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[Emma P - Manatt Events] 11:01:58

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[Emma P - Manatt Events] 11:02:06

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[Emma P - Manatt Events] 11:03:32

And now I will hand it off to Jonathan

[John Ohanian] 11:03:36

Thank you. I'm a Hello. Everyone. Happy New Year to all of you.

[John Ohanian] 11:03:39

Thanks for joining us. I'm excited to welcome you to the second part of the third meeting of the Calhs Data Exchange framework Implementation Advisory Committee.

[John Ohanian] 11:03:48

I got that mouthful done. Great, truly. Do wanna wish you happy in the year I know we had plans to try to have an in person, but with weather, events and everything else, we thought it was best to keep you in your homes off the road but we look forward to seeing you again, soon for today.

[John Ohanian] 11:04:05

You can see our agenda here during our time together.

[John Ohanian] 11:04:07

We're gonna be taking a deeper dive into the data exchange framework.

[John Ohanian] 11:04:10

Qhio program, and as well as the the Grant programs, we really look forward to getting your feedback on these topics today.

[John Ohanian] 11:04:20

And we just want to urge all of you to participate by during today's meeting.

[John Ohanian] 11:04:25

We we hear from many of you in between meetings as well, and sometimes we find ourselves on a call saying it'd be great for the whole group to hear this.

[John Ohanian] 11:04:32

So please speak up. If you have a thought, I'm sure, that it would go well with the feelings of the group, and if you have a question, I'm sure you're not alone in that, so please, we encourage your participation.

[John Ohanian] 11:04:43

So with that, let's go through up quick. The roll call today.

[John Ohanian] 11:04:48

Alright, I'm gonna start and ask Norland asbreak. Are you there

[Norlyn Asprec] 11:04:53

Here, thanks. John.

[John Ohanian] 11:04:54

Excellent morning. Andrew Bimman

[John Ohanian] 11:05:00

Okay. Actually, I heard from Andrew. He's not gonna be able to attend to H. O.

[John Ohanian] 11:05:04

Ds.



[John Ohanian] 11:05:08

Okay. Happy. Near David Ford

[David Ford] 11:05:11

Good morning, happy new Year.

[John Ohanian] 11:05:12

I've been here happy to hear Aaron Goodelle

[Aaron Goodale] 11:05:16

Happy New Year.

[John Ohanian] 11:05:16

Hello! Happy to hear Laurie hack! Huh!

[Lori Hack] 11:05:21

Good morning. Hello!

[John Ohanian] 11:05:23

Good morning. Morning. Camera. Tiser.

[Cameron Kaiser] 11:05:25

Good morning, and happy New Year

[John Ohanian] 11:05:27

I can hear how you doing, Troy, Davey

[Troy Kaji] 11:05:31



Happy to hear.

[John Ohanian] 11:05:32

Okay. Andrew keeper. Yeah, I've been here. Paul Kimzy

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Happy New Year.

[Paul Kimsey] 11:05:40

I'd be new here. Good morning, everyone.

[John Ohanian] 11:05:42

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[John Ohanian] 11:05:48

Pat logic.

[John Ohanian] 11:05:53

I saw Matt piano calling.

[DeeAnne McCallin] 11:05:55

Hi Happy New Year.

[John Ohanian] 11:05:57

Hi! Amy Miller

[Amie Miller] 11:05:59

Present. Hello!

[John Ohanian] 11:06:00

Hello, Ali! Madrasie

[Ali Modaressi] 11:06:03

Happy New Year, bye.

[John Ohanian] 11:06:04

Jonathan Russell

[Jonathan Russell] 11:06:08

Good morning, and happy

[John Ohanian] 11:06:09

Well, Kerry, Sanders.

[Cary Sanders] 11:06:13

Good morning. Here.

[John Ohanian] 11:06:16

Thank you. Kathlee. Seminole Mcdonald. Morning

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 11:06:19

Hi! Good morning!

[John Ohanian] 11:06:20

Hey! Brian Summers.



[Ryan Sommers] 11:06:23

Hello here!

[John Ohanian] 11:06:25

And feel like so

[Felix Su] 11:06:27

Hey! Good morning, John!

[John Ohanian] 11:06:29

Excellent! Good morning to everyone. Thank you for joining. Hi.

[John Ohanian] 11:06:33

We can go to slide 10, as always like to take a moment to remind us all of our common vision for data exchange in California, which is that every Californian and the Health and Human Service providers and organizations that care for them will have timely and secure access to usable information that is needed to address

[John Ohanian] 11:06:52

their health and social needs, and enable the effective and equitable delivery of services to improve their lives and wellbeing.

[John Ohanian] 11:07:00

Thank you for being a part of this really important mission. Next slide.

[John Ohanian] 11:07:04

Please bring over objectives for today. So we have obviously, first and foremost, we're gonna discuss our Qhio program application criteria.

[John Ohanian] 11:07:15

We're then gonna give you an update on the grant funded data exchange framework, educational initiatives and further discussion on the proposed application process for Qhio onboarding and technical assistance grants.

[John Ohanian] 11:07:28

The next slide is just for your reference, and has our timeline will be covering some of these dates in more detail during today's meeting, and we have our roadmap.

[John Ohanian] 11:07:38

And, as you can see, we're gonna take a deep dive into details.

[John Ohanian] 11:07:42

On the Pmp is under development implementation of the Grants program.

[John Ohanian] 11:07:47

Qhl criteria and digital identity participant registry.

[John Ohanian] 11:07:51

In our next meeting we will also continue to discuss and provide updates on our implementation areas in our upcoming meetings.

[John Ohanian] 11:08:00

And finally, a couple more housekeeping items.

[John Ohanian] 11:08:02

Before we jump into the substance of today's meeting.

[John Ohanian] 11:08:05

We're considering moving the march 2,023 meeting back by a week or 2 to ensure that there's adequate time for the IC.

[John Ohanian] 11:08:12

To review the drafts of the Pmps ahead of the meeting.

[John Ohanian] 11:08:15

We hope to have that decision point in the next week, and we'll update you on that beyond March we'll be scheduling additional IC meetings approximately every 6 weeks, and your council has really been and will continue to be valuable as we implement many of the data exchange

[John Ohanian] 11:08:32

Framework programs and priorities. So thank you again for all that.

[John Ohanian] 11:08:36

And by will now hand it over to Sydney to cover the Qh.

[John Ohanian] 11:08:40

O application and criteria. Send the off to you

[Cynthia Bero] 11:08:44

Thank you, John. When we move on to the next slide.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:08:50

I wanted to start today by reminding us all about the the definition that we introduced a few meetings ago, and that is what is an Hio and what is a qualified hio.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:09:03

So as a reminder, you know an Hio is an organization that serves as an intermediary assisting help, help, and human service organizations as they exchange information.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:09:15

The qualified Hio is one that has been demonstrated that they have the capabilities to meet the requirements of the data exchange framework, and then can be a resource for signatories that are seeking services and support as they look to meet their obligations as a signatory so it's really

[Cynthia Bero] 11:09:37

Just a naming or a definitional construct that I'd like to just remind folks of as we go through today's material moving to the next slide.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:09:49

We also showed this before, and I just liked it like it is a reminder what we are looking for when we are designing this program and designing the application for HIV seeking to be qualified.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:10:03

And that is, you know, confidence. We want to establish a sense of trust and confidence that an Hio is capable of supporting a signatory.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:10:11

We think that there's a lot of complicated decisions that a signatory will need to make, and one of those elements here is choosing an Hio if they need one, and so giving them some confidence in the organizations that have received the qualification is important secondly, we wanna make sure that

[Cynthia Bero] 11:10:33

We create a program that is stable in the sense that people can make good business decisions and know that there's not going to be.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:10:43

You know, the earth shifting beneath their feet, although I know in California that's probably not something I should be saying very often, because it happens the the fairness is another construct here.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:10:55

We wanna make sure that we give both signatories and Hios reasonable time to adapt to changes or remediate issues.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:11:05

And then, lastly, and perhaps most of importantly, is equity to make sure that we are designing a program that gives opportunities for all signatories to participate successfully in the data exchange framework, because that is part of the the overall vision is to make sure that this is is

[Cynthia Bero] 11:11:22

Broadly based. Next slide. Please.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:11:28

So there will be an application process that will launch later this spring.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:11:36

The the application itself is designed to gather information, to help Cdi.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:11:40

Determine whether an organization has the structure and capabilities to qualify and support the data exchange framework, and so what we're gonna do today is start to discuss what some of those criteria are, we will you know, this will all culminate between this meeting and the next meeting

[Cynthia Bero] 11:12:04

With a with an application process that we will be launching, and we strongly encourage Hos to that are interested in being qualified to consider the application and and look to apply as as early as they can.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:12:22

But the goal here is to, you know, have a process that determines these organizations.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:12:27

Do meet the qualifications, and are able to help signatories.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:12:33

I also wanna you know, Echo John's comments when he opened this meeting, would really, you know, appreciate and welcome feedback and comments as we go through the application areas.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:12:48

This this only gets better if we, you know, get that feedback.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:12:51

So please encourage you to to speak up next slide today, we're gonna cover 2 of the 4 areas in the application or the organizational information and privacy and security a future meeting.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:13:09

Most likely the next lac meeting will be covering the functional capabilities and the operational components to the program.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:13:20

Why don't we move ahead to the next slide?

