CalHHS Data Exchange Framework

The Data Exchange Framework Grant Program

The California Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Grant Program launched in October 2022 to help health and human services providers and other healthcare entities understand and implement DxF requirements.

The Data Exchange Framework Is Important for All Californians and Healthcare Entities

Every Californian, no matter where they live, should be able to trust that their healthcare and human services providers can safely and securely access critical patient information to provide safe, effective, whole person care. But most Californians receive care from multiple providers that may or may not be able to easily share health records electronically, resulting in delayed access to crucial information. This connection gap impacts all of us, but disproportionately impacts communities of color, low-income Californians, older populations, and rural parts of our state.[1]

The California Health and Human Services (CalHHS) Data Exchange Framework (DxF) is an agreement and set of policies and procedures that will accelerate and expand the statewide exchange of health information among healthcare and human service organizations and entities beginning in 2024.

The DxF facilitates equitable, affordable, and secure health information exchange, so that patients, providers, and other healthcare entities can access the health information they need, wherever they are and whenever they need it.

Providers and Other Healthcare Entities Are Required to Sign the Data Sharing Agreement

The Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) commits signatories to follow the same set of rules and policies to share patient information safely.

Under **AB 133**, general acute care hospitals, physician organizations and medical groups, skilled nursing facilities, health plans, disability insurers, clinical laboratories, and acute psychiatric hospitals are required to sign the Data Sharing Agreement (DSA).

Additional health care and social services providers may choose to voluntarily sign the DSA, including counties, community-based organizations, emergency medical services, and unspecified mental health providers.

The DxF Grant Program will administer grants to support DxF education, signatory onboarding to a qualified health information organization (QHIO), and other technical assistance to help signatories meet DxF requirements.

THE CALHHS DXF GRANT PROGRAM

To support organizations signing the DSA and the successful implementation of the DxF, the California Governor and State Legislature **allocated $50 million for the DxF Grant Program** to support the adoption and implementation of DxF requirements. The DxF Grant Program supports statewide implementation of the DxF by:

a. Providing signatories with resources to address critical operational and technical barriers to DxF implementation.

b. Prioritizing investments in DxF signatories operating in under-resourced geographies and/or serving historically marginalized populations and underserved communities.

c. Ensuring alignment and filling funding gaps among other federal and state grant programs.

[1]As demonstrated by the **California Healthy Places Index**

What DxF Grants Are Available?

Based on stakeholder feedback, CalHHS has identified **three core grant opportunities to address areas where resources are required to support broad DxF implementation:**

Educational Initiative Grants | Starting October 2022

DxF signatories need support to understand their DSA responsibilities.

The DxF Educational Initiative Grants will provide funding to nonprofit associations representing signatories to provide education and training for organizations who will sign the DSA. Activities funded by the grants can include — but are not limited to — webinars, training guides, or conference sessions.

Applications for these grants were due on October 31, 2022, and CalHHS expects initial grant awards to be announced in December 2022.

QHIO Onboarding Grants | Starting Early 2023

DxF signatories may need assistance covering the initial costs of connecting to a qualified health information organization (QHIO).

The DxF QHIO Onboarding Grants will provide funding to cover initial costs of connecting to a QHIO. In 2023, CalHHS will launch a program to qualify health information organizations who meet DSA requirements.

Technical Assistance (TA) Grants | Starting Early 2023

Beyond QHIO onboarding, DxF signatories may need assistance implementing required operational and technical changes in their organizations to fulfill their DSA responsibilities.

The DxF Technical Assistance Grants will provide grant funding to organizations that have signed the DSA to secure operational and technical support for implementation.

CalHHS expects to release additional information about these grant opportunities in January 2023, and to begin accepting grant applications for these grants in early 2023.[2]

The Latest Updates

To learn more, please visit the [Data Exchange Framework website](#), or view the [DxF Executive Summary](#).

To receive the latest updates on the DxF Grant Program, including information on eligibility and how to apply, please email **[CDII@chhs.ca.gov](#)** to be added to the DxF Community email distribution lists.

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[2]Grant parameters are subject to change.