

# California's Data Exchange Framework: Funding Opportunities to Support Data Exchange

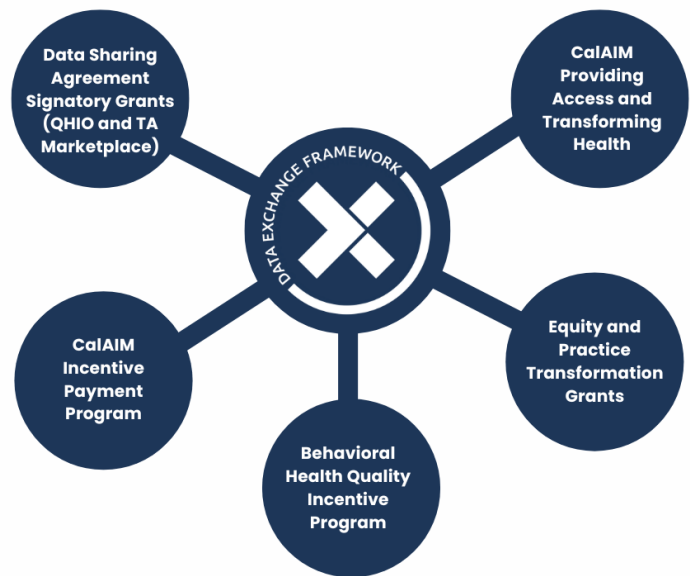
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## Overview

Once implemented across California, the Data Exchange Framework (DxF) will create new connections and efficiencies among health and social services providers, improving whole-person care. The **Multi-Association DxF Education Initiative recognizes many organizations will need funding to acquire technology, build interfaces, and develop the workflows to support this work.**

California has numerous funding opportunities for organizations looking to strengthen their data sharing infrastructure and capacity, and applicants can utilize these funding opportunities to fund non-duplicative projects. The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide an overview of **funding opportunities that can be blended and braided to support data sharing infrastructure:**



## DxF Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) Signatory Grants

- **Agency:** Center for Data Insights and Innovation
- **Total funding available:** \$47 million across three rounds in 2023
- **Funding amounts:** Variable, up to \$500,000, depending on the signatory type
- **Grant details:**
  - **Qualified Health Information Organization (QHIO) Onboarding Grants:** Grants serve as an “assisted pathway” to support identifying and onboarding to a QHIO.
    - Enhanced Funding is available to entities that serve underserved communities and did not participate in Cal-HOP.



- **Technical Assistance (TA) Grants:** “Build Your Own Solution” grants in which DSA signatories can apply for funding to support technical and operational activities to meet DSA requirements.
  - Enhanced Funding is available to entities that serve underserved communities and did not participate in Cal-HOP.
- **Eligible applicants:** DSA signatories
- **Timing:** Available across three funding rounds:
  - Round 1 (Required Signatories): 5/15/2023 – 6/15/2023
  - Round 2 (Required Signatories): 6/15/2023 – 7/15/2023
  - Round 3 (Required & Voluntary Signatories): 7/1/2023 – 9/30/2023
- **More Information:** <https://www.cdii.ca.gov/committees-and-advisory-groups/data-exchange-framework/>

### Equity and Practice Transformation Grants

- **Agency:** Department of Health Care Services
- **Total funding available:** \$650 million
- **Grant details:** Grants will open in late 2023 and launch January 2024. One of the intended purposes is to provide technical assistance to allow small physician practices to upgrade their clinical infrastructure, including electronic health records and data sharing.
- **Eligible applicants:** Likely targeted towards pediatric, obstetrics/gynecology, and behavioral health providers and small physician practices.
- **Timing:** Available in late 2023
- **More information:** <https://ebudget.ca.gov/2022-23/pdf/Enacted/BudgetSummary/HealthandHumanServices.pdf>

### CalAIM Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH)

- **Agency:** Department of Health Care Services
- **Total funding available:** \$1.85 billion
- **Funding amounts:** Variable
- **Grant details:**
  - **Capacity and Infrastructure Transition, Expansion, and Development (CITED):** Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports (CS) providers



can apply for CITED funding to support their workforce, infrastructure, and technical capacity needed to implement ECM and CS services under CalAIM. This includes funding for technology platforms and funding connectivity to support providers achieving interoperability and sharing data with other local entities as appropriate.

- **Technical Assistance Marketplace:** ECM and CS providers can apply for Technical Assistance on the TA Marketplace from qualified vendors for an array of needs related to CalAIM implementation, separate from the DxF. However, through the first Domain, "Building Data Capacity," organizations can use funding to assess data sharing system needs and further develop their strategy.
- **Justice-Involved Capacity Building:** Justice departments and providers can receive funding to build and sustain pre- and post-release services to support CalAIM justice-involved initiatives.
- **Eligible applicants:** CBOs, counties, FQHCs and other eligible entities that are implementing ECM and CS services.
- **Timing:** Ongoing through multiple funding rounds, 2022-2026
- **More information:** <https://www.ca-path.com/>

### CalAIM Incentive Payment Program (IPP)

- **Agency:** Department of Health Care Services
- **Total funding available:** \$1.5 billion
- **Funding amounts:** Variable, dependent on availability of funding and local needs; contact your local Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) for more information.
- **Grant details:** IPP funding is intended to support MCPs to build sustainable capacity necessary to implement CalAIM. MCPs can use IPP funding to make strategic investments to support CalAIM goals.
- **Eligible applicants:** Current and prospective providers interested in contracting with MCPs
- **Timing:** Ongoing through 2024
- **More information:** <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/MCQMD/CalAIM-Incentive-Payment-FAQ.pdf>

## Behavioral Health Quality Incentive Program (BHQIP)

- **Agency:** Department of Health Care Services
- **Total funding available:** \$1.5 billion
- **Funding amounts:** Variable, based on a share of statewide claims
- **Grant details:** Applicants are expected to meet specific milestones to receive payment, including a demonstrated ability to exchange data, achieve FHIR APIs, and map USCDI data elements.
- **Eligible applicants:** County-operated behavioral health plans
- **Timing:** 2022-2024
- **More information:** <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/bhqip>

## Take Action: Sign the DSA

To join the Data Exchange Framework, many health entities are required by law to sign the DxF DSA and follow a common set of terms, conditions, and obligations that promote whole-person care. Scan the QR code and sign the DSA today.



### About the Multi-Association DxF Education Initiative

Groups including **America's Physician Groups, California Academy of Family Physicians, California Quality Collaborative, California Association of Area Agencies on Aging, California Association of Health Facilities, and California Association of Health Information Exchanges** have come together to inform their members about the CalHHS DxF DSA. **Transform Health** and **BluePath Health**, through Connecting for Better Health, are providing facilitation and management support for this initiative. For more information about the Multi-Association Education Initiative and the DxF, please visit our webpage or email us at [dxfeducation@connectingforbetterhealth.com](mailto:dxfeducation@connectingforbetterhealth.com).

