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# **Public Health Advisory Board Public Health Modernization Funding Workgroup**

## **Summary of Deliverables**

October 16, 2023



# Workgroup topics and deliverables

Topic 1. Key questions to build understanding of our current and future system, and lessons from first round of funding from CBOs

**Deliverables: Key questions to support shared understanding (Complete)**

Topic 2. Strategies and benchmarks to ensure new funding to CBOs serves communities currently underserved by CBO public health equity funds.

**Deliverables: Recommended strategies; benchmarks for equitable funding distribution. (Complete)**

Topic 3. Strategies to improve information-sharing, coordination and other system improvements to address community health priorities.

**Deliverable: Recommended strategies (Complete)**

Topic 4. LPHA involvement in making funding decisions about new CBO awardees in 2023-25

**Deliverable: Recommended strategies (Complete)**

# Topic 1. Key questions to build understanding of our current and future system, and lessons from first round of funding from CBOs.

- Between May and August 2023, PHAB public health modernization funding workgroup members gained a baseline understanding of current the CBO Public Health Equity grant program.
- Questions and responses were compiled and shared with all workgroup members and posted publicly.

## **Topic 2. Strategies and benchmarks to ensure new funding to CBOs serves communities currently underserved by CBO public health equity funds.**

On August 18, the PHAB workgroup agreed to the following approaches to ensure equitable distribution of public health modernization funds for CBOs through the new 2023-25 Request for Grant Applications:

- Use LPHA public health modernization funding formula as a guide to inform equitable distribution of CBO regional and county funding.
- Suggest a minimum biennial base funding level for CBOs so that CBOs can build staffing and infrastructure. Also establish a cap on CBO award amounts.
- Expand the list of underserved priority counties for the 2023 CBO RFGA, considering both number of CBOs operating in the county and per capita investments. Ensure CBOs are funded to provide services in every county, excluding statewide CBOs.
- Begin with prioritizing CBOs that are serving locally for selection, based on the definition of local included in the RFGA. This does not preclude funding for regional or statewide CBOs overall.

## **Topic 3. Strategies to improve information-sharing, coordination and other system improvements to address community health priorities.**

On October 16, the PHAB workgroup agreed to the following statewide strategies to improve coordination between CBOs, LPHAs and OHA:

- Convene a first meeting with newly-funded Public Health Equity CBOs, the LPHA and OHA. From there, work to determine the most appropriate ongoing collaboration spaces for those partners, based on the work (may be an existing meeting or something new; may include breakouts for program-specific coordination). Encourage periodic in-person meetings.
- Offer memoranda of understanding (MOUs) as a tool to align CBO and LPHA work, but not require MOUs.
- OHA staff will align CBO and LPHA progress reporting as it makes sense to do so, and in alignment with CBO and LPHA work plan templates.
- OHA will offer training and technical assistance opportunities for CBO, LPHA and OHA staff.
- OHA will work with LPHA Administrators to determine if the CBO contact list can continue to be used to share CBO-specific updates.

## Topic 4. LPHA involvement in making funding decisions about new CBO awardees in 2023-25.

On September 26, the PHAB workgroup agreed to the following methods for LPHA involvement in CBO awardee decision-making:

- Each CBO grant application will be reviewed by two LPHAs:
  - One from a similar sized LPHA not located in the region.
  - One from the LPHA in which the CBO is proposing to work.
    - If a LPHA cannot contribute a reviewer, then OHA will request a neighboring county or a county also listed in the applicant's service area participate in the review.