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## ***37 California Communities Funded to Implement Novel Approach to Enhancing Community Health***

**SACRAMENTO, CALIF. | JUNE 15, 2023...** In a major effort to reimagine California’s health system, the [California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative \(CACHI\)](#) today announced that [37 communities](#) have been selected to advance an innovative approach to building community health and equity. Following a rigorous, multi-step review with 22 expert evaluators, these communities were chosen to implement an [Accountable Community for Health \(ACH\)](#), a sustainable platform for aligning local health and social services while centering community voice and equity.

“To ensure health for all, we must change how we approach health transformation, starting by making sure everyone is at the table,” said [Dr. Tomás J. Aragón](#), director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and state public health officer. “This major investment in lifting up community voice and centering equity is critical to achieving California’s goal of improved health outcomes, especially for lower-income communities and communities of color.”

In total, \$13.5 million will be distributed to ACHs located in 27 counties over the next 2 ½ years. Of the 37 ACHs, 13 are in Southern California, eight are in the Central part of the state and 16 are in Northern California. Some ACHs are managed by local nonprofits, while others are housed within county health departments or other government agencies. This new funding aims to strengthen ACHs as local civic infrastructure and transform systems by facilitating multi-sector partnerships, aligning priorities and actively engaging communities.

“Accountable Communities for Health is a critical strategy to help California reverse historic inequities,” said [Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula](#) (D-Fresno), chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and lead champion for ACH funding in the state budget. “They help us rebuild trust in one another, bridging long-standing divisions in our communities. I’m proud that our state is embracing this innovative approach to improve the health and well-being of everyone.”

ACHs are designed to break down existing silos by bringing together many sectors and players within a community to align and transform local systems, all while centering residents’ voices in decision-

making. Using multi-sector and community-based partnerships built on a solid foundation of trust, ACHs empower communities to address persistent and emerging health challenges—and social inequities—in holistic and innovative ways.

“Community health is determined by countless complex social, economic and environmental factors that no one person or organization alone can address,” said [Barbara Masters](#), CACHI director. “By bringing together diverse voices from every sector—including health care providers, businesses, governments, nonprofits, faith groups and community residents—ACHs provide a place for solutions to bubble to the surface and be put into action. Ultimately, ACHs help everyone begin to paddle in the same direction.”

In July, 24 communities will launch new ACHs, joined by 13 communities that have piloted the ACH model for the last five years. All will use the ACH as a vehicle to help make measurable progress on one of California’s major state health initiatives, such as [California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal \(CalAIM\)](#), [Violence Prevention](#) or the [Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative \(CYBHI\)](#).

CACHI was launched in 2016 as a public-private partnership supporting California’s ACHs through grants, technical assistance, policy change, education and evaluation. Acknowledging the success of these ACHs, [Governor Gavin Newsom approved](#) a \$15 million budget line item in June 2022 to fuel the expansion of ACHs in California.

“ACHs go well beyond other health coalitions by doing essential work facilitating transformational change, providing much-needed structure, alignment and accountability. Most importantly, they advance the voice of the community in all of their work,” said Dr. Robert K. Ross, president and CEO of [The California Endowment](#), an initial and ongoing funder of the ACH initiative.

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**Editor’s Note:** [Click to view the full list of selected communities and their chosen initiatives.](#)

## 37 ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTH

CACHI is proud to be supporting 37 different locations throughout California as their resident-driven ACHs work to build healthier, stronger, more equitable communities. These descriptions include 13 communities (identified with **\***) that piloted the ACH approach as well as 24 new communities announced in 2023 that have joined in the effort to make lasting, transformational change in the health of their community.

### ALAMEDA COUNTY

#### Healthy Havenscourt Collaborative (HHC)

Coordinated by the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC), HHC works to improve health inequities by strengthening social supports and services for residents of Oakland's Havenscourt neighborhood. HHC will improve housing stability and job quality, with a focus on California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)'s Community Support element.

#### Unincorporated Health and Wealth Initiative

With Resources for Community Development as its backbone, this ACH aims to address emotional well-being, financial security, and economic empowerment for Latino, Black, and Asian households in the Ashland-Cherryland community. Its initial focus is on the implementation of the state's Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CHYBI).

### BUTTE COUNTY

#### Butte County Accountable Communities for Health

Led by the North Valley Community Foundation, this countywide ACH aims to advance community priorities identified through various assessments using cross-sector partnerships with local hospitals and health initiatives. Its focus is equity and strengthening community resilience."

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

#### Contra Costa ACH

With Contra Costa Health as the backbone, this ACH aims to shape the lives of county residents by addressing a variety of health-impacting factors, with a focus on living safely, healthy and well. It aligns with the state's Let's Get Healthy California initiative.

### FRESNO COUNTY

#### Fresno County Health Improvement Partnership (FCHIP)\*

This ACH, coordinated by Fresno Metro Ministry, focuses its efforts on Southwest Fresno. It aims to unite over 100 local organizations to address adverse childhood experiences (ACES) and expand capacity to implement trauma-informed healing practices.

