$500,000 maximum New applicants: \$5 million maximum	\$6.5 million	A minimum of one grant will be awarded, assuming a large enough applicant pool.	Multi-year are acceptable
Systems Change Projects	\$500,000 minimum; \$1.5 million maximum	\$4.1 million	A minimum of three grants will be awarded, assuming a large enough applicant pool.	Projects can be from one to three years in duration

*Equivalent organizations may include tribes, public schools, universities, and local, state or federal government agencies and programs.

HHIP Round 6: General Applicant Eligibility

- Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) or equivalent.*
- Applicants who are a contracted provider or previously received funding from CalOptima Health must be in good standing with the terms of that contract or grant to be eligible for new funding.
- Funds must benefit actively enrolled CalOptima Health members.
- Applicants must successfully complete an application and submit all necessary attachments and documentation by the deadline to be considered for funding.
- **Applicants may only submit ONE application.**

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Equity Grants Overview

Request Type	Grant Request Limit	Total Amount Available	Minimum # of Awards Available	Project Duration
Equity Grants	No minimum; \$100,000 maximum	\$500,000	Five grants	Two-year projects

- Social determinants of health strongly shape a person's ability to access and maintain stable housing.
- Funding supports efforts to prevent or address homelessness through targeted services that address root causes.
- Opportunity is intentionally broad to support diverse programs addressing a range of underlying social determinants.

Priority Area Requirements: Equity

- Annual operating budget of no less than \$200,000 and no more than \$5 million.
- Illustrate how the work addresses the social determinants of health that impact housing stability.
- Must include measurable objectives that demonstrate impact on at least one social determinant of health for the target population.
- Organizations that have received any HHIP grant in a previous funding round are eligible.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Maximum Points
CalOptima Health core value alignment	15
Project Description	20
Program Implementation	15
Sustainability	5
Readiness	10
Experience	15
Capacity of Applicant	10
Evaluation Plan	10
Total Earnable Points	100

Capital Grants Overview

Request Type	Grant Request Limit	Total Amount Available	Minimum # of Awards Available	Project Duration
Capital Grants	<p>Currently projects: \$500,000 maximum</p> <p>New applicants: \$5 million maximum</p>	\$6.5 million	One grant	Multi-year acceptable

- Supports capital projects that develop or enhance housing for people experiencing homelessness.
- Applies only to construction, renovation, conversion, expansion, furnishing, or opening of housing units.
- Funding cannot be used for lobbying or rental assistance and these projects are subject to prevailing wage requirements.

Priority Area Requirements: Capital

- At least 90% of units must serve households earning $\leq 50\%$ of the Area Median Income, with rents affordable to those households.* (For new applicants only; existing grantees can apply regardless of unit mix.).
- Current CalOptima Health capital grantees with active projects may apply if they can clearly demonstrate unanticipated cost overruns or a funding gap.
- Applicants must provide or connect participants to supportive services.
- Projects must be located within the County of Orange.
- Applicants must have EITHER (A) approved construction permits OR (B) site control AND a letter of support from the city manager that includes the project site address.
- At least 50% of total project funding must be secured. This may include the cost of the property.
- Site visits are required for applicants who advance in the process.

*Orange County Rent Income Limits: <https://www.ochcd.org/sites/hcd/files/2026-03/Attachment%20A%20-%20Rent%20and%20Income%20Limits.pdf>

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Maximum Points
CalOptima Health core value alignment	5
Project Description	10
Program Implementation	15
Budget and Financial Management	15
Readiness	15
Experience	15
Capacity of Applicant	5
Support Service Planning	10
Housing Type	10
Bonus Points: Project Permitting*	10
Total Earnable Points	110

Systems Change Grants

Request Type	Grant Request Limit	Total Amount Available	Minimum # of Awards Available	Project Duration
Systems Change Projects	\$500,000 minimum; \$1.5 million maximum	\$4.1 million	Three grants	One to three year projects

- Supports upstream, systems-level strategies to prevent homelessness, prioritizing innovative, evidence-based, sustainable solutions that strengthen the countywide homelessness system.
- Seeks projects that expand access to income, education, employment, and housing-related resources.
- Promotes targeted, well-coordinated efforts that drive long-term, systemic reductions in homelessness risk.

Priority Area Requirements: Systems Change

- Must be implemented county wide or have demonstrable county-wide impact.
- Clearly articulate the problem to be solved, propose a feasible, evidence-based solution, and demonstrate how success or progress can be achieved and measured.
- Experience implementing system-wide interventions and/or programs.
- Must include measurable objectives that demonstrate impact on reducing the target population's risk of experiencing homelessness.
- Systemic change cannot be simply an increase in capacity (of providers, of housing units, etc.).
- Must provide three references from previous funders who have granted the applying organization \$200,000 or more (in a single grant) within the past three years.
- Current Systems Change grantees and their programs are not eligible.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Maximum Points
CalOptima Health core value alignment	10
Project Description	15
Program Implementation	10
Sustainability	20
Readiness	5
Experience	15
Capacity of Applicant	10
Evaluation Plan	10
References	5
Total Earnable Points	100

Timeline

Action	Date
NOFO Released and Portal Opens	5/27/2026
Bidder's Conference (virtual)	6/9/2026 at 2 p.m. PST
Q&A Available from Bidder's Conference	6/24/2026
Application Deadline	7/2/2026 at 5 p.m. PST
Internal Review *Capital site visits expected to begin mid-July	7/27/2026- 7/31/2026
CalOptima Health Board of Directors Meeting	9/3/2026
Announcement of Approved Grants	9/4/2026
Grant Start Dates	10/1/2026



Q & A

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