

2026 Community Health Grant Guide

Northern California, Greater Southern Alameda Area

Kaiser Permanente is pleased to announce the opening of the 2026 Community Health grants cycle for the San Leandro and Fremont Medical Centers. Submitting the pre-application questionnaire by **Tuesday, February 17** is the first step in the grant making process. This guide explains the funding priorities, provides instructions and outlines key dates. For additional inquiries, please contact the Community Health Lead:

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Instructions

1. Review this guide to identify the health need and funding strategy that best aligns with your proposed project/program. *While your work may connect to multiple priorities, please select **only one** health need and strategy.*
2. Submit [Pre-Application](#) by **Tuesday, February 17, 2026 by 5pm.**
3. Selected organizations will be invited to submit a full grant application. Invitations will be sent to the primary grant contact by end of Feb 2026.

Key Dates

Pre-Application Questionnaire Due Date	Tues. Feb 17
Select applicants invited to submit full grant applications	by Feb 2026
Grant application Due Date (for invited applicants)	Fri. March 20
Notice of Grant Disposition	Mid-June
12-month grant start date	July 1, 2026

Eligibility Guidelines:

Only nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations, educational, and governmental entities are eligible for grant consideration. Unincorporated groups or programs may utilize an eligible nonprofit agency as a fiscal agent/sponsor. Kaiser Permanente will not consider funding requests from the following types of organizations or for the following activities/purposes: partisan political, fraternal, athletic, international, for-profit or social organizations; endowments; memorials; individuals; field trips; or tours.

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people. If invited to submit an application, organizations must provide attestation that they do not discriminate based on race, color, religious creed, national origin, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, medical condition, or veteran status in their programs, services, policies, hiring practices, and administration.

Prioritized Community Health Needs:

Every three years, Kaiser Permanente hospitals conduct an extensive [Community Health Needs Assessment \(CHNA\)](#) to identify the top health needs in the communities we serve. Our current CHNA, informed by diverse stakeholders, data, and input from our community partners, guides our community grant investments and funding strategies.

The prioritized 2026-2028 health needs for the East Bay Service Area are:

- Access to Care
- Mental & Behavioral Health
- Income & Employment
- Housing
- Community Safety

Community Investment Strategy:

Kaiser Permanente’s community investment strategy is focused on effectively and measurably addressing and improving social factors impacting health. The charts on the following pages outline the desired strategies, and measurable outcomes, that are prioritized for funding. In an interest in demonstrating our investment impact, funded organizations may be asked to select and report on metrics such as the examples outlined in the charts.

Health Need: Access to Care	
Funding Strategies	Example Metrics
Expanding Capacity: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand access to clinical (medical, dental, behavioral) and/or social health services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• # of unique individuals served

Enrollment & Application Assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to care and coverage through navigation activities such as application assistance, outreach/education, coordination across partners, data analysis to identify gaps, and communications to reach vulnerable communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of people who received assistance with application activities and were enrolled in a coverage or care program
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Health Need: Mental & Behavioral Health	
Funding Strategies	Example Metrics
Community-Based Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand access to culturally responsive programs that offer prevention, early intervention, or opportunities for social connection within the community. • Increase wraparound and navigation in underserved communities. • Build capacity to provide trauma and healing support in community settings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of individuals served • # of participants who received navigation support or referrals • % improved sense of wellbeing
Mental Health Workforce Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build capacity for community-based programs to expand mental health workforce programs through apprenticeships, certificate programs, paid internships or incentives, and clinical supervision. • Support programs that provide professional development/training for mental health professionals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of trainees licensed or obtain credentials • # of clients served by trainee • % of trainees who complete program

Health Need: Income & Employment

Funding Strategies	Example Metrics
Health Career Pathways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grow a culturally competent health care workforce through health care career exposure in high school and programs that support training and employment in the health care field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of individuals connected to “good quality” jobs <p>successful participation in job training and apprenticeship programs</p>
Workforce Development (non-health care): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support programs providing job training, wrap-around services, and employment services for vulnerable populations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of individuals connected to quality jobs <p>successful participation in job training and apprenticeship programs</p>
Increase Access to Healthy Food: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase capacity to distribute healthy food in community settings such as prepared meals, produce, or groceries to school children, families, or people experiencing or at high risk of diet related disease. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of people served # of meals distributed # of pounds of food distributed

Health Need: Housing

Funding Strategies	Example Metrics
Housing Navigation & Stabilization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen capacity of a centralized coordinating body (Continuum of Care) responsible for leading community-wide homelessness reductions and/or improve the ability of the CBO/provider community to accelerate exits from the homelessness response system. Increase access to housing stabilization and supportive services (e.g. home modification, rental assistance) for people at risk of homelessness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of housing placements # of people receiving access to evidence-based homeless prevention & diversion assistance

Medical Respite <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen capacity to provide quality medical respite care by expanding services, increasing financial stability and advancing best and innovative practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of medical respite beds available at your facility # of FTE's at time of reporting
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Health Need: Community Safety	
Funding Strategies	Example Metrics
Healing & Support Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase access to healing and support services for communities, families and youth to break the cycle of violence (including intimate partner violence). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of individuals engaged # of activities/events
Health Care & Community Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance health care and community partnerships for gun violence prevention programs like safe storage and hospital-based intervention programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of individuals engaged # of activities/events