### HUMBOLDT COUNTY

#### Humboldt Community Health Trust\*

This ACH, with support from the North Coast Health Improvement and Information Network, works to create a safe, healthy and resilient community to holistically address substance use disorder, uniting key stakeholders to address the diverse factors contributing to addiction in rural Humboldt. Its efforts are aligned with the state's Children Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI).

## IMPERIAL COUNTY

### Imperial County Accountable Community for Health\*

Imperial County ACH, with coordination from San Diego State University Research Foundation, works to plan for and coordinate health workforce needs by building partnerships and promoting power-sharing. Its goal is to learn from the community's experience during the COVID-19 pandemic and better prepare the system for future challenges.

## LAKE COUNTY

### Hope Rising Lake County\*

Hope Rising elevates the health and well-being of Lake County residents by addressing health inequities, with a particular focus on mental health and substance use disorders, and building community-clinical linkages. Projects include the SafeRX program to reduce opioid consumption, the Perinatal Wellness Task Force and transitional housing for people who are unhoused. Its efforts align with the state's Children Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI).

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY

### All in for Azusa\*

With support from the City of Azusa, this ACH works to coordinate over two dozen partners and the community to advance prevention strategies that build a more healthy and livable community. This ACH will prioritize efforts to prevent community violence.

### Antelope Valley - Violence Prevention ACH (AV-VP ACH)

Facilitated by Antelope Valley Partners for Health, this ACH focuses on community violence prevention in Antelope Valley. Its goal is to address the root causes of violence, advance systems change and heal the community.

### Community Response System of South Los Angeles (CRSSLA) Network

With assistance from the Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches (LAM), CRSSLA Network was formed to address BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) community needs. This ACH will host events, town halls, reading circles and collective actions to build trust in the health care system and bridge communities. It will also partner with Managed Care Plans to reduce health disparities.

### Compton Healthy

Compton Healthy, coordinated by St. John's Community Health Center, aims to build upon its existing cross-sector partnerships to address health disparities experienced by the low-income, Latinx and Black residents of Compton. Its primary focus will be on the state's Behavioral Health for Children and Youth initiative.

### Health Innovation Community Partnership\*

This ACH, with backbone support from the LAC+USC Medical Center Foundation, works to integrate children and youth behavior health efforts in the Boyle Heights community in Los Angeles, all with a special focus on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-racism (EDIA). Its efforts are aligned with the state's Advancing Child Health and Well-Being initiative.

### LA Reentry Council ACH

The LA Reentry Council ACH is a network of partner organizations that promotes the successful reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals in Central and South Los Angeles. The Center for Council, a project of Community Partners, serves as the backbone agency, aligning work around SB 840 public reentry funding.

### Long Beach Community Advisory Board\*

This ACH, with backbone support from the Long Beach Department of Health & Human Service's Racial and Health Equity Team, will focus on elevating community voice and improving equity within the department, the city and the broader community. It will align with the state's Future of Public Health (FoPH) initiative to build local infrastructure for community voice.

**One San Pedro Alliance**

One San Pedro Alliance seeks to strengthen the governance structure of its backbone organization, One San Pedro Inc., to incorporate resident voices and address community health priorities in the most socially vulnerable neighborhoods in the San Pedro area of Los Angeles. It will focus on the state's Housing and Homelessness initiative.

**MADERA COUNTY****Live Well Madera County**

Live Well Madera County, coordinated by the Madera County Department of Public Health, will embed equity and community voice into the county's community health improvement plan. The ACH aligns with the Future of Public Health (FoPH) state initiative to improve public health infrastructure.

**MARIN COUNTY****Marin 9 to 25**

With the Marin County Probation Department and BluePath Health acting as the backbone, this ACH focuses on youth physical and mental health challenges and the substance abuse crisis. The ACH's goal is to welcome youth voices, embed equity and expand care navigation to schools across Marin County. It will align its efforts with the state's Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI).

**MENDOCINO COUNTY****Healthy Mendocino**

Healthy Mendocino, coordinated by North Coast Opportunities, Inc., will focus on CalAIM implementation across the county while embedding equity into all its activities to address social determinants of health.

**MERCED COUNTY****Merced County  
Accountable Communities for Health\***

With leadership from the Merced County Workforce Development Board, this ACH will work to promote urgent workforce issues in the healthcare sector. Its efforts will focus on coordinating the local health workforce needs by developing, attracting and retaining workers to meet the needs of a diverse, multi-lingual and largely low-income population.

**ORANGE COUNTY****Be Well OC ACH**

Be Well OC ACH is a community movement coordinated by Advance OC, dedicated to building infrastructure for change around mental health, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and opioid abuse prevention. It will also align CalAIM and CalOptima across the county.

