



2022 Grant Recipients

ACHIEVING EQUITY IN ORANGE COUNTY

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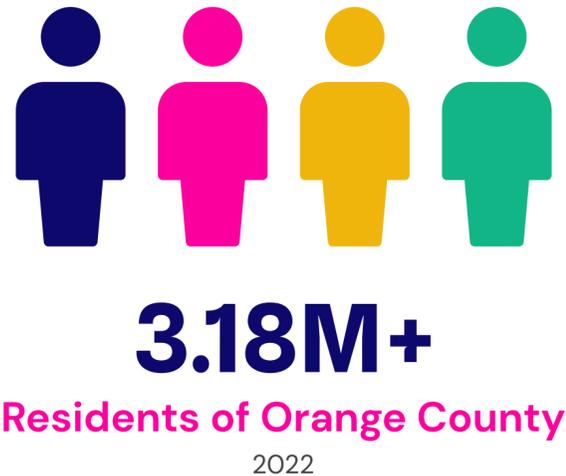
The Equity in OC (EiOC)* Initiative is a community-informed and data-driven initiative to address health inequities and disparities by laying the foundation for creating a healthier, more resilient, and equitable Orange County. In 2022, the EiOC Initiative awarded grants to [community organizations](#) to participate in initiative related activities focused on identifying

solutions to achieving health equity. In addition, EiOC awarded grants to organizations and collectives that share our commitment to closing the health equity gap. Together, grant recipients are responding to the immediate needs of their communities while building resiliency to better recover and respond to future public health crises.

Health Equity is when everyone has a fair opportunity to attain their full health potential and that no one should be disadvantaged from achieving this potential.

*EiOC is an Orange County Health Care Agency initiative working in collaboration with local Orange County community partners and funded by a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

2022 Grant Recipients at a Glance



Improving Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) and Reducing the Health Equity Gap

These grants support a collaborative approach to creating positive change in three primary SDoH action areas: Housing is Health, Food as Medicine and Health & Healing. The recipients are implementing projects that reduce health equity gaps and address SDoH affecting their communities.

Key focus areas include:

- Improving SDoH by supporting a neighborhood, population, or community; advancing clinical care delivery for a priority population; or addressing a chronic health condition.
- Addressing the impact of systemic and/or structural racism on health.
- Increasing community capacity to maintain and improve health.
- Improving community-centered interventions and/or social conditions that influence health.

SDoH Grant Recipients: Housing is Health

OC Affordable Housing Production Initiative | Lead Agency: [Hope Through Housing Foundation](#)

OC Affordable Housing Production Initiative is committed to increasing the production of safe, affordable and stable housing for residents in Orange County and advocating for policy changes around issues of homelessness and housing insecurity.

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Addressing Housing Disparities in South Orange County Lead Agency: [Providence Mission Hospital](#)

The Collaborative is increasing housing equity by creating a Low-Yield Charitable Real Estate Fund and developing a stronger network of services. By offering a new option for housing investment, the number of families who are severely rent burdened is expected to decrease 10% annually.

Contact information:

Christy Cornwall, christy.cornwall@stjoe.org, 949-203-1227

OC Housing Stability is Health Partnership | Lead Agency: [The Kennedy Commission](#)

The OC Housing Stability is Health Partnership is creating systems change through community engagement (e.g., tenant education, organizing, and protections), state and local anti-displacement policies, and production of healthy and affordable housing options.

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Eagleman Housing Project | Lead Agency: [The Salvation Army](#)

The Salvation Army Orange County is the lead organization for the Eagleman Housing Project in partnership with United American Indian Involvement (UAI) and Family Solutions Collaborative (FSC). The Project is committed to improving the family homeless response system by addressing the many barriers and roadblocks for families and individuals.

Contact information:

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AANHPI Community Capacity for Housing | Lead Agency: [Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation](#)

Vietnamese American Cancer Foundation is leading a collaboration with six partner organizations to establish housing counselor/navigator positions and develop a network of partners that will increase legal protections for AANHPI residents, make policy change possible, and increasing access to culturally appropriate, affordable and safe housing.

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Becky Nguyen, admin@vacf.org, 714-751-5805

SDoH Grant Recipients cont.: Health & Healing

Information Referral Services – GetHelp OC Lead Agency: [2-1-1 OC](#)

2-1-1 Orange County (211OC) is the lead agency for GetHelpOC, a collaboration with 15 partner organizations to implement a Community Information Exchange (CIE). It is a community-driven solution that ensures the engagement of local voices and the promotion of partnerships within the network so that residents have access to the help they need when they need it.