[Cynthia Bero] 11:13:25

Okay. So in the application itself, which was sent to you as a a narrative, to go along with the slides.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:13:36

And the reason it was sent is because this some of it's pretty dense and it didn't quite make sense to put that on a slide.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:13:41

But there's what we're going to be covering today on the slides is a summary level view of what was contained in that.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:13:49

Now, but in the narrative it starts with an introductory section that gives some instructions about how to fill out the application, how to list the you know how to label the attachments that are coming in on the application, but it also includes a couple of important notes that I wanted to call out

[Cynthia Bero] 11:14:09

Here. One of them is that the information contained within an application for the Qhio designation is considered public information under the California public Records Act, and that applicants just need to be mindful of that, as they complete the application and the second note is that an organization that fails to respond to a particular question

[Cynthia Bero] 11:14:32

Or is found to misrepresent the capabilities of their organization at whether it's initially or subsequently, that would be cause to, you know, either not receive, or have subsequently removal of their qualified status, and so those important important points to note in the application itself just wanted

[Cynthia Bero] 11:14:55

To call those out and see if there are any comments before we move on to some of the specific criteria

[Cynthia Bero] 11:15:06

Okay, not seeing any hands. Why don't we move to the first section

[Cynthia Bero] 11:15:12

So part a has 8 questions. These questions are designed just to identify the organization that's applied for qualified status.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:15:22

It's also designed to learn a little bit more about how that organization is structured.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:15:27

And you know it's standing as a corporation. I'm gonna walk through these one by one.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:15:34

Again, I remind you that there was a Pdf. That was shared with you all in anticipation of the meeting, and that Pdf.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:15:40

Has all the the detailed narrative of the question, and this presentation of it is just a summary one line or so we could use it as a guide to the discussion

[Cynthia Bero] 11:15:53

The first question really is I it just identifies the organization.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:15:59

It requests the name, the address, the phone number, the websites, the date.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:16:04

You are incorporated, the state in which you were incorporated.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:16:08

Just a lot of identifiers for for lack of a better expression, and each organization will be asked to submit that in terms of how it will be assessed or or validated.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:16:24

Really, the intent is just to check the website. Make sure it's functioning.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:16:28

And it's up to date and reflects an organization that's in business today.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:16:34

Question number 2 is, gonna ask for details about the their incorporation where they were, what state they were incorporated in some statement from the Secretary of State or other office that indicates that they are a corporation in good standing that will be validated and to make sure that they

[Cynthia Bero] 11:17:01

Are a legitimate Us. Corporation and good standard

[Cynthia Bero] 11:17:05

The third question we'll ask about their California operations, which is to understand who they are serving today in the State of California.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:17:17

A list of the clients will be requested, and a list of the services provided to those clients will be requested.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:17:24

Again, we will validate that they have California clients and that are are currently active

[Cynthia Bero] 11:17:35

And one more question, and then we'll pause for comments.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:17:39

The next question is, question 4, which this one has been through a few iterations.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:17:44

And so I want to thank those of you that have provided some feedback.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:17:49

We are gonna ask for the organization to submit some documentation that describes how it governs and how it makes decisions seeking an organization that has both a representative and participatory governance that they have a way to include their clients in decision-making and governing bodies and that they

[Cynthia Bero] 11:18:15

Provide some details about the nature of the decisions that those that governing body can make, and and that those are directly related to the options and the support of a of the Dx app.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:18:29

So let me pause there for a moment. I know that there was some question about whether the corporation should be not for profit, whether they should be California based.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:18:42

But right now what we're seeking is a organization that has aspects or elements of what you might find in a not-for-profit.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:18:52

But we are not asking that they'd be an offer profit.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:18:54

Kerry

[Cary Sanders] 11:18:56

Thank you. I I was gonna let Ali go first, but I did. I did.

[Cary Sanders] 11:19:05

Wanna just verify. And and I'm I think I'll probably align my comments with his.

[Cary Sanders] 11:19:09

But I wanted to verify that when you talked about representation and participatory governance, if you were also including consumers in consumers, as in you know, the the the folks you know, whose data is being used cause I I would want to make I certainly would want to make sure that there.

[Cary Sanders] 11:19:37

Is that representative

[Cynthia Bero] 11:19:40

Thank you. And that was not spelled out. But, thank you for that feedback.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:19:44

That's very helpful.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:19:47

Ali.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:19:49

Thank you. My first comment is about the guiding principle I think what's missing.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:19:59

There is quality of data and completeness of data. I think that would be a I.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:20:04

I understand the focus right now is connecting the providers and sharing.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:20:08

But they end. Google used to have quality data where the physicians can make in full decisions about when treating their patients.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:20:15

So I think that quality and completeness of data is should be included as part of the guiding principles, and in as part of the qualification for the HIV.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:20:27

As we spend a lot of time and effort in and enhancing the data, not changing what we receive, but making it usable with standardizing it across the community.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:20:41

So that's that's one and the other comment is about it's actually it.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:20:49

As far as the qualification goes, here, and the 6 months cash on hand or nonprofit organizations that said as a luxuries, I just wanted to point that out that most of our Hros or nonprofit and and speaking for lanes you know.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:21:09

We have stable financial situations. But asking for 6 months.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:21:16

Cash on hand is taking it a little bit too far for us.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:21:20

Thank you, all right. Now. I mean I I would be great if we could.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:21:26

So to comment on the First 4 because I don't know that we've had time to go through numbers 5 through 8.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:21:33

So if but and I will pause again at the end of the slide before I leave it.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:21:37

But if we could focus on the first 4 questions, that'd be great.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:21:41

And thank you for the comments on the cash on hand.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:21:45

Troy.

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Can I? Can I ask? Sorry can I ask Ali in terms of like the data quality issue, like, what?

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Specifically, would you? How would you define that

[] 11:21:56

What does that look like

[Ali Modaressi] 11:21:59

Well, I can tell you what we do, and and in terms of defining it, you know it's it's a completeness of data it's having the clinical data having the behavior health data having the you know, the long term snow met and some of those standards that

[Ali Modaressi] 11:22:18

Are in the industry that is used to enhance includes data and not changing the data.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:22:27

You're not talking about changing what we receive, but in terms of enhancing it and cleansing it across multiple facilities that we received that data

[] 11:22:39

Okay. So it might be something like tools to validate veracity of data and its quality, or something to that effect.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:22:50

Something to that. Yes, yes, that sounds good.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:22:59

Felix.

[Felix Su] 11:23:03

Oh, thank you since and deep. I just wanna make sure I wasn't cutting in front of Troy, who, I think, was called on before my comments

[Cynthia Bero] 11:23:10

Oh, yes, you're right, I'm sorry. But his hand went down. So I I think when I looked up again it wasn't there, Troy, you want to go first, and then we'll go to paper

[Troy Kaji] 11:23:18

Thanks, Felix, I mean, I see I thought, these are very reasonable criteria, and you know shows that the committee is looking for making sure our organization that's out.

[Troy Kaji] 11:23:35

There is stable like you said, and they account on it, and I won't make any reference to earthquakes myself.

[Troy Kaji] 11:23:43

That's all. Thank you.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:23:45

Thank you. Hey, Alex?

[Felix Su] 11:23:48

Great. Thank you, Cindy. So I wanted to actually build off of Elise comments in part, and also dovetail from your remark at the end, Cindy, that you know right now, as it stands, you don't have necessarily where the organization is domestic and being California based or

[Felix Su] 11:24:11

It's the corporate governing structure as being hard requirements not that you're entertaining for the the criteria.

[Felix Su] 11:24:21

I you know I I I understand that position. And I just want to.

[Felix Su] 11:24:26

Actually, maybe try to tee up. Why, those aspects were signals or markers, for for we, we think, is going to be actually very crucial at its core to a successful Qhio program, which is that you know, it's not, necessarily you know, the fact that you are in

[Felix Su] 11:24:46

California, and of itself that is necessarily the most you know. Significant aspect.

[Felix Su] 11:24:51

It's it's what that suggest that about your past history and and your attunement for lack of a better word to California priorities, California initiatives and in the context of information sharing things like calling things like you know, the Dmhc health equity and faulty.

[Felix Su] 11:25:12

Measurement, initiative, and and and so forth.

[Felix Su] 11:25:15

And that actually goes to. I leave comments about, you know, data quality.

[Felix Su] 11:25:20

And I guess if you call up cycling as being another way, that's often put, you know, making data actually usable and useful and actionable.

[Felix Su] 11:25:28

I know we're not going to actually cover the latter 2 categories of the criteria at this meeting.

[Felix Su] 11:25:34

You know that being functional capabilities and and operations.

[Felix Su] 11:25:39

But I want to put a PIN on these, because, you know, for lack of, you know, in in the absence of like a California slash nonprofit based requirement in the criteria.

[Felix Su] 11:25:48

I think we really want to hone in on. You know the functionalities, the capabilities of the H.

[Felix Su] 11:25:53

I. O, to serve all Dsa thinkatories, you know, health plans, medical groups, public health agencies, counties not just, you know, a sliver or slice, as being, you know, really consistent with the principle of equity

[Cynthia Bero] 11:26:10

Great. Well said, Thank you.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:26:17

Any other comments on the first 40, David.

[David Ford] 11:26:27

Get myself off mute. Just just one thing I I thought we might want to add.

[David Ford] 11:26:34

Now she's moving forward might have different targets.

[David Ford] 11:26:41

Some would be provider based. But as I feel like I'm going to become a broken record on this point, we are moving to the world of consumer mediated exchange, and there

might be qhos whose target is actually patient-based or patient driven exchange we might just want to

[David Ford] 11:26:56

Add that somewhere up front, so that as those new tech newer technologies that are updates or smartphone based where we see the federal government going, we might just want to ask that so they can indicate like our target is physicians, our target is consumers etc.,

[Cynthia Bero] 11:27:13

Okay. Do you think that though the number you know question 3, ask them to describe their current products and services and clients?

[Cynthia Bero] 11:27:25

Do you think that gets at that? It helps us to understand their orientation, or needs to go deeper

[David Ford] 11:27:32

I I I think we might want to ask that questions specifically

[Cynthia Bero] 11:27:39

Okay.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:27:47

Okay, thank you. Troy.

[Troy Kaji] 11:27:51

I'm commenting on something that's in the Q.

[Troy Kaji] 11:27:54

A Steven Lane put it in in response to the data quality import, Ken said.

[Troy Kaji] 11:28:04

Polly and others have put forward that we could look at the Sequoia Projects standard, that their data quality work group put out that.

[Troy Kaji] 11:28:17

And then, you know, you could look at it specifically for the other items.

[Troy Kaji] 11:28:21

Perhaps from social services or other things that you want to be in.

[Troy Kaji] 11:28:27

There, that's all. Thanks.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:28:31

Thank you.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:28:37

Okay, let me move on to the the next set of 4 questions.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:28:42

The question. Number 5, you know, asks that the organization has signed A.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:28:49

Dsa and does not encounter to the fact that none of its claim agreements are in conflict with the Dsa.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:28:58

Or its Ps. You know, because they're, you know, this is a an organization that is seeking to function under the data exchange framework.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:29:08

We need to know that they have have signed it, and that they don't have anything in their agreements with their current clients that would conflict with that, Laurie. I see your hands up. Sorry. Maybe I'll pause there, take it

[Lori Hack] 11:29:22

Yeah. Sorry that did that flash up right rapidly. I I was, you know.

[Lori Hack] 11:29:29

I'm sort of conf. I get the the concept. But I I think there needs to be some sort of clarification about conflict, because the H.

[Lori Hack] 11:29:39

Ios have had participation agreements, for you know, in some cases 10 years, with their clients, and and so, as the new policies and procedures start to develop, whereas the Dsa starts to evolve over time, there may, in fact, be conflicts, you know and I and I raised this many months

[Lori Hack] 11:30:07

ago, about which which document governance, which so I think we just need to have a little bit more discussion around what kind of conflicts are are of concern, in which ones are are really not an issue, because they may be just a policy or procedural document about how things have been how folks have been

[Lori Hack] 11:30:31

Exchanging data all along. So so this one just concerns me.

