

Improving Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) and Reducing the Health Equity Gap

These grants support a collaborative approach to creating positive change in three primary SDoH action areas: Housing is Health, Food as Medicine and Health & Healing. The recipients are implementing projects that reduce health equity gaps and address SDoH affecting their communities.

Key focus areas include:

- Improving SDoH by supporting a neighborhood, population, or community; advancing clinical care delivery for a priority population; or addressing a chronic health condition.
- Addressing the impact of systemic and/or structural racism on health.
- Increasing community capacity to maintain and improve health.
- Improving community-centered interventions and/or social conditions that influence health.

SDoH Grant Recipients: Housing is Health

OC Affordable Housing Production Initiative | Lead Agency: [Hope Through Housing Foundation](#)

OC Affordable Housing Production Initiative is committed to increasing the production of safe, affordable and stable housing for residents in Orange County and advocating for policy changes around issues of homelessness and housing insecurity.

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Addressing Housing Disparities in South Orange County Lead Agency: [Providence Mission Hospital](#)

The Collaborative is increasing housing equity by creating a Low-Yield Charitable Real Estate Fund and developing a stronger network of services. By offering a new option for housing investment, the number of families who are severely rent burdened is expected to decrease 10% annually.

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OC Housing Stability is Health Partnership | Lead Agency: [The Kennedy Commission](#)

The OC Housing Stability is Health Partnership is creating systems change through community engagement (e.g., tenant education, organizing, and protections), state and local anti-displacement policies, and production of healthy and affordable housing options.

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Eagleman Housing Project | Lead Agency: [The Salvation Army](#)

The Salvation Army Orange County is the lead organization for the Eagleman Housing Project in partnership with United American Indian Involvement (UAI) and Family Solutions Collaborative (FSC). The Project is committed to improving the family homeless response system by addressing the many barriers and roadblocks for families and individuals.

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AANHPI Community Capacity for Housing | Lead Agency: [Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation](#)

Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation is leading a collaboration with six partner organizations to establish housing counselor/navigator positions and develop a network of partners that will increase legal protections for AANHPI residents, make policy change possible, and increasing access to culturally appropriate, affordable and safe housing.

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SDoH Grant Recipients cont.: Health & Healing

Information Referral Services – GetHelp OC Lead Agency: [2-1-1 OC](#)

2-1-1 Orange County (211OC) is the lead agency for GetHelpOC, a collaboration with 15 partner organizations to implement a Community Information Exchange (CIE). It is a community-driven solution that ensures the engagement of local voices and the promotion of partnerships within the network so that residents have access to the help they need when they need it.

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Wellness on Wheels – Mobile Health & Social Care Lead Agency: [Children’s Health OC](#)

Children’s Health Orange County is the lead organization for Wellness on Wheels (WOW), a partnership with five support organizations that aims to increase access to health services, education and care, and decrease the stigma around mental health and social services.

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Organizational Health Literacy as a path to Health Equity | Lead Agency: [Institute for Healthcare Advancement](#)

Institute for Healthcare Advancement is partnering with Orange County Social Services Administration, CalOptima Health, and St. Jude Neighborhood Health Centers to improve the organizational health literacy of each partner. The result is systemic change in how partners outreach to, engage with, and provide services for clients and the public.

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Birth Initiative for Reproductive Rights, Transforming & Healing (BIRRTH) Women of Color Lead Agency: [MOMS Orange County](#)

MOMS Orange County and HERStory are partnering to create a scalable model for how doula services may operate in Orange County, particularly for low-income women of color. By assessing the need for doula services locally, the initiative aims to engineer programs that have the potential to create change at scale with sufficient support from the community and at the levers of power.

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Anaheim Education & Health Intersections Initiative | Lead Agency: [OC Congregation Community Organization](#)

The Anaheim Education and Health Intersections Initiative is committed to building the capacity, voice, and sustainability of communities in Anaheim to address the school-to-prison pipeline and other forms of structural racism by instituting authentic engagement systems within the Anaheim Union High School District.

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WellSpaces: A Catalyst for Equitable Access for Students | Lead Agency: [OC Department of Education](#)

WellSpaces is creating welcoming spaces for students to learn wellness-related skills that improve their physical, mental and social emotional health. This includes actively engaging students and families through a student advisory council, increasing collaborative partnerships between schools and community partners and improving student access to services.

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Advocacy for People with Disabilities Lead Agency: [YMCA of OC](#)

The YMCA of Orange County is leading a collaboration with eight partner organizations to increase the capacity of support organizations and parents to provide policy, systems, and environmental change advocacy for children and youth with diagnosed or suspected co-occurring Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and mental health needs.

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