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Belisa Davis, bdavis@211oc.org, 949-374-3961

Wellness on Wheels – Mobile Health & Social Care Lead Agency: [Children’s Health OC](#)

Children’s Health Orange County is the lead organization for Wellness on Wheels (WOW), a partnership with five support organizations that aims to increase access to health services, education and care, and decrease the stigma around mental health and social services.

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Erika Jewell, ejewell@choc.org, 714-509-4380

Organizational Health Literacy as a path to Health Equity | Lead Agency: [Institute for Healthcare Advancement](#)

Institute for Healthcare Advancement is partnering with Orange County Social Services Administration, CalOptima Health, and St. Jude Neighborhood Health Centers to improve the organizational health literacy of each partner. The result is systemic change in how partners outreach to, engage with, and provide services for clients and the public.

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Marian Ryan, mryan@iha4health.org, 800-434-4633

Birth Initiative for Reproductive Rights, Transforming & Healing (BIRRTH) Women of Color Lead Agency: [MOMS Orange County](#)

MOMS Orange County and HERStory are partnering to create a scalable model for how doula services may operate in Orange County, particularly for low-income women of color. By assessing the need for doula services locally, the initiative aims to engineer programs that have the potential to create change at scale with sufficient support from the community and at the levers of power.

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John Paul Bryan, jpbryan@momsorangecounty.org, 714-352-3402

Anaheim Education & Health Intersections Initiative | Lead Agency: [OC Congregation Community Organization](#)

The Anaheim Education and Health Intersections Initiative is committed to building the capacity, voice, and sustainability of communities in Anaheim to address the school-to-prison pipeline and other forms of structural racism by instituting authentic engagement systems within the Anaheim Union High School District.

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WellSpaces: A Catalyst for Equitable Access for Students | Lead Agency: [OC Department of Education](#)

WellSpaces is creating welcoming spaces for students to learn wellness-related skills that improve their physical, mental and social emotional health. This includes actively engaging students and families through a student advisory council, increasing collaborative partnerships between schools and community partners and improving student access to services.

Contact information:

Dareen Khatib, dkhatib@ocde.us, 714-327-1083

Advocacy for People with Disabilities Lead Agency: [YMCA of OC](#)

The YMCA of Orange County is leading a collaboration with eight partner organizations to increase the capacity of support organizations and parents to provide policy, systems, and environmental change advocacy for children and youth with diagnosed or suspected co-occurring Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and mental health needs.

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Lee Lombardo, llombardo@ymcaoc.org, 714-508-7643

Pandemic Support and Recovery for Underserved and Underrepresented Communities

These organizations provide critical COVID-19-related support to underserved and underrepresented communities.

Key focus areas include:

- Providing supportive services, referrals, and linkages to testing, vaccination, and other mitigation strategies.
- Conducting outreach and engagement to support response and recovery.

Disseminating COVID-19 and other health disparities-related information to community members.

Grant Recipients: Pandemic Support & Recovery

American Indian and Alaska Native | United American Indian Involvement, Inc.

United American Indian Involvement (UAI) promotes the physical and behavioral health, education, and social support services of American Indian/Alaska Natives. UAI is responding to the evolving needs of the community regarding the COVID-19 crisis and providing vaccinations, testing, community health education, healthcare access, PPE, food resources and more.

Contact Information:

Joseph Quintana, jquintana@uaii.org, 213-804-3405

Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander | Pacific Islander Health Partnership

Pacific Islander Health Partnership (PIHP) serves multi-generational Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI) communities by nurturing an environment for overall health equity and wellness. The organization provides COVID-19 education, testing, vaccination, and referral services, and works to address other health disparities that have plagued the NHPI community for decades.

Contact Information:

Ualani Ho'opai, uhoopai@pacifichealthpartners.org, 847-858-3229

Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) | Alianza Translatinx

Alianza Translatinx advocates to uplift the Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) community through education, community empowerment and social justice. The organization provides critical COVID-19 response and recovery services, conducts outreach, hosts social support groups, and provides information on COVID-19 mitigation services.

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Advancement of Health Equity Through Sustainable Collectives

Population Health Equity Collectives were awarded grants to improve health equity of impacted communities by building the internal capacity of their Collective.

Key focus areas include:

- Building sustainable Collectives to address systemic health inequities facing prioritized impacted communities.
- Addressing health inequities through collaboration, partnership, and the inclusion of lived experiences and authentic voices.
- Creating a Health Equity Plan that outlines the priorities and plans for a given priority population.

Grant Recipients: Sustainable Collectives

African American / Black | Health Equity for African Americans League | Lead Agency: Second Baptist Church

Health Equity for African Americans League serves as a trusted advisor to the Black community to facilitate the collection of data around issues that affect the health and well-being of Black Orange County residents and to provide practical health and wellness initiatives to address specific inequities with the goal of contributing to health equity in Orange County.