[Lori Hack] 11:30:37

And I just wanted to put that out there it to see if we could get some clarification about the types of conflicts

[Cynthia Bero] 11:30:46

Yeah, I mean, I'd be interested in your thoughts on where the you know what types of conflicts you would see emerging, that where the agreement with a client would conflict with something that we discussed here as part of the Dsm are there any examples that come to mind

[Lori Hack] 11:31:07

Not offhand, which is why I I'm not sure why we would need to attest

[Lori Hack] 11:31:17

So. So let me. Let's take that back, and and I'll I'll see if I can come up with some ideas on that one

[Cynthia Bero] 11:31:26

Okay, thank you. Question 6 is similar to question 5. In the sense that it really asks for a list of any third parties or subcontractors that are engaged in assisting with the management or transfer of information, and to again, attest that there's nothing in the arrangement with this third party that

[Cynthia Bero] 11:31:52

Conflicts with the Dsa, or any of its pnps.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:31:57

Again, you know. Third parties, you know, vendors, solution providers to an hio.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:32:04

They in essence become part of the date, exchange framework, and are participating in it because of their their role.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:32:12

Supporting this organization. So you know, it's the.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:32:16

It's the concept that we're all in the same playground, and we all go to play by the same playground rules.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:32:22

So it's the same same concept. There for subconscious and and third parties engaged in the in the management of health, information, health, and humans.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:32:31

And social services. Information sorry

[Cynthia Bero] 11:32:35

7, and I've heard the feedback here already is some document record document requests with documents that you submit or you know, of the you're choosing as an hio. But looking to see that there's 6 months cash on hand.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:32:53

This tends to be a benchmark, that a lot of organizations rely on to demonstrate that the organization is financially stable and is not at risk.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:33:04

You know by the you know of a significant financial issue.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:33:10

If you will, and that, you know, relates back to the confidence and trust piece we want signatories to sign up with organizations that have some stability financially with their Laura.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:33:25

And this is a standard the 6 months cash on hand. I understand that it's challenging, but it's a standard that a lot of organizations are using to determine financial stability

[Cynthia Bero] 11:33:36

And then the question number 8 in the last part of the organizational information is about levels of insurance and the level of insurance threshold.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:33:48

Here is, you know, seeking documentation, and and of 2 million per incident and 5 million per year.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:33:58

So again let me pause and see if there are comments and feedback related to questions.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:34:05

5, through 8,

[Cynthia Bero] 11:34:28

On, then to the next section.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:34:33

Which is around privacy and security again encourage you to.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:34:39

You know.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:34:41

Share your thoughts on all these. We'll go through it again, and pause after every few questions, for for thoughts and comments

[Cynthia Bero] 11:34:51

The first request is a just, a brief overview of a narrative, if you will, of the organizations information security program, we just want a thoughtful summary of how that program is organized and and really the the fact that you submit it is Christ the criterion second

[Cynthia Bero] 11:35:16

We're asking for an org chart that demonstrates how the information security function fits into the organization and we are seeking to see that that seeso function reports to a ceiling executive.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:35:33

That is, that in essence reflects its importance to the organization, because if nothing else, if we're trying to assure signatories, you know, have give them some confidence.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:35:46

They, you know, management of data. Both the privacy and security of that data is is very important.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:35:55

Third, we are asking the organization to submit that their policies, and you know their their information security policies as a summary, not the details on the policies, but as a summary, and including the last State that they were reviewed and updated a good practice is to update your policies or review your

[Cynthia Bero] 11:36:22

Policies at least once a year. So we're looking to see that it was reviewed and updated in 2,021 or 2,022, and the only reason 2,021 still exists.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:36:31

There is because it'll be early enough in 2,023 that we recognize.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:36:35

Some may not have completed their reviews.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:36:40

Number 4 is asking the organization if they have received any form of security certification?

[Cynthia Bero] 11:36:49

Have they applied to a program and been independently assessed, and have met some security? You know.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:36:57

National framework, something like high trust or Enac, and we are looking at this point, you know, to see that they have received a certification from one of these bodies I and I'm asking, I would love your feedback on what you think that that threshold ought to be again

[Cynthia Bero] 11:37:21

Confidence and trust in the way information, is going to be managed is paramount, so we think that it's important that there be some sort of independent assessment that this organization can manage data well, and we think some of the certification programs are the best way to do that so let me stop there because I know that this one is a

[Cynthia Bero] 11:37:44

Tough one for a lot of folks to to imagine. So let me pause.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:37:49

And see if there's some comments on any of these first 4 questions.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:37:54

We'll start with Aaron

[Aaron Goodale] 11:37:56

Hi, Cynthia, so to your question on Number 4, I think the way we view that as it should really be a requirement, and looking

[Aaron Goodale] 11:38:11

Of the the areas on this page. It really struck me that this begins to look like like a security assessment.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:38:19

The the application. Many of the questions here, and was that the intent?

[Aaron Goodale] 11:38:25

Because then it begs further questions as to who is going to be providing security assessments on an ongoing basis.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:38:35

If you know, certification is not a requirement, if it's a requirement, then it's high trust, you know.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:38:42

A sock to record, etc. And that just makes things easier.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:38:47

Across the board. Thank you.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:38:51

Thank you.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:38:55

Toy.

[Troy Kaji] 11:38:58

I want to echo what Erin just said that this should be a requirement.

[Troy Kaji] 11:39:02

If anything, by creating a big data, exchange or creating a bigger target.

[Troy Kaji] 11:39:09

And you need a higher level of security as especially going forward.

[Troy Kaji] 11:39:15

That's it.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:39:17

Thank you. I I I appreciate that. Lori

[Lori Hack] 11:39:27

2 items on the seeso requirement. I just want to clarify that you're not suggesting that there's a full time person assigned to every H. I. O.

[Lori Hack] 11:39:44

Separately. That needs to be in play, you know. Effective march when when these applications are in place, that it is a part, it could be a part time person.

[Lori Hack] 11:39:55

It could be a shared resource

[Cynthia Bero] 11:39:57

That. So the current it thinking is that it does not have to be full time, but it has to have a prominence in the organizational structure that we's its importance

[Lori Hack] 11:40:07

Right right? And then, secondarily, I think I agree that the the certification process is is definitely a requirement.

[Lori Hack] 11:40:19

However, for the timeframe especially high trust, in order to obtain a certification.

[Lori Hack] 11:40:27

That's a process that takes time. So I think there needs to be some sort of intermediary step in the application process.

[Lori Hack] 11:40:36

That's says if you're not already certified, you're committing to an assessment process through high trust or a suck to, and that you will obtain it at some date certain.

[Lori Hack] 11:40:52

So so that you, you're provisionally certified and tell such time that that certification process is complete.

[Lori Hack] 11:41:03

Z. It's just, you know it. There's nothing that an Hio could do today to get that wrapped up in the next 60 days

[Cynthia Bero] 11:41:09

Yeah, I I I hear you. What? What? What timeframe seems reasonable?

[Cynthia Bero] 11:41:15

If someone has not started high trust certification process.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:41:20

Let's say what timeframe seems reasonable to achieve that

[Aaron Goodale] 11:41:28

Sorry.

[Lori Hack] 11:41:29

There are probably probably others on the call that know high trust better.

[Lori Hack] 11:41:34

But as far as I know, it's it's a 6 to 12 month process, depending on what level of certification is that?

[Lori Hack] 11:41:42

Right, Aaron

[Aaron Goodale] 11:41:44

Yeah, I was gonna say, 18 months doing a pre assessment first to see where you're at and then 6, 12 months after that, depending on on where you're at, I guess just to follow up on that, I I think maybe that's the clarity we need if certification.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:42:00

Isn't. If a organization doesn't have sort of certification immediately, it it would be wise to put in a timeframe in there saying that sort of certification is required ongoing as part of this program.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:42:14

But we'll get some wiggle room for organizations who aren't there yet to to get there

[Cynthia Bero] 11:42:21

That's really helpful, Aaron. Did you have a comment beyond that cause?

[Cynthia Bero] 11:42:26

I see your hand without

[Aaron Goodale] 11:42:27

Yeah, that was it. Thank you.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:42:28

Okay. Okay. Ali.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:42:32

Yeah, I want to tackle with Aaron. And Lori said about certification, and it is an important part of this program.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:42:39

Migrate. It does take a long time to get those certifications we've gone through it, and 12 months, 18 months.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:42:46

Is, this is, you know, earliest that it can be obtained, especially if you'd be talking about hydro.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:42:53

So it's important. But I think it's fair to give.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:43:00

HIV is the opportunity and the time to to achieve that

[Cynthia Bero] 11:43:07

Great. I know this is an important issue for a lot of organizations I just want to make sure that everyone who has contributions and thoughts to make can express them.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:43:22

You know it. So any other comments

[Cynthia Bero] 11:43:33

Great, alright. Well, we can move on. Question 5? Asks the organization to attest that all the data is managed within the United States.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:43:45

As I think everyone is aware, some of the the laws that protect information and and deal with how security breaches are managed.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:43:56

Our Us. Laws, and don't necessarily apply. If the information is held in another country.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:44:02

So this is a just a requirement that that confirms that the data stays within the United States.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:44:10

And is an inclusive of backups, and you know, disaster, recovery, configurations.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:44:19

We just really want the data to be, in a jurisdiction where the the Us.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:44:24

Laws, apply

[Cynthia Bero] 11:44:30

Question 6. Is it? Says Hipaa. Reportable breaches.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:44:35

We're going to soften that language, or I should not soften, broaden that language to really ask the organization to to disclose any breaches that occurred with 500 or more individuals involved understanding that not everyone in who might apply for this is a hipaa covered entity and that some

[Cynthia Bero] 11:44:59

of the data breaches we'd be looking at aren't necessarily relevant to hipaa covered entities.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:45:05

So it's really interesting. Any data breach with 500 or more.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:45:09

And we really want to look closely at any organization that has had more than 2 breaches in the last 3 years that might suggest a pattern or an organization that isn't putting security pretty, you know, very high in there priorities.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:45:28

So let me pause on those 2 questions, you know, which is the data held within the Us.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:45:36

And the breach reporting, and see if there's questions.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:45:40

And I see Troy already has his hand up

[Troy Kaji] 11:45:43

I just wanted to confirm my understanding that this list is applying to the Qh. los, and not to the necessarily to the signatories of the dxf. At Lark.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:45:53

It is for the it's for the organizations that are seeking to be qhos.

