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Organization	What they do?	Grants they award	How to apply?
The California Endowment	The California Endowment is a private, statewide health foundation that was created in 1996 as a result of Blue Cross of California's creation of WellPoint Health Networks, a for-profit corporation. The California Endowment's mission is to expand access to affordable, quality health care for underserved individuals and communities, and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians.	The California endowment funds projects that fit under their big 10 outcomes strategy which include: 1) All children have health coverage 2) Families have improved access to a health home that supports healthy behaviors 3) Community health improvements are linked to economic development 4) health gaps for boys and young men of color are narrowed 5) California has a shared vision of community health.	A compelling proposal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must state clearly how the proposal concepts align with the 10 Outcomes or 4 Big Results. • Organizations may apply by submitting an online Letter of Inquiry beginning July 6, 2010. • There is no limit on the type of support that may be requested (e.g., general operating, program specific, project, capital, core operating.) or the amount of a grant request. • For statewide policy and advocacy work, funding is provided only through proposals solicited by The Endowment. Check the website periodically for RFP announcements http://www.calendow.org/grant_guide/
The California Wellness Foundation	The mission of The California Wellness Foundation is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education, and disease prevention. Rather than focusing on medical treatment, TCWF works to prevent health problems resulting from violence, teen pregnancy, poverty and other social issues.	The California Wellness Foundation prioritizes 8 issues for funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • diversity in the health professions; • environmental health; • healthy aging; • mental health; • teenage pregnancy prevention; • violence prevention; • women's health; and • work and health Grants range from \$20,000-\$300,000 for a one-to-three-year period. However, the typical three-year grant does not exceed \$150,000.	An organization must first write a one- or two-page letter of interest. The California Wellness Foundation does not use application forms, and does not accept formal proposals at this preliminary stage. Submissions beyond two pages will not be accepted. The letter of interest should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information about the organization's mission and activities; • the region and population(s) served; an explanation of how the funds will be used; • the total amount of funding requested from the Foundation; • funding priority for which you want your request considered; and • Project goals, leadership and duration (for project funding only). http://www.calwellness.org/how_to_apply/
The California Health Care Foundation (CHCF)	The California Health Care Foundation is a nonprofit grant making philanthropy whose vision is to work as a catalyst to fulfill the promise of better health care for all Californians. They support ideas that improve quality, improve efficiency, and lower the cost of care. CHCF issues approximately \$40 million in grants each year from an endowment of approximately \$700 million.	The California Health Care Foundation supports projects that are aligned with its programmatic work, and more specifically, the objectives of each of its programs. CHCF has these programs: Better Chronic Disease Care, Innovations for the Underserved, Market & Policy Monitor, and Health Reform and Public Programs Initiative.	Those who wish to submit an unsolicited request for funding to The California Health Care Foundation begin the process by providing a letter of inquiry to CHCF Grants Administration. A letter of inquiry should be one to three pages long and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief description of the proposed project; • A description of how the project fits with the programmatic work of the Foundation, including under which program objective it fits; • An estimated timeline; • The amount requested; and • Contact information. LOIs are accepted on a rolling basis and are generally responded to within six to eight weeks. Upon review, program staff may request a full proposal for further consideration. http://www.chcf.org/grants