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Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander | Asian Pacific Islander Task Force Collective | Lead Agency: The Cambodian Family

The Asian Pacific Islander Task Force Collective advances equity and anti-racism to achieve improvements in the health of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community members by addressing both the social and political determinants of health. The Collective is comprised of 17 agencies that provide services in over 39 languages.

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Individuals with Disabilities | Orange County Disabilities Coalition | Lead Agency: Illumination Institute

The Orange County Disability Coalition brings together seven Orange County-based, disability-focused organizations to build relationships and share information with the goal of building the Coalition's capacity to focus on individuals with disabilities and their families, engage reforming decision-making structures and fostering meaningful involvement.

Contact Information: Hai Hoang, hai@illuminationinst.org, 888-825-9001

Hispanic/Latinx | Latinx Health Equity Collective | Lead Agency: The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Center

The Latinx Health Equity Collective advances health equity through leadership and building capacity among community-based organizations to address structural inequities that contribute to health disparities for the Latinx communities. The Collective brings together community residents to build a platform for collective thinking, dialogue and action.

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LGBTQ+ | Orange County LGBTQIA-2S Coalition Lead Agency: Shanti Orange County

The Orange County LGBTQIA-2S Coalition is committed to raising diverse voices from the LGBTQ+ community by engaging key community leaders who can help advocate for policy change at the county level, identify funding to support vulnerable communities, and ensure health equity.

Contact Information: Lindsay Fitzpatrick, lindsay.fitzpatrick@shantioc.org, 949-452-0888

Older Adults | Orange County Aging Services Collaborative | Lead Agency: Alzheimer's Orange County

The Collaborative's mission is to create and maintain an integrated network of services that address the needs of older adults and their caregivers. Comprised of over 40 nonprofit organizations, for-profit agencies, and governmental senior service providers, the Collaborative is committed to effectively improving the lives of Orange County's older adults.

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Building the Power and Capacity of Small Nonprofit Organizations

Smaller, grassroots organizations are critical partners in improving health equity for the most impacted populations and often lack the necessary resources or power to fully engage in the work taking place. These grants provide small nonprofits funding to support capacity and infrastructure building, as well as an opportunity to work alongside other health equity organizations. The goal is to better position small organizations to sustainably engage in new and ongoing health equity collaborations.

Grant Recipients: Small Nonprofit Organizations

AHRI Center

AHRI is driving systemic change and creating new pathways so that no one lives in fear of deportation, and everyone has access to education, healthcare, affordable housing, and a healthy work environment.

Contact information: Lesley Velasco, lesley@ah-ri.org, 714-360-7986

Cancer Kinship

Cancer Kinship is empowering cancer patients to confidently face the disease through peer mentorship, individualized and group support, survivor education and socialization.

Contact information: Yolanda Origel, yorigel@cancerkinship.org, 714-592-1625

Chispa Education Fund

Chispa operates with a focus in three tiers; base building, policy, and elections. By creating an infrastructure for young people to engage in policy campaigns, and taking a position on candidates, Chispa is an organization that represents young Latinos / Latinx in all levels of government.

Contact information: Isuri Ramos, isuri@chispaoc.org, 657-377-9838

Hope Community Service, Inc.

Hope serves and supports Vietnamese Americans and neighboring communities so they may grow and excel through educational, cultural, social, and charitable activities.

Contact information: Hong Duong, hduong@giveushope.org, 714-265-1181

Kid Healthy

Kid Healthy engages school children and families from the most underserved communities through culturally appropriate health and wellness programs that improve nutrition and fitness levels.

Contact information: Linda Luna-Franks, linda@mykidhealthy.org, 949-874-7701

National Action Network Orange County

National Action Network is a leading civil rights organization with chapters throughout the country committed to fighting for justice, decency and equal opportunities for all people.

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Oak Health Foundation

Oak Health is a mental, physical and spiritual health clinic focused on healing the whole person. Patients receive comprehensive outpatient mental health care along with professional, spiritual counseling.

Contact information: Kim Read, kim@fullyhealth.org, 877-553-8559 x7001

People For Housing

People for Housing advocates for more home building in Orange County and lower housing costs with the goal of making room for the people who are already here and those that will come after.

Contact information:

Elizabeth Hansberg, elizabeth@peopleforhousing.org, 714-872-1418

Santa Ana Early Learning Initiative (SAELI)

SAELI is improving outcomes for children by delivering a range of services, including promoting early learning through wellness centers, building parent-led leadership teams and providing pandemic relief support.

Contact information: Dr. Stephanie Soto-Lara, ssotolara@saeli-oc.org, 323-503-3678

Viet Rainbow of OC

Viet Rainbow of OC is a grassroots organization that builds community, mobilizes intergenerationally and strives to create a world where everyone has the resources and agency to thrive with dignity.

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