[Troy Kaji] 11:45:59

Thank you.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:45:59

Yes, because we're again the a lot of this reflects the the trust and the confidence we want.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:46:07

Signatories to have in the organizations that they may be contracting with to help manage their data.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:46:15

We need to tell, you know, we need to assure them that these are organizations that will take good care of the data for them.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:46:21

So we're asking just the organization to report. It's breaches

[Cynthia Bero] 11:46:31

Okay, we're on the home stretch. So question 7 and 8 are somewhat related.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:46:39

This has to do with, you know, the regular practice of having an external security risk assessment.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:46:46

Some organizations that takes a look at what you're doing, and you know, provide you an assessment and some steps.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:46:54

You can take to, you know, strengthen your position. This is a good practice for every organization to have someone come in and assess their security risks, and that what we're asking is for the applicant to provide us just with a not the details.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:47:14

We don't want to know the details of the assessments.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:47:16

Findings, but just a an understanding that the assessment was completed, and that there are some, you know, if there are any activities that are being undertaken to address vulnerabilities, what those activities are

[Cynthia Bero] 11:47:31

Similarly, penetration testing or pen testing is many call.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:47:37

It is a good practice to have an organization attempt to break into your system and see if you they can.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:47:45

If they can, do that, and if they find some vulnerabilities that you need to admit.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:47:48

So we are seeking some documentation that demonstrates that a pen test has been done, at least within the last, you know, couple of years.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:47:59

It is a good practice to do it annually and and we're seeking information about any steps being taken to address the results of a recent P.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:48:08

Test

[Cynthia Bero] 11:48:11

Question 9 is really a request to see the organization's privacy policy looking to confirm that it has been reviewed or updated in the in the last year.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:48:28

And then the last question is really about the the business continuing disaster, recovery, planning, you know, every high reliability organization, no matter how good you are, things happen, and you need to have plans in place to deal with business continuity and in the unlikely event, something goes wrong.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:48:51

And you need to have a recovery plan again, just looking for documentation that the organization has thought through these things and has a plan that is getting regularly looked at and updated

[Cynthia Bero] 11:49:05

Again. Another pause. Now on these final 4 questions in Section B, and I see Aaron has his hand up

[Aaron Goodale] 11:49:16

Hi, thank you. So just again, is is there an organization, or which body is going to be reviewing this information on an ongoing basis after the application is accepted?

[Cynthia Bero] 11:49:17

Sure.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:49:32

I I we're just trying to understand the intent of this part of the application

[Cynthia Bero] 11:49:38

Yeah. So they there will be an initial application in 23 for organizations that are seeking to be qualified, and they will look at all of this documentation.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:49:50

Then in subsequent years, what we have initially had proposed that there'd be an attestation that the you know, from the qualified Health Information organization that says that they continue to follow these good practices.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:50:06

And I think only through a complaint process, or someone filing a concern.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:50:14

Would there be any and would there be an investigation? I don't.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:50:17

The organization is not gonna have to repeat this process on a regular basis to, you know, re reapply, if you will, for qualified status.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:50:27

Is that? Answer your question.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:50:28

It does, then out I'll just restate previously that I think the recommendation is that the certifications are required when looking at the the areas that are being asked for controls here.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:50:44

I don't think for those that that have gone through this process will be very familiar.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:50:50

Something like high trust. There's some odd control areas. And I I don't.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:50:55

It I don't. It doesn't sound like you're intent is to is to do that rigorous of a risk assessment.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:51:02

You know, every year or 2, but by making the certificate certification required, we you would overcome that that burden.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:51:10

Yeah.

[Aaron Goodale] 11:51:11

Yeah. Alright. Thank you.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:51:13

Thank you. Kerry

[Cary Sanders] 11:51:16

Yes, Hi, just a question on the you talked about the privacy policy, and this may be more relevant to the previous policies.

[Cary Sanders] 11:51:29

But is there a public reporting component in in those policies?

[Cary Sanders] 11:51:35

If if a breach or something were to occur, and I'm just thinking about, you know recent examples where, you know, information has not been shared with the public about a breach for you know, months until months after it's occurred.

[Cary Sanders] 11:51:53

So I just wanted to clarify that that would be, you know, part of what the record, what would be required in those privacy policies or other related policies

[Cynthia Bero] 11:52:09

Yeah, I'm not sure. Could could you try that one more time I'm not sure.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:52:14

I fully understood the comments or the question

[Cary Sanders] 11:52:20

Well, you talked about, you know. If there were breaches to the data, and I'm just I just, I guess my question is, is, is there?

[Cynthia Bero] 11:52:23

Yes.

[Cary Sanders] 11:52:30

Is it clear? Is there a clear sort of reporting public reporting of those data breaches to to ensure that, you know again, consumers are okay, that there might be a problem

[Cynthia Bero] 11:52:49

Well, I I I think, for hipaa covered entities.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:52:56

There is definitely some requirements to do. Public disclosure of breaches, but I don't know that that that applies to all the organizations that would be in the data exchange framework.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:53:11

But in this case we're really what we're asking is for the the Health Information organization to disclose to us.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:53:19

If they have had reaches above this level in the past and not asking them to. We're not asking more than that in this request

[Cary Sanders] 11:53:35

That's helpful. Yeah, thank you. I just would wanna make sure that that that reporting prospectively is is clear as well.

[Cary Sanders] 11:53:48

But I understand for this purpose you may be limiting it to past example.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:53:53

Yes, yes, there is another. Thank you. There's another section of the application that we will get to at a future meeting about operations, and how you run the program.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:54:04

What if you let's presume you are qualified, and how you run the program that will definitely address your obligations.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:54:13

If there's a security data security or data breach issue identified, they will be an obligation there.

[Cary Sanders] 11:54:20

Thank you.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:54:21

Yeah. Ali.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:54:24

Yeah, question around the the reportable briefes. And so for non hipaa covered entities.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:54:36

If if the Qh los are to exchange data among each other and and to non hipaa entities that have had breaches that will be concern, and and to the extent that kind of knowing what they've done in in terms of securing their

[Ali Modaressi] 11:54:59

Platform how recently it is, and you know, related to, you know, 3 years, 2 or fewer reaches.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:55:06

You know, to just some concerns there, especially if we have to share data with that other Qh.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:55:13

los that have had reaches, and they're not here perfect

[Cynthia Bero] 11:55:17

Yes, okay, I hear you is so to you, saying that if an organization who fills out an application has 2 breaches, we should include them or exclude them from qualification.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:55:39

I I'm Ball I'd like to know what they've done in terms of protecting and addressing that, and whether it's going to be exposed or not.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:55:47

Addressing.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:55:49

Yeah, yeah.

[Ali Modaressi] 11:55:54

I think further, you know, digging into that area is important.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:55:57

Okay, I thank you. That makes sense.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:56:09

Other questions or comments on anything in part A or part B.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:56:18

The organizational and the privacy and security sections

[Cynthia Bero] 11:56:24

Laurie.

[Lori Hack] 11:56:26

Yeah, just with regard to the external entity that's performing the essay and the pen testing, do you have something in mind?

[Lori Hack] 11:56:38

It? Is it, you know? Does it have to be like a certifying body that does that?

[Lori Hack] 11:56:44

Or is it just an external vendor? Just sort of curious about those what your thoughts are

[Cynthia Bero] 11:56:52

That I might ask you that question in return, I guess, cause I think the thought was it has to be a third party.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:57:03

It's not an assessment or that you do for yourself.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:57:05

But really a third party, that comes in and and looks at, you know how you are managing information, and how you're protecting information.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:57:14

But it wasn't I don't think the intent right now is to characterize.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:57:21

That is a particular type of organization just has to be, you know.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:57:24

An an independent third party.

[Lori Hack] 11:57:24

Yeah, yeah, okay, yeah, and and that would make sense. I mean again, you know, depending on the size of the organization and the type of data, and so forth.

[Lori Hack] 11:57:36

You. There's not sort of a one. Size fits all security, risk, assessment per se.

[Lori Hack] 11:57:44

So so good. As long as there's some flexibility there to say it was done independently.

[Lori Hack] 11:57:52

But it's not something like, Hi, trust requirement. Yeah.

[Lori Hack] 11:57:58

Okay. Great.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:58:04

Other comments or questions.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:58:13

Great. Well, then, I they feel like we are finishing earlier than we thought we would, and hopefully, Elaine is available to take the baton and move us forward to the next section.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:58:29

I appreciate all your thoughtful comments and feedback, and I will also scan the Q.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:58:35

A and the the chat to sort of get more more feedback again.

[Cynthia Bero] 11:58:41

Thank you all very much

[Cynthia Bero] 11:58:45

Elaine, are you prepared, or is it

[John Ohanian] 11:58:58

I see her on the line. Hi! Julia!

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Evelyn. That's not on yet. I can kick off the Grant section if you'd like John

[John Ohanian] 11:59:09

Yeah, I see her on. I just please go right. Thank you.

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All right. Hello, everyone. My name is Juliet Mullin. I'm a senior manager with an app help supporting Cdi and the development of the Dxf.

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Grant program so today, we're gonna talk about 3 core things.

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We'll start with just a quick recap about the Grant program at a high level I'll then provide a brief update on the Educational Initiative.

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Grants, and then we'll spend the majority of our time talking today about the draft, eligibility, criteria and funding parameters for the Dsa signatory goal.

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So to start us off one of ground us in what the data exchange Framework Grant program is.

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So in the 2022, 23 California budget, Governor Newsom and the State Legislature allocated 50 million dollars over 2 years to support the implementation of the data exchange program.

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The data exchange framework, that funding establishes a grant program that will provide funding to external entities to support a number of activities, a few of which are listed here and include health information exchange onboarding for organizations who do not Actively share information

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Currently technical assistance for small and underresourced providers and technical assistance and education for organizations who are new to health information exchange, especially those who are required by 81 33 to sign the data sharing agreements.

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So with this context, Cbi has established 3 key goals for the Dxf grant program these are going to be really critical.

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As we walk through all of the parameters today, these are foundational goals and design principles across the project.

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So a birthday goal is that Cdi, with its Grant program, speaks to support implementation among dxf.

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Signatories and under resource, geographies and or signatory to our serving historically marginalized population and underserved. This is a core principle that we'll come back to throughout our discussion

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A second core principle is just a grant program is really focused on addressing significant barriers to dxcess implementation.

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Be those barriers, operational, technical, or otherwise.

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4 signatories of the data sharing agreement and then the third key piece is, we are thinking about this program in the context of other health information technology funding opportunities available both in the State.

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And federally, and so we are looking at this program to ensure that it aligns across other grant programs.

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And that we are promoting activities that have been analogous for funding by other grant programs.

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With the 3 core program goals in mind, Cbi has established 3 different types of grant opportunities or 3 grant domains for the Grant program.

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So the first domain which we've talked about in and a couple of meetings to date already.

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Is the educational initiative, grants. So this grant program, this Grant domain is comprised of up to 3 million dollars in grants that go.

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That will be going to associations who provide educational initiatives designed to promote information about the data exchange framework and the data sharing agreement to signatories.

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So this is really focused on supporting broad statewide and education, broad, statewide, informational sessions and activities.

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The health signatureies understand what their Dsa requirements are, and get the information

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The second 2 sets of grants we term kind of at a high level.

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The Dsa signatory grounds. So this is up to 47 million dollars in Bramps that will go to support signatory building. The infrastructure they need to achieve their Dsa requirements we're going to walk through in a lot of detail today what the technical assistance grants

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are, and the Qao onboarding grants are, so I won't spend too long on that here today.

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But these, this Dsa signatory Grant section is comprising a big amount.

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The largest amount of the funding for this Grant program, and will be the focus of our conference

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With that note, though we do want to begin with a brief update on the educational initiative grants.

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And I see a lane has joined us, so I will hand it off to her to do that.

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Update

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:03:48

Great thanks, Juliet. So we want to provide a brief update on the educational Grants initiative grants.