**Orange County API Task Force**

Led by the API Task Force with backbone support from the Vital Access Care Foundation, this ACH works to reduce Asian Pacific Islander health disparities in Orange County while assisting with the implementation of Medi-Cal Population Health Management Plans.

**PLACER COUNTY****Invest Health/Placer County ACH Network**

This ACH, with the Health Education Council (HEC) as backbone, works in Roseville to lift community voices and involve underserved residents in its efforts to improve community health. It will focus on building partnerships with managed care plans and community-based organizations under CalAIM.

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY****Child Safety Forward Sacramento**

This ACH, with backbone support from the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento, will work to stop child abuse and neglect, with the goal of eliminating deaths and critical injuries throughout the county by 2030. Core to this work will be strong partnerships with county systems to advance child health and well-being.

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY****Uplift San Bernardino**

Uplift San Bernardino, with support from the Making Hope Happen Foundation, aims to cultivate a generation of successful adults committed to putting down roots in their community. This ACH will focus on CalAIM's Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports initiative and will deploy additional resources to the Arrowhead Grove community.

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY****San Diego Accountable Community for Health\***

With support from the San Diego Wellness Collaborative, this ACH focuses its efforts on building a foundation to sustain the community health worker (CHW/promotora) workforce and expand capacity for clinical-community linkages. It will align its work with CalAIM's new CHW benefit initiative.

**SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY****Mission Promise Neighborhood (MPN) ACH**

Mission Promise Neighborhood ACH, with backbone support from the Mission Economic Development Agency, promotes the health and well-being of Latino and immigrant children in San Francisco's Mission District by aligning and coordinating activities and systems changes. This ACH aligns with the State's Child Health and Well-Being Initiative.

**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY****Reinvent South Stockton Coalition (RSSC)\***

The Reinvent South Stockton Coalition is a multi-sector alliance of medical providers, local government agencies, community organizations and advocates that work together to help make South Stockton a trauma-responsive community with sufficient mental and behavioral health support. Its focus will align with the state's Strengthening Community Resilience initiative.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY****Redwood City Together**

Redwood City Together, with support from the city, uses collaborative approaches to prevent community violence by empowering young people and residents. The ACH aligns with state efforts to address community violence, emphasizing employment and enrichment opportunities for young adults during after-school hours.

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY****Caring Together Santa Barbara County**

This ACH brings together 41 partner organizations and a backbone organization, Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County, to coordinate efforts to support caregivers and those they care for. It aligns with Goal 4 of the California Master Plan for Aging (MPA).

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY****East San José PEACE Partnership\***

PEACE, with support from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, addresses violence, trauma and racial inequities in East San José by strengthening partnerships and building systemic infrastructure. It will focus its efforts on preventing community violence and will also work to advance state initiatives to prevent homelessness and displacement, implement community health workers as a Medi-Cal benefit, and further the Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (CalVIP).

**South County Youth Task Force's (SCYTF) South County Health Equity for All Leadership Initiative (SC HEALS!)**

South County Youth Task Force's (SCYTF) South County Health Equity for All Leadership Initiative (SC HEALS!) is coordinated by the City of Gilroy and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. This ACH aligns with the state's Preventing Community Violence initiative and aims to address longstanding inequities and racism, targeting root causes of intergenerational poverty and unfair policies impacting local families.

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY****South County Triage Group (SCTG)**

With assistance from the City of Watsonville, this ACH works to improve equity, health and economic mobility by providing culturally appropriate services for vulnerable and marginalized individuals in the Pajaro Valley. It will focus its efforts on Capacity and Infrastructure Transition Expansion and Development (CITED), a Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) initiative for high-risk beneficiaries of Medi-Cal.

**SHASTA COUNTY****Shasta Health Assessment and Redesign Collaborative**

This "collaborative of collaboratives," supported by the Health Alliance of Northern California, brings all sectors together to move system transformation efforts. Shasta's chosen state initiative is the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI), focusing on increasing access to youth behavioral health services and enhancing the continuum of care for youth and families.

**SONOMA COUNTY****Health Action Together Sonoma County\***

Health Action Together works countywide to advance anti-racist practices in support of health equity. Its focus over the next few years is to bring these principles to play in executing the deliverables of grants related to the state's Community Equitable Recovery Initiative (CERI) and the Future of Public Health (FoPH).

**VENTURA COUNTY****Ventura County Accountable Community for Health**

Coordinated by Communities Lifting Communities, this ACH focuses on building partnerships and capacity to improve health outcomes across Ventura County. Its initiative aligns with CalAIM, implementing policies and programs to promote access to culturally appropriate preventative care services among underserved populations.

**YOLO COUNTY****West Sacramento Accountable Community  
for Health Initiative\***

This ACH, with support from the Health Education Council, works to promote health and well-being in West Sacramento by strengthening community resilience, institutionalizing resident leadership and achieving health equity. It will align its efforts with the state's Strengthening Community Resilience initiative to build equity infrastructure.