



Round 6 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Q & A

General Grant Questions

1. Will there be another HHIP NOFO in 2026?

Answer: Yes. CalOptima Health expects to launch HHIP Round 7 around October 2026, with roughly \$27M available across Systems Change, Equity, and Capital.

Application Questions

2. For the systems change category, if you are going to partner with a local government or public agency, are they exempt from the 200K grant amounts 3 times over?

Answer: No, these entities are not exempt from the reference requirement.

3. Are audited financial statements required for this opportunity?

Answer: Under California's Nonprofit Integrity Act, charitable organizations with annual gross revenues of \$2 million or more must have their financial statements audited by an independent CPA. Organizations with operating budgets of at least \$2M are required to upload them. Those with operating budgets of less than \$2M are not required but encouraged to share them.

4. For the Capital Grant, what does "opening of housing units" mean?

Answer: It means developing and making affordable, permanent, or transitional housing units available to CalOptima Health members.

5. For capital projects using LIHTC equity, 50% of funds committed prior to application is often infeasible given the role these equity funds play in the capital stack for affordable housing projects. Can LIHTC projects receive an exception for this requirement or can this be considered in future funding rounds?

Answer: There is no exception for this NOFO Round 6 funding opportunity.

6. What amount over the maximum annual budget are you willing to accept, if any?

Answer: This is dependent on the organization and the information presented. Proposal review team does evaluate and score applicant capacity.

7. Regarding capital projects, are there specific performance metrics or outcomes you expect regarding residents transitioning from recuperative care into permanent supportive housing?

Answer: We do not have specific outcomes required for capital projects.

Applicant Eligibility

8. Can an organization apply for the System Change category in partnership with one or more other organizations?

Answer: Yes. Partnerships are encouraged, but there must be one lead applicant.

9. Our annual budget is just over \$5M. How much over is acceptable, if any.

Answer: Organizations with budgets over \$5M are not eligible for Equity. They would be eligible to apply for the maximum requests in both other priority areas.

10. Can we re-apply with an idea we have already applied with?

Answer: Yes.

11. For orgs that use a fiscal sponsor, can more than one fiscal project apply from that sponsor org, or only one fiscal project can apply?

Answer: Yes. Each fiscal project applies as its own applicant. This means multiple organizations that share the same fiscal sponsor may submit applications, but each organization (aka fiscal project) may apply only once.

Acceptable Uses of Funding

12. For capital projects, is it important that new beds are created?

Answer: Projects that add new beds are more competitive, but renovations that prevent the loss of existing beds are also eligible.

13. For capital projects, is transitional housing eligible, including recuperative care? What about step down?

Answer: Yes.

14. We are hoping to add couches and refrigerators to houses with a goal of improving amenities and quality of life which will increase retention at our Recovery Residences. Would this qualify as an equity grant?

Answer: All proposed projects must clearly show how the improvement helps people remain housed and/or prevents homelessness. If you feel your application meets the criteria, please submit an application for full consideration.

15. For the Equity grants, can we look at systems / policy issues? Or do we have to look at issues that can be tied to individual people's health outcomes?

Answer: Yes. Equity grant proposals may address systems or policy issues. To be competitive, you must explain how the systemic issue affects a specific population's health outcomes or SDOH, and connect your proposed solution to preventing or reducing individuals' risk of experiencing homelessness.

16. Would CalOptima consider funding a trauma-informed wellness and technology-based intervention that addresses social determinants of health and homelessness prevention through wellness coaching, self-management tools, resource navigation, and digital engagement for CalOptima members?

Answer: All proposed projects must clearly show how the improvement helps people remain housed and/or prevents homelessness. If you feel your application meets the criteria, please submit an application for full consideration.

17. For the equity grant, does CalOptima have a particular reference for Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) domains that we need to address? Or we can refer to Healthy People 2030 SDOH?

Answer: You may use any SDOH domain, as long as the SDOH you select is clearly connected to your population of focus, you can connect it to a person's risk for experiencing homelessness and it aligns with your proposed project.

Additional Applicant Resources

To schedule a systems change grant consultation, please email calaimgrants@caloptima.org.

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