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:03:57

If we go to slide twenty- here you should see the timeline.

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:04:02

Just a quick update on this. If you go to the timeline here for the educational initiative grants at the applications room released last fall and they closed at the end of October and the Grant award announcements were made last month, and educational activities funded

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:04:19

By the grants will click off this month. So I'll watch for some more activity.

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:04:23

There, we'll be sharing more information about the Awardees and the specific educational opportunities for signatories and upcoming webinars.

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:04:32

And through the data change framework website and through email updates that you'll find to our data exchange framework community next slide.

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:04:41

Please, and then as many as many of you might have heard last month.

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:04:46

We have intend to provide 7 awards to the Associations are listed on the slide, and I think we've gone over these once before, but just want to refresh everybody's memory, and this associations represent a large swath of signatory populations, and we're looking forward of course to working

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:05:03

With our grantees to prefer to further educate and promote the framework.

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:05:07

So with that I'm going to turn it over to Juliet to talk a little bit more about the draft.

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:05:13

Eligibility. Criteria, Juliet

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Great. Thank you, Elaine. So this brings us into our conversation today about the Dsa signatory grants

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So just before we dive into the content, I want to sort of offer the caveat throughout that these are draft criteria and funding parameters, and really the core purpose of our conversation today is to get feedback from all of you on these criteria so really want to

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emphasize that these are in development and maybe subdivision can change in part based on the feedback we received from you all today, I'm gonna start by providing a broad overview.

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A broad overview of the Grants. Then we'll look at the eligibility criteria we'll do a deeper dive into each of the Grant domains.

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The Qhl onboarding and the taogram.

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We'll talk about Grant allocation round and score, and we'll close with implementation

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So at a high level, the Dsa signatory grants, you can see the slides sort of illustrates to 2 different types of domains that Cdi intends to award under the Dsa signatory Grant category so these 2 types of awards i'll say

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first and foremost are in intended to subsidize signatories, investments to implement the Dsm

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Dsa signatory may apply for one of the following grant opportunities.

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So that does mean a signatory would choose between either going the Qato onboarding Grant route or the technical Assistance Grant route security.

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So onboarding grant is what we think of as kind of like a quote unquote assisted pathway in which Cdi and Qhos are supporting grantees and identifying a technology solution that would achieve their Dsa requirements and in securing and managing the funds to pay for the initial

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cost of that solution so Cindy spoke for for some time today.

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Already about what a qho is and what that program looks like.

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This grant domain is really focused on that component or that option for achieving your Dsa requirement and supporting grantees in pursuing that option.

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Specifically, of course, the data exchange framework is a framework, and the signatories can choose to implement it through a number of different types of solutions.

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A technology solutions and methods to that end. Cdi also is intending to award grants in what we're terming the technical assistance.

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This is more of a quote, unquote, build your own solution, grant opportunity in which signatories can use the funds to use the grants of fund a range of technical and operation assistance activities that would help them achieve their Dsa

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What I will note one poor difference. You'll see highlighted here, and we're really going to dive into that today for grantees.

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That choose the Qh I. O grant domain, as I noted, this is kind of the assisted pathway.

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So this is the pathway in which Cdi is going to be provided.

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Support for application, submissions, and where Qatos would be supporting the work of managing the Grant funds and doing the milestone, reporting grantees who, opt for the technical assistance grants the build your own solution.

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They would be submitting the applications themselves, because they'll they'll need to specify how they want to use the funds and how they're going to what? What?

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Ta! They're intending to pursue and then the funds and milestone, reporting would also be managed.

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So do you. This is about a high level, the 2 different Grant domains, and we're going to dive into what those right now

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So the the first thing that I've sort of spoken to this a little bit already to specifically focus in a little bit on the Qh.

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I o onboarding grant overview. So the this slide sort of outlines the why and the core goals of the Qa.

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Style onboarding Grant Domains and so here we're just noting Cdi understands that many signatories, especially those with limited resources, and it infrastructure, will need additional support from Cdi and achieving their dsa requirements.

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And specifically, they may need help with a with a few different components.

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Here, so signatories may need help, I identifying a solution that will help them meet their Dsa requirements.

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They may need help managing the process of applying for State grants that would implement that solution, and they may need to help with the process of managing, funding and reporting requirements for state grants and these are really needs that we heard a lot when we held grant listening Sessions with

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Dsa signatories in October, across the board we heard these these 3 big sets of needs for for signatories and in help in in terms of the support that they needed to help achieve their Dsa requirements.

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So with the Qhio onboarding Grant domain. Cdi is really working to provide those levels of support, and that it's it's doing that in a number of ways.

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So the first is really in qualified health information organizations and this is what Cindy has been speaking to, who can provide all the functionality needed to meet Dsa requirements.

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In this process, signatories are going to be able to select a Qhio from a list of qualified order.

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So in that way, Cdi is providing that help to signatories and figuring out what is the technology solution that may work

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In the next core piece here, if the signatory is eligible for a Q&A onboarding grant, Cdi will be working with a third party who will help submit an application on their behalf, and that application if they received the grant would help cover the cost of onboarding to the

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queue. So we heard from in the grant listening session challenges around the app application process program, especially for small underresourced organizations.

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And so with the 2 Hile onboarding Grant Cdi would be providing the support to actually complete

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And then finally, if the signatory receives the grant, the Qh.

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I would manage the process of receiving the grant funding and doing the grant, reporting with Cdi and so they would then work with the signatory to determine how the funds would be used to support onboarding, but in terms of the administrative management of a grant and the reporting

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That's entailed the Qh. I. O. Would be taking point on that. And that would support signatories in in managing that kind of administrative work that they expressed in the Grant listening, Zion would be a challenge for them in a Grant program

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This is a drill. This is just a drill down on the Q.

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H, I O program specifically and really reflecting back on what we heard in October from grantees, how is this Grant domain really designed to address some of the challenges with

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So I'm gonna go through the general eligibility requirements for both Grant domains, and then I'll pause for comments or questions.

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So across both of the Grant domains we're discussing the build.

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Your own solution. Ta, grant, or the assisted pathway for A.

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Ohio onboarding grant Cbi is proposing the following sets of eligibility, requirements, so the first requirement is that an application must sign the Dsa.

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Prior to submitting their brand applications. So an eligible applicant must be a Dsa signatory when they apply the second requirement or eligibility requirements for an applicant is that they must need additional support and capabilities to meet their dsa requirements so that means they either need to

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connect to an h I. O. That Cdi has determined to achieve Dsa requirements through its Qh.

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I O program, or they need to use another technology link or service to achieve real time date exchange as we're fired by the Ds

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Another kind of point. Another way of of saying this is a applicant for a grant.

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Should would not yet have already achieved their Dsa requirements.

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So if an if an organization is already all of their requirements in the Dsa.

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And doesn't need to do any technological work to achieve their Dsa requirements.

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They would not be able for a grant

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Our final eligibility. Criteria here applies only to the first 2 rounds of funding.

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Cdi is proposing for the first 2 rounds of funding and applicants for eater.

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Grant domains must be identified as a requirement as a required signatory under Base Baby 1 30 and I will, just, you know, double click and highlight.

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An underlying first 2 rounds only the intent here is really to support organizations who don't have a lot of time to achieve their Dsa requirements and support them in getting Grant dollars as quickly as possible, and and in starting and and acting on their implementation needs as quickly as

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Possible. Cdr. Does intend to make future rounds pass the first 2 rounds open to voluntary applicants, but those first 2 rounds would really be focused on the required signatory

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I'm gonna pause here and see if there's any questions, or feedback or reactions to these eligibility.

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Yeah.

[David Ford] 12:15:02

Great. Thank you. I know this has been brought up before, but I will just underline again in this context.

[David Ford] 12:15:10

I, I support a lot a lot of what's up on the screen.

[David Ford] 12:15:14

And what's done in the last few slides, I do think the there's there should be an opening for sort of a third for funding, for for the smaller and under resource providers that you mentioned earlier, where there may be intermediaries that can be very very helpful but wouldn't under

[David Ford] 12:15:36

The structure be eligible for funding. So an Hcc.

[David Ford] 12:15:39

N. An Ipa. An aco that could get us chumps of under resource providers under one umbrella. But I don't see a process for those folks to access funding on behalf of the providers. They serve

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That's helpful feedback, David. And so this would basically, be a consideration of allowing some kind of umbrella application on behalf of others.

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Yeah, okay, that's helpful. Thank you.

[David Ford] 12:16:07

It's similar to what you propose, for the qhio is just with a different entity.

[David Ford] 12:16:12

Standing in the middle of the of the the process

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Great, that's helpful. Thank you, Ali.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:16:22

Yeah, I just wanna command the Hhs leadership to combine this.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:16:29

You know the policy, the mandate, and the fund making the funding available.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:16:35

I think the synchronizing the 2 at the same time is, that is a huge, you know. It would.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:16:40

It would accelerate the implementation of the Dsa.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:16:45

And we appreciate that. And for the folks with the signature is that desire to connect. This will be very helpful in brain. King

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Great. Thank you, Ali. We may have lost you at the end there, but I think you were just wrapping your comments

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And I will go to Cameron

[Cameron Kaiser] 12:17:14

Thanks.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:17:15

Available at the same time, both the rolling out, the policy and the mandate, as well as the funding. The synchronization of the 2, will not really help accelerating the implementation

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Thank you for that comment, Ellie. Chairman.

[Cameron Kaiser] 12:17:33

Thanks, the only I I I first of all fully support that the required signatory should be going first here I think that there may be a little bit of a chicken and egg problem with some of the particularly for smaller health jurisdictions who may want to participate but may not be able

[Cameron Kaiser] 12:17:53

To without a grant, and if they don't get one, they I've already signed the Dsa.

[Cameron Kaiser] 12:17:59

I'm not sure how to rectify that problem.

[Cameron Kaiser] 12:18:02

But I can see for some of our smaller groups. They may not have any internal resources themselves to be able to do without a grant, but would be committed to doing so in the situation where they couldn't do so without receiving one again.

[Cameron Kaiser] 12:18:15

I'm not sure how to square that circle, but I just wanted to alert the script to the the possibility of that occurring, for some of our small records.

[Cameron Kaiser] 12:18:24

On the other hand, I do appreciate this. Is there I think that also the Qhio option will be particularly important to them so they don't have to roll their own.

[Cameron Kaiser] 12:18:34

But again, there will be some internal costs that they would have to sustain, for which this would be in many cases absolutely necessary. Thank you.

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Thank you for that comment, Cameron.

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Sorry.

[Lori Hack] 12:18:49

Just just to clarify. So the funding for these grants are specific to at least in the first tranche, the participants who are required Under A B-* and have Chosen to onward, with the Qhio They're They're Specifically, not for participants, who

[Lori Hack] 12:19:15

Are using their own technology to achieve the Dsa requirements.

[Lori Hack] 12:19:20

Is that correct?

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Up, so it is so in that first process it would be available to either.