<p>Blue Shield of California Foundation (BSCF)</p>	<p>The mission of the Blue Shield of California Foundation is to improve the lives of Californians, particularly underserved populations, by making health care accessible, effective, and affordable for all Californians, and by ending domestic violence.</p>	<p>Current funding opportunities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spurring innovation that leads to improved coordination and integration among California community clinics and other safety net providers. • Supporting innovative approaches to expand access to care for uninsured Californians left out of health reform. • Clinic Leadership Institute • Supporting policy efforts around Medi-Cal enrollment modernization. • Supporting innovative solutions to help bend the cost curve as health reform is implemented in California. • Collaboration, coordination, and building linkages among domestic violence organizations, other agencies and new partners. • Increasing efficiency across the network of California domestic violence organizations. • Strong Field Project 	<p>To be eligible for a Blue Shield of California Foundation grant, organizations must also meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a mission consistent with the mission and goals of Blue Shield of California Foundation. • Be a nonprofit and tax-exempt organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code (IRC) and defined as a public charity under 509(a) 1, 2, or 3 (types I, II, or a functionally integrated type III) • Have a reputation for credibility and integrity <p>Primarily serve Californians</p> <p>Organizations eligible to apply for BSCF funding may complete the online Letter of Inquiry (LOI) form and submit to The Blue Shield of California Foundation staff for review. LOIs are accepted on a rolling basis.</p> <p>http://www.blueshieldcafoundation.org/grants/what-we-fund</p>
<p>Sierra Health Foundation</p>	<p>The Sierra Health Foundation is a private philanthropy with a mission to invest in and serve as a catalyst for ideas, partnerships and programs that improve health and quality of life in Northern California. Sierra Health is committed to improving health outcomes and reducing health disparities in the region through convening, educating and strategic grant making.</p>	<p>Current funding opportunities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Non-profit Innovation Center</u>: Providing a multitenant, sustainable office and conference space for nonprofits working to improve health and well-being. • <u>Responsive grants program</u>: Responding to health needs and concerns in urban and rural communities throughout our 26-county funding region. • <u>Conference and Convening Program</u>: Providing nonprofit health and human service organizations meeting space for education, policy-making and collaboration • <u>Health Leadership Program</u>: Strengthening the leadership abilities of nonprofit health and human service managers and executives • <u>REACH Youth Program</u>: Supporting healthy development of youth for their successful transition to adulthood <p><u>Grizzly Creek Ranch Camp and Conference Center</u>: Improving the health, independence and life skills of children Sierra Health</p>	<p>Foundation publishes grant funding opportunities on their web site and in the bimonthly <i>Partnerships</i> electronic newsletter. Sierra Health accepts requests from qualifying nonprofit organizations in their funding region for event sponsorships that are compatible with the foundation’s mission and programs. Submission due dates are: Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov 1.</p> <p>http://www.sierrahealth.org/doc.aspx?129</p>

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<p>Irvine Health Foundation (IHF)</p>	<p>The Irvine Health Foundation is a non-profit grant making foundation dedicated to improving the health of our community. From its inception in 1985, IHF has consistently dedicated resources toward new programs and innovative endeavors. IHF's efforts are designed to meet the currently unmet health care needs, ensure the availability of accessible, quality health-related services, deal with health policy issues, and support research designed to develop new knowledge in areas related to health. Their mission is to improve the physical, mental and emotional well being of all Orange County residents.</p>	<p>Grants fall into two main categories: Community and Focused grants. The IHF only accept grant requests for Community grants, which are one-time, non-capital grants for up to \$15,000.</p>	<p>Website does not specifically mention steps to applying. http://www.ihf.org/</p>
<p>The San Francisco Public Health Foundation</p>	<p>Their mission is to provide resources to the San Francisco public health community to assist it in delivering the best quality health care in an efficient and cost-effective manner. It is supported through the generosity of individuals, corporations, and grants.</p> <p>Their way of work is to support and enhance the care and services provided by the san Francisco department of public health.</p>	<p>They augment and expand departments educational programs by funding conferences, trainings and publications related to public health issues. The foundation also sponsors special projects of the department.</p>	<p>Website does not specifically mention steps to applying. http://sfpublichealthfoundation.org/</p>
<p>Alliance Health Care Foundation</p>	<p>The Alliance Healthcare Foundation (AHF) works to improve access to healthcare for the San Diego region's poor, working poor and vulnerable populations.</p> <p>Committed to the principle that everyone should be able to access appropriate, quality, and timely care, AHF collaborates with nonprofit, government and community agencies to further this goal.</p>	<p>Alliance Healthcare Foundation's grant making activities focus strategically on funding organizations whose programs benefit the poor and working poor, children, and the homeless. Programs should improve access to primary and specialty care, mental health and substance abuse services, and use innovative and collaborative methods to get real results. They are committed to serving the most vulnerable populations in the San Diego area through funding projects and programs that address access to healthcare, with a focus on increasing the capacity and coordination of the healthcare delivery system.</p>	<p>AHF offers various grants which organizations are able to apply for through their online application system. http://www.alliancehf.org/grants-program</p>

<p>The Health Care Foundation for Orange County</p>	<p>The HealthCare Foundation for Orange County is committed to bringing health within reach for low-income families in Orange County by supporting efforts to empower parents and caregivers with information, resources and support to insure the health of their children.</p> <p>Formed in 1999, the HealthCare Foundation continues to support coordination and collaboration with other health partners, in order to increase resources applied to priority health areas. Work with and through qualified nonprofit hospitals to assure that Hospital Legacy grants address priority community health needs of low-income families in Orange County.</p>	<p>The HealthCare Foundation for Orange County seeks to fund projects, which will improve the health of residents in Central Orange County. Governmental agencies may apply for Healthy Orange County funds, if they meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated need for the funds. Applicant must document that this is a high priority for the body authorizing the request and that public funds are inadequate for the project. • Leverage. The project must include agency or other public funding, to leverage the funds requested from the Foundation. • Congruence. The project must be consistent with the Foundation’s mission, and the scope of the Community Grants Program. • Added Value. The project should not duplicate or replace an existing community effort. <p>Areas of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empower parents and caregivers • Bring culturally relevant services and information • Remove access barriers • Encourage innovative services and proven models • Assess the changing health needs of children, adolescents and families 	<p>Applications for funding under the Healthy Orange County Grants Program must be submitted by the grant deadline date (June 3, 2011). There are no exceptions. The proposals will be reviewed on an annual basis, with recommendations made to the Foundation Board of Directors on the <u>timetable</u> shown. Total funds available for the Healthy Orange County program are approximately \$75,000 dependent on asset earnings and Board action.</p> <p>http://www.hfoc.org/apply/</p>
<p>Kings Regional Health Foundation</p>	<p>The mission of Kings Regional Health Foundation is to provide resources to assist in the improvement of the quality of health in Kings County by providing funding for patient care, health education, equipment and facilities. They exist to provide our supporters a vehicle for the wise and timely investment of their resources in support of our community’s health.</p>	<p>Website does not specify type of grants they are willing to fund.</p>	<p>Website does not specifically mention steps to applying.</p> <p>http://kingsregionalhealthfoundation.com/default.aspx</p>

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<p>Riverside Community Health Foundation</p>	<p>Mission is to improve the health and well-being of our community. Riverside Community Health Foundation will improve the health status of the community by funding, developing and operating partnerships and collaborations that provide expanded access to high quality health care services and education.</p>	<p>In keeping with its mission, the Riverside Community Health Foundation invests in organizations and programs that benefit their residents and build vibrant and healthy communities throughout the City of Riverside. The Foundation provides funding in the area of health and seeks to support innovative approaches to prevention and education, as well as treatment and inpatient care. The Foundation supports projects that have a high likelihood to leading to sustained improvement in the health and health care access of vulnerable populations in the City of Riverside. Through its grant making program, the Foundation seeks to fund organizations that can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expand access to healthcare for Riverside city residents. 2. Increase health education and prevention in the community. 3. Provide programs and services that improve the health and well being of Riverside residents. 4. Demonstrate or advance effective strategies for filling significant gaps in health and health care in the City of Riverside. 5. Have a high likelihood of achieving self-sufficiency or that attract new/additional resources for services in the City of Riverside. 6. Employ <i>cost-effective strategies</i> for achieving meaningful improvements in health and health care within the community. 	<p>Applicants must submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) to the Foundation prior to submitting a proposal. Organizations which best match their grant making priorities and funding criteria will be invited to submit a formal proposal upon receipt and favorable review of the LOI. Letters of Inquiry may be submitted at any time. The Letter of Inquiry will be reviewed, and within 30 days the Foundation will provide its response (either requesting or declining a full proposal).</p> <p>http://www.rchf.org/Grants/</p>
<p>Uni-Health Foundation</p>	<p>As an independent private healthcare foundation, The UHF is committed to becoming a pacesetter in healthcare philanthropy. They support and facilitate the activities that significantly improve the health and well being of the individuals and communities they serve.</p>	<p>Most Uni-Health Foundation grants are made for the purpose of funding healthcare services and programs provided by or through qualified charitable hospitals in specified service areas in Los Angeles and northern Orange Counties. The service areas are: San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valley; Westside and Downtown Los Angeles; San Gabriel Valley; and Long Beach and Orange County.</p> <p>The Hospital Fund's three priority areas are Community Health Improvement, Healthcare Systems Enhancement and Workforce</p>	<p>To request a grant from UniHealth Foundation an organization must write a brief letter of inquiry. Letters of inquiry are accepted throughout the year. They do not accept formal proposals before a letter of inquiry has been submitted.</p> <p>http://www.unihealthfoundation.org/applying.html</p>

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