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So you could select to do it with a qhio and apply for a qh I/O.

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Onboarding grant or an organization that's a required signatory in the first round could apply for a technical assistance.

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Grant to pursue a different technological solution.

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Requirements either would be acceptable in this situation

[Lori Hack] 12:19:47

Thank you.

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Really.

[Felix Su] 12:19:54

Yeah, and in a similar vein, the the decision, or at least the proposal to really put the required signatories at the front of the queue.

[Felix Su] 12:20:05

I again I understand a lot of the reasoning behind that, and I think it was a couple of meetings ago when I and several others actually raised the importance and the interest from a lot of you know, technically voluntary.

[Felix Su] 12:20:22

Take holders, the Dsa. And and their need for resources and assistance, at least on the 100'clock assistance side.

[Felix Su] 12:20:30

I think again to county, do public health agencies.

[Felix Su] 12:20:34

And you know Cbos and public service agencies and back.

[Felix Su] 12:20:40

When I raised that comment, this, well, you're not calling the to build your own solution pathway.

[Felix Su] 12:20:47

Seems to have more right. It. It seems to have evolved from what was at that time conceived more as kind of a planning grant like, like just basically helping take holders get a lay of the landscape and figure out, you know, their gap analyses for actually identifying you know.

[Felix Su] 12:21:05

How to actually comply with or execute the Dsa.

[Felix Su] 12:21:08

This seems different. This seems like, you know, you're contemplating an organization to further along, but has chosen to either, you know.

[Felix Su] 12:21:15

Select the Qao or have identified its own technology and just needs the financial support to to make it happen.

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Did I capture that kind of evolution correctly?

[Felix Su] 12:21:25

And and if so, does that feed into the thinking too, you know.

[Felix Su] 12:21:29

Pull the inclusion of voluntary secretaries.

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So it's a great question. Thank you, Felix.

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I the Ta Grants, were always intended to help organizations overcome, barriers to implementation specifically that's kind of always been a foundation principle across all of the different, both of the Dsa signatory Grant categories I think when we get to the dsa when we get

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To the Ta. Grant uses of funds. You'll see there's a kind of a range of ways that the funds can be used to help put an organization move toward implementing the Dsa.

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I think if your question, Felix, is whether or not the Ta.

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Grants could be used to help an organization organization determine whether to find the Dsa.

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Is that kind of part of your question. There

[Felix Su] 12:22:27

In a sense. Well, maybe not so much. Whether they'll actually find it.

[Felix Su] 12:22:33

But but what they need to do, and I know we have education grants that are being deployed right now that we've got, you know, 8 excellent recipients or awardees that are going to be rolling out that outreach.

[Felix Su] 12:22:43

I think that is obviously a great start. But there's gonna be, you know, at the individual site level.

[Felix Su] 12:22:52

Probably a lot of very proving sort of like. You know, internal reflections that an organization can have to go through to a decided to execute the Dsa.

[Felix Su] 12:23:03

And be to figure out. You know it's menu of options as to how I can go about doing that.

[Felix Su] 12:23:07

And I think the discussion, as I remember it from a couple of months ago, was, well, maybe there's going to be a

[Felix Su] 12:23:21

Be paid for to these brands to help consult with organizations, to figure out their optimal solutions. This seems to be different.

[Felix Su] 12:23:30

This seems to be. Again, we're talking about a scenario where the recipient, the grant have already has either figured out which Qao they wanna work with, or which other technology they want to pursue, and they just are looking for resources to be afraid of the cost

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I. I see your question. So I think maybe when we get to the permissible uses of funds for the Ta.

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Grants that'll become a little bit more clear in the in the permissible uses of the Ta.

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Grant, Domains. Specifically, there's a wide kind of set of different activities that you could use that funding for including helping an organization could use it to help determine how to achieve their their Dsa requirements.

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That is still included in the list of permissible uses of funding.

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There, I think the core distinction, and maybe what what had been an evolution in the kind of thinking about the 2 domains, the core distinction that we are pulling out now is that the Ta.

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Grant domain is you could pursue any kind of technology solution.

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And it's supports a number of different types of activities to help you understand what that technology solution might be to adopt that technology solution and to implement it.

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Whereas the Qhio brand is just specific to Q. H.

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Ta grant, and I think when we get to the slide on that, we can maybe come back to those feelings and talk through whether whether that's still including what you think the need might be there, if I'm good.

[Felix Su] 12:25:02

Great. Yes, thank you.

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Any other comments on general eligibility.

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I'll take that to the next slide. So I'm going to walk through what the process looked like for a Qhio onboarding Grant, and then I'll walk through what the process looks like for a ta grant.

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So the process for a Qa. Title onboarding grant is is outlined here.

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So step, one can actually happen at the beginning or at the end but a key step in the process is that a signatory is going to decide that they're going with a qhio as their technology solution.

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And they're going to select that qhio. Once they've decided to go this route and they've decided they want to go with the assistant pathway where they don't have to manage the application process or the funding themselves.

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A Cdi contracted organization will provide applications support to that signatory, so the signatory will work with this third party to submit a grant application to Cbi on behalf of the signatory.

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So this is getting back to our conversation. A couple slides back about really wanting to support signatories and making the application process as simple as possible, and recognizing that it a lot of organizations are going to have limited resources and limited capacity to apply for granted so here we have

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Cdi application, support vendor, supporting them in actually completing the applications and getting all their people

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If the organization is approved for grant funding, Cdi would release funding to the Qh I. O.

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Once the signatory and the qhio, reach a pre-determined onboarding milestone.

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So we'll talk about that in a moment.

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The qhsio and the signatory would then mutually agree on how the funds are going to be to support onboarding and achieve milestone.

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So in this process the signatory is getting support in the application process.

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The funds disbursement is, is being managed through the Qh i.

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O, so the signatory is getting support on that front, and then the reporting happens.

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[Aaron Goodale] 12:27:29

Sorry. Can you maybe explain the contracting organizations providing application support?

[Aaron Goodale] 12:27:35

Is there a list available, or when will a list be available?

[Aaron Goodale] 12:27:39

Or who are these organizations

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So Cbi is currently working to finalize who the organizations are going to be that provide third-party administration support for the grant program, so that's kind of being finalized.

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Now, but we will expect to be able to announce that forthcoming.

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I don't know, Elaine, if you want to add anything to that, if you're still on

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:28:03

No, that's exactly right. We should have that contract work done soon as soon as it's executed.

[Elaine Scordakis] 12:28:10

Then we can make a formal announcement

[Aaron Goodale] 12:28:17

Thank you.

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So I noted in that sign that the funds get dispersed on a milestone basis.

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So here the Grant administrator will release funding to the Qhio, based on the achievement of 2 milestones.

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So the first piece here, of course, is the brand actually gets awarded, and the signatory finds out they get a grant.

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The first payment will be released when a contract is signed between a signatory and a qhio then the second payment, the final payment, 2 milestones total for the program is our proposal the second payment would be released upon accessation.

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Of completed qhio onboarding by those signatory

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And then one last slide on Qato onboarding.

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Feelings with. Do you have your handwriting?

[Felix Su] 12:29:13

Yes, sorry. This maybe it's self. Evident question from milestone completed.

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[Felix Su] 12:29:22

Qhio, onboarding, onboarding. What do we actually mean by that?

[Felix Su] 12:29:28

Is there a formal definition? Will it be included in the application for this particular and program?

[Felix Su] 12:29:34

Or something that's going to the context specific

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Yeah, that's a great question. So we don't have a written definition of attestation of completed Qhio onboarding.

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Yet and that is something we intend to develop, so that 2 hos and signatories can kind of easily attest to it.

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And attest to the completion of specific activities.

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Onboarding process

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So in terms of uses. The funding for this grant domain.

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Again, this is this is the grant domain that is specific to qh, i.

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OS. We're gonna talk more generally about the Ta grants in just a moment.

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So for an grant that is awarded in the Qhio Grant domain the prominent uses are listed here, so first of all, a qhio and the signatory must agree how the funds will be used to support onboarding that's kind of piece one and the funding is

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Going to actually go to the Qhio and the Qhio will be responsible for the disbursement and the management of those funds.

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Their agreement with the signatory Qao may use those funds to offset Qa.

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To offset Qhio call, so that may include the Qhios cost to connect to a Dsa signatory phrase the initial Qh.

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I, O fees, it may also include. It may also include the Qhs cost to develop capabilities to perform the H. I.

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Services specified in the milestone. So again, this is all just use of the funds that would need to be mutually agreed upon between the Qhs.

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It was, may also use the funding to offset other costs which could include configuration costs for the Dsa signatories ehr. To connect to the Qh.

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I/O. So that's the Ehr cost associated with Qhio onboarding and Qhros may also, opt upon mutual decision and agreement with the signatory to use the funding for the signatory to retain a technology consultant or it staff associated onboarding process

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So what what a core piece that underpins this is that the Qhl and its signatory are usually

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Impermissible, uses of funds are listed here, so the grantee may not use the funds in the following way.

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The Qato onboarding grants cannot be used for ongoing HIV operations.

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For the purchasing of new Ehr technology or onboarding to a non-qualified Hio for changing from one Qhio to another.

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So if they're already with one Qhio they would not be able to secure Qato onboarding grants to change from one to another.

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And then kind of as a sub note around that once it's signatory, achieve milestone one with a qualified Hil, it must continue to work with that Qhl

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And then finally the funding can't be used to connect to multiple qation so a signatory may choose to connect to multiple qh, ios.

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But the twoato on boarding grants would can only 4, one q. 8

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Right.

[Aaron Goodale] 12:33:07

A small comment on the impermissible uses.

[Aaron Goodale] 12:33:11

The last item there for connecting to multiple. Qh, ios.

[Aaron Goodale] 12:33:17

I think at some point we need to say that the Qhio has to.

[Aaron Goodale] 12:33:22

Then have a complete package as part of the application process for the qhio.

[Aaron Goodale] 12:33:30

The signatories need to know that if they sign up with the Qh. I.

[Aaron Goodale] 12:33:34

O, that! They're going to get everything that is part of this legislation.

[Aaron Goodale] 12:33:40

Otherwise they really will have to go outside of that Qhio to satisfy the requirements

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Thanks for that comment, Aaron. I'm just gonna pause to see Cindy.

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If you want to wrap it on, or

[Cynthia Bero] 12:33:59

So you know, we are, gonna get to some of the technical capabilities of the Qh.

[Cynthia Bero] 12:34:06

los. In the next meeting, but the intent is that Qhio can supply all of the servers.

[Cynthia Bero] 12:34:15

A signatory would need

[Cynthia Bero] 12:34:17

So that would address that concern

[Aaron Goodale] 12:34:22

Thank you.

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Thanks, Wendy. Try

[Troy Kaji] 12:34:27

Again, not so much with the funding, maybe, for the next meeting.

[Troy Kaji] 12:34:31

I I'm under the pressure that if you connect with 1 2 H.

[Troy Kaji] 12:34:36

Ohio? Don't you also, through them, connect with the others, or is that not correct?

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Which is to say, they're able to speak to each other, basically

[Troy Kaji] 12:34:49

Yes, that they're able to communicate with each other

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I will go that, like we will be a requirement of the Qh.

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I/O program that other. Every Qao needs to have a path, share information with other Qh. los.

[Cynthia Bero] 12:35:09

I agree, and that this standards and patterns by which you can communicate are all you know in development, but they that it will be every qhio will be able to, you know, exchange information with another qhio

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Any other comments or questions. Ali

[Ali Modaressi] 12:35:38

Yeah, I have. Yeah, I think it makes sense for Hros to exchange data.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:35:44

I just want to point out that heyio services are made me different.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:35:50

Be different across the Qhs. So just want to point that out

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Thank you for that

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Right. There's no other comments on Qh. I O, I will move to ta Gram, so tia grants again.

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This is the build, your own solution pathway. And so this, this looks different.

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The signatory manages each part of the process so step one is the signatory identifies some type of technical assistance that they need to help them meet their Dsa requirements.

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And they identify a vendor that could address that need or multiple vendors.

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And on, and a couple slides. We'll look at what are the needs that that could be included here?

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Step 2. Is that a signatory would review the ta grant criteria to see if they are eligible, and if they are eligible, the signatory can submit an application for technical assistance.

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Grant to Cdi. If they are approved for grant funding.

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Cbi will release, will release funding to the signatory.

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When the signatory and the vendor reach predetermined files.

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So again, here this is the milestone-based release of funding.

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That's gonna you'll see on the next slide.

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Look very similar to the Qhio process, just with molten one or multiple vendors

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I'll show that before I pause for my questions or comments, so here again we can see what the on, what the milestone process would look like for this grant.

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So a signatory would apply for the grant. Find out from Cdi that they've been awarded the brand, and then they would sign a contract with a ta vendor that would be milestone one so once they've signed that contract or multiple contracts that they've decided to pursue multiple

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Vendors, the milestone, one funding would be released

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Milestone, 2 funding would be released when each vendor, the vendor and the signatory attest to the completion of vendors.

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So, whatever they have defined as the services this vendor would provide in the application they need to attest to the fact that those services were provided

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Will be 1. One more slide on Ti grants, because I think it'll provide a lot of context for any questions.

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But come up here and we'll we'll pause here for comments and questions.

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So the permissible use of the Ta grant funding are many at a high level, and we've described this in in a number of ways. Already.

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The ta Grant uses are intended to help an organization achieve their Dsa requirements.

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So that, that is kind of a fundamental underpinning of everything listed here is that it is helping them achieve their Dsa report in that vein they may apply for one or more of the following uses of funding so category one here is identifying contracting with a

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vendor that provide a technology solution for meeting field say, requirements and I think this you know to your question, Felix, earlier, about helping to figure out how you achieve the Dsa that is kind of encompassed in the identifying here identifying what your what your technology solution would need to be

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and and then a particular vendor that could help you part.

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Use number 2 here is for the onboarding cost to implement whichever technology solution you identify that could be a Qhio solution or otherwise.

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It just needs to be a solution that establishes the real time data exchange as required by the Dsa.

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So a solution that will help the organization achieve their Dsa require

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Kind of as a sub note of that. The funding can be used for adjusting upgrading, or adopting a Dhr or other technology system, including an hio or other documentation systems as necessary to achieve the real time data that's required in this so it's an organization needs to make an update

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To their Ehr system in order to re to achieve their Dsa requirements to funding can be used

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And then, lastly, we've identified here an additional use of funding which is for creating and providing training on any new operational or clinical workflows associated with the new technologies that an organization has implemented

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Impermissible uses of funding 1 one key one is, it cannot be used for activities that do not support the signatory and achieving their Dsa requirements or an establishing data exchange with other health and human services organizations.

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Okay, the use of the funding has to fall under that general category it cannot be used for activities other than those specified in their application.

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So the organization applying for Ta. Grant does need to explain how they're going to use it in the application and then use it in the way described in their application.

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And then it cannot be used for ongoing subscription or recurring costs for qh ao, ehr

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I'm gonna pause here for questions and comments

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Ali.

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You're still on mute, Ali

[Ali Modaressi] 12:41:22

Sorry can the Ta. Grant be used for connecting to Qhio.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:41:30

Okay. Thank you.

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So what we are proposing here is that a an a grantee could use it in that way if they wanted

[Ali Modaressi] 12:41:38

Thank you.

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Feelings.

[Felix Su] 12:41:43

Yeah, well, first of all, thank you, Juliet, for setting me straight on.

[Felix Su] 12:41:48

Yeah, the the foundational aspects of of you know, the exploration of needs and technologies being part of the domain for the Ta.

[Felix Su] 12:41:58

Grant, that's that's helpful to. And and with that I think that would reinforce my comments.

[Felix Su] 12:42:03

Slash recommendation that maybe the queue Ohio path is one thing in terms of prioritizing.

[Felix Su] 12:42:10

One mandatory signature, for something that's more open-ended, like the PA grants that I do think it bears with thinking about inviting earlier on some of the voluntary, very significant major players for the Dsa.

[Felix Su] 12:42:26

To apply for these grants. I'm thinking a largely about county run, public health and behavioral health systems.

[Felix Su] 12:42:33

I think I've seen some questions in the chat from some of our our friends in partners there who are here without the eligibility for this, and I think there's a lot of reason to I think, keep them top of mind when it comes to prioritization of who can receive

[Felix Su] 12:42:48

These typically be pay grant for planning purposes.

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Thank you for that comment.

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Other comments and questions around either what's listed here or reacting to kind of feel like, no, just there, carry

[Cary Sanders] 12:43:11

Yeah, I'll just. I'll just do a plus one to to what feel like, said, I mean, I think there has to be, you know, the there has there have to be the right organizations and agencies at this at the table to really ensure equitable.

[Cary Sanders] 12:43:30

Access. And so, having having the having, you know, causes county systems, local, public health, and others at the table to it, will be really important

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Thank you for that

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Any additional comments or questions here

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Okay, we're gonna get into what I'm where I'm sure we'll have a lot of sauce.

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So as as I as we stated a number of times in previous meetings, as part of the Grant application process, Cdi intends to set Max of, and this is in part to support applicants and understanding the range they can apply for so that we don't have grantees applying

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for sums that Cdi can't provide.

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Given the size of the program. So to that end Cbi intends to make signatories eligible for different funding maximums based on their organizational type and characteristic.

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So kind of put another way. We're looking at the different types of organizations.

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Hospital position groups, skilled nursing facilities, and then layering on top of that some additional organizational characteristics such as size.

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And we'll look at we'll look at what we mean by that in a moment.

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Establish different types of funding maximums, that organizations can apply for one specific note that I've alluded to a couple times in talking about the Ta Grants when applicants are applying for the ta grant.

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So to build your own solution where they're gonna have to tell Cdi what they're gonna use that funding for.

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They'll have to justify the amount of funding they are requesting, based on the Ta, that they would procure with that funding.

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So so you, an applicant for the Ta. Grant couldn't ask for the maximum for something that wouldn't cost the maximum. For instance, they would be asking for what it costs up to the amount

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So in order to set these maximum, Cdi looked at the funding maximums that were used in the Calhop program to support Qhio onboarding specifically in that program for medicaid providers and Cbi is proposing using a range of

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Funding maximum that were informed by the funding that

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So for some, the range that that we've drafted for for discussion I'll kind of underline drafted for discussion is a range that starts with some organizations having a funding.

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Maximum they can apply up to \$15,000 and some organizations would be eligible for up to 2550, or a 100, and these would really be determined based on as you'll see, on the next slide the type of organization.

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They are the size who they're serving, what they've been eligible for in the past the number of other crazy criteria.

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And then I'll note that you know this funding is intended to subsidize investments and achieve, say requirements.

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And so there may be activities that extend beyond the funding maximum that organizations could undertake.

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This funding is intended to help subsidize those those actions, and and may not in every instance cover total costs of activities, organizations

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So with that in mind, I'm gonna put on the screen, opposed funding maximum for discussion, and I'm gonna walk kind of through what we've done here. And then I'll open it for conversation.

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So what we've done here is we've looked at.

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We started with the different signatory groups, as I identified in 81, 33, and and layered on some additional considerations influenced by the program goals for the data exchange framework.

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So you'll recall a very important goal of this program is prioritizing investments for organizations that serve under served geographies and communities.

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Another key programmatic goal is to align with past and current help it.

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Funding opportunities that ends. We've set essentially, you know, 4 different levels of where organizations may fall in terms of the maximum that they can request the top.

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The organizational group that we put in the top tier for proposed for discussion today.

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General acute care, hospitals that serve underserved communities and geography and who did not receive funding from past health.

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It programs. Calhop, Ctap and high tech. So these are organizations that are going further along or further behind in in their health.

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It, infrastructure, development, and are going to need a significant investment in order to be able to achieve their Dsa requirements.

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These are also organizations are caring for underserved communities and geographies who may need additional investment to achieve data

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That's the top in the next level down. We've identified a set of different types of organizations who would be eligible for the next level down a funding maximum.

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So that would be any other general acute care hospital that didn't fall in the category. I just described Aute, psychiatric hospitals, field nursing facilities and then position organizations and medical groups is greater than 10

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Next level down our position, organizations of medical groups, with 10 or less physicians, health insurance plans and then other Dsa signature and then, finally, we have clinical labs.

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So I will just say, before I open for comments. You know what what we endeavored to do here is really create groupings based on the complexity of the works that needs to be

undertaken to achieve these requirements as well as areas that have organizations and areas that may not have had access

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to funding in the past to support this type of investments who may need additional support.

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With that will open for comments, reactions. These groupings or these numbers, Ali

[Ali Modaressi] 12:49:58

Thank you. 2 comments related to psychiatric hospitals generally, behavioral health practice is ambulatory practices.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:50:10

There's a layer of complexity with connecting those providers.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:50:16

The legal team, the privacy security team needs to be involved in addressing some of the specifics related to each of these entities.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:50:26

So I think you hire amount is required for that. Also.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:50:30

A smaller home. You know, physicians, organizations, medical groups. Under 10.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:50:36

It takes a long time and a lot of effort in walking them through the process of onboarding.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:50:44

They just don't have the resources to do simple things like security, risk assessment questioners.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:50:53

So there's a it. It cost a lot more to onboard.

[Ali Modaressi] 12:50:58

The small practices. Thank you.

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Thank you for that comment.

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Feelings.

[Felix Su] 12:51:06

Yeah, not to pile on in terms of like right sizing potentially these funding maximums.

[Felix Su] 12:51:14

But I think similar to at least comment about acute psychiatric hospitals.

[Felix Su] 12:51:19

Still nursing facilities. You know. They obviously run a wide range in terms of their level of even operating a certified Ehr.

[Felix Su] 12:51:29

That's the cost that could be born a lot greater even at the outset.

[Felix Su] 12:51:33

The 50 k. That you have here. Let's stay under the Ta.

[Felix Su] 12:51:37

Grants as one example. So that's something to, I think we look at, and I understand you did your best.

[Felix Su] 12:51:44

You're drawing from the Calhoun program and you know where you could sort of find reference points for that.

[Felix Su] 12:51:49

Do that end. I think health plans like health insurance plans.

[Felix Su] 12:51:53

They were not. If I'm not mistaken, part of the original calendar program and the 25 K.

[Felix Su] 12:51:58

You know, for that's proposed for their funding maximum, and either stream of the the Grants.

[Felix Su] 12:52:07

The teams. I don't know. I I I've heard the Blushkins off.

[Felix Su] 12:52:10

Faith, but if there's others who want to comment about that, you know, I'd be happy to hear their perspectives.

[Felix Su] 12:52:14

But that's just sort of the initial impression impression there. Excuse me.

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Thank you, Felix, and there's no piling on the entire purpose of this conversation is to get feedback on this.

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So thank you. I appreciate it, Aaron.

[Aaron Goodale] 12:52:28

Yeah, I think that this goes to David's point. I think he brought up earlier in in this structure here, then, could a could Ipa as a provider organization?

[Aaron Goodale] 12:52:38

Then apply for other signatories associated with the Ipa, even though they're not under the same signatory structure

[Aaron Goodale] 12:52:49

Meaning they did. Let's say, a clinic. Clinic organizations would not be signing together with the Ipa.

[Aaron Goodale] 12:52:57

But there, associated with the Ipa and they're they're signing the Dsa separately on their own.

[Aaron Goodale] 12:53:02

But the Ipa could definitely assist them, and the process, and may actually use the funds more efficiently

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Stocking, that connection between the the comment on the umbrella organizations like lpas being able to apply.

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And how here, thank you.

[Aaron Goodale] 12:53:22

Yes, yes, correct.

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Feel like your hand is raised. I don't know if it's still raised, or if you had another comment

[Felix Su] 12:53:36

Oh, it's it's it's going down

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I mean, if you have another comment, please share

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Any other reaction.

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Okay.

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Think this is really helpful for us in thinking about how we write size and and maybe the what the numbers are. But then, also, where where the different organizations kind of fall in terms of the buckets.

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So thank you for that. I'm curious before we move on here we've mapped out essentially, having my often one.

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On milestone 2 in both program be the same. Any reactions to that or any feedback on that, before we move on in terms of the milestone distribution

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David.

[David Ford] 12:54:39

Yeah, actually, and I I realized I kinda went back Colin, or something in the previous question as well, especially for this, for the smaller physician groups always putting more money up front is better because there was a lot of upfront cost associated with with hio onboarding and then the other thing is we're

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Please.

[David Ford] 12:55:03

Trying to right size this program. And I'll just speak for physician organizations and medical groups.

[David Ford] 12:55:11

They can vary widely in the resources available. So whether it's, you know, given that we have a somewhat limited amount of funding.

[David Ford] 12:55:20

If there is some way to it like you did I? I think, under general care, hospitals.

[David Ford] 12:55:26

If there is some way to target the funding to the truly under resource, you know organizations that are serving large amounts of meta-cal underserved.

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Yeah.

[David Ford] 12:55:37

Somehow kind of like we did with meaningful use. Where, for the the heavy Medicaid providers there was more funding available.

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Yeah.

[David Ford] 12:55:44

There was more upfront funding available

[David Ford] 12:55:48

Making the best use of the funding

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Thank you for that

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Laurie.

[Lori Hack] 12:56:03

Yeah. The follow up to David's comment, and I just noticed in the appendix the definition under the acute care I'm assuming that you're including the critical access hospitals and the rural health centers.

[Lori Hack] 12:56:20

But it it does specifically call them out like it did f queues.

[Lori Hack] 12:56:24

So just wanna make sure that got a plug in there for the critical access hospitals who are not currently participating and the rural health centers

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Right? Thank you. We'll we'll take a closer look at our definition.

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There were we put. I know we put together some initial thinking in the appendix for folks that that haven't seen that around, how we might define underserved communities and geographies, and we'll continue to refine that.

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So thank you for that, Lauren

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Trustee.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:56:59

Hi! Hi Kathy Centerling! With Cwva.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:57:02

Thank you about a point at which there might be a round of funding that non mandatory signatories could participate in thinking about.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:57:13

You know, can human services, for example, I don't really see them fitting in one of these categories very easily, in the sense that the other Dsa signatories level of funding?

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:57:28

Seems like it would be probably very low for some of the counties, and maybe all given that, I still think we need to work through.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:57:37

Applied together, how a County Human Services agency signs in and what specific data they are to be sharing as a result of that it could be a significant amount of work to figure out kind of what they hold and how to do it. And I think some of it.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:57:57

We could do leg work in advance, and we've just not really had a chance to engage.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:58:03

I think on this because everyone in you know me included, has been focused on trying to get the everything up and running for the people who are mandatory.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:58:11

So given our short timeline, but it it makes me realize, for for those, and to entities like the ones I represent that aren't really they don't fit in one of these neat boxes, and they're more on that.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:58:27

You know, kind of social services side to how do we think about that?

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:58:31

I don't know that they quite fit in that other box, and so it might be I'll put a PIN.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:58:38

There's gonna be a couple of rounds of funding assuming, you know, kind of the structure holds, and I do understand why mandatory signatories would be, you know, prioritize in the first round or 2 that does make sense.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:58:50

So we have, you know, some time, but I do get questions from my folks, and I think working through the details on their participation.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:59:00

And maybe some, you know, others like them in out in, you know, county land or elsewhere, would be a probably a good idea

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:59:08

My thoughts.

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Yeah, I think, thank you for that comment, Kathy. And actually, if I if you don't mind, guys have a follow up for you.

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So when you say that the other, you don't think that the organizations you represent and county land, for instance, quite fit under the other Dsa signatory grouping in that way, you're referring to the \$24,000 number would not be an appropriate number for

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:59:28

Yeah, I mean, I represent all 50 accounts. Yeah, so like Los Angeles County, I mean, we think a lot about, you know.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:59:40

So so maybe as small like, you know Lake County or Alpine County.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 12:59:44

So you know. Okay, I don't know. I don't have a good sense in my head about what it would take for a small County Human Services Agency versus a medium or large county human services agency to fulfill the requirements on that side you know, of the ledger and then also take in and

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:00:04

What would they do with that? But it feels potentially inadequate.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:00:09

And and I think there's these are organizations that almost certainly would not have received any kind of past help.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:00:18

Idea, related funding like you mentioned, you know, up top calhopsi tap, high tech I don't think you know that's an area that I doubt they've been involved in, and much of our data is held in these large statewide systems that I've talked with folks about.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:00:34

At in the prior, I think group such as the calcium system, which has eligibility data.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:00:42

What's what can be shared, what cannot be shared.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:00:46

We do have our own requirements related to that. And so I think, sorting out those pieces is a little.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:00:55

It's probably the work has maybe more been done. Honest exchange of data versus a purely social services, sharing of data, cause.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:01:09

This is something that I don't think most of the organizations I represent have done this type of sharing agreement before.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:01:17

So they're interested. They want to know how it's gonna work.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:01:21

But they also are like, you know, there, we have a lot of data that we're not supposed to share is our thinking, and we may need to even get some of our State departments engaged in the conversation.

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:01:34

You know, how do I pull the data? So there's a lot, I think, to think through together.

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Right, thank you for that comment, Kathy. I think we'll think about that as we think about how we think about.

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You know the quote unquote other Dsa signatory grouping here and then, and then also what you're raising raises for me.

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Maybe something we can raise with our educational grantees as well. And there's some opportunities there. Great

[Cathy Senderling-McDonald] 13:02:00

Thanks.

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I see the question about dental providers. I'm I'm not gonna weigh in on where dental providers fall in terms of require in terms of signatory requirement.

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But any organization that's not listed here could fall under other Dsa signatory.

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If they've signed the Dfs. And then Labs are noted here as well.

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Yeah.

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Right.

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Any other comments here

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I'm looking at the Q. A. In the chat as well to see if there's anything more there

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I see your note, Lori, about I mean not separating out.

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Categories of position practices. You want to elap. Wanna add anything there

[Lori Hack] 13:03:07

E yeah, let me elaborate in between lightning and under here.

[Lori Hack] 13:03:15

I I think you know, I we struggled with this before the I I know you want to try to direct funds appropriately to to larger organizations, but I I think it's more of a who needs this the most and it's not really dependent on the number of providers.

[Lori Hack] 13:03:36

It's really the number of interfaces, the cost of working with a vendor.

[Lori Hack] 13:03:42

The Ehr vendor, and and so forth.

[Lori Hack] 13:03:45

So it may be, you know, rather than try to limit and and define it, maybe making it a little bit more open to the, to the, to the grantees.

[Lori Hack] 13:04:01

Designation. So even if it's a small practice that they've got a lot of different systems that they need to interface with, or it's a particularly difficult region, or or Ehr vendor, I I I would.

[Lori Hack] 13:04:16

I think we maybe make it less prescriptive, and and leave it a little bit more open to to be proposer

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That's helpful. Thank you, Laurie, and I think you know, just to highlight, too.

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I think you were kind of speaking to this, and what you just said, but just to highlight across all of this, what we're proposing here are basically funding maximums that people could apply for that, as you'll see on on some upcoming signs it does not necessarily mean that this would be the you know, the

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Allocation. It would still depend on the application, and it would still depend on what. But the overall applicant pool looks like

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One thing we might consider is, since I'd be 1 33 specifically, and some parap.

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B. One calls out, Oh, B, 2, maybe calls out that certain requirements about when start executing a framework does not apply to position practice here than 25 doctors.

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So we might want to think about using that as the yard stick here, if that if you want to line with the language unless there's a programmatic reason, or that you might mention

which is more less about the actual practice itself, more about what it's interfacing with what sort of systems they

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Interface with. I think we have to. We should. It shouldn't be arbitrary. We should.

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Sort of figure out what the right out point is. What reason

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Right.

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Any additional comments. I know we're spending a lot of time on this slide, but, as you can imagine, this is an important one.

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Any additional comments here

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Alright. I wrote down everything that you all just said that was very, very helpful to get all of this contact and additional thought, thinking around how we can categorize these groups, so we will take all of this back and do and do some additional work here.

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So thank you very much for your feedback on this

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Panda signatories to go through before we wrap, and some of it speaks a little bit to things we've already alluded to.

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But we want to kind of say out loud and and put in writing for you all to react to.

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So we noted at the very beginning of this, that across the 2 domains of Dsa Signatory grant both the contact of Ta.

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And Qhio onboarding Cdi and tends to award up to 47 million dollars in funding.

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It intends to do that across at least 3 rounds of funding that's the person.

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There will be at least 3 rounds there could be additional rounds, and that would depend.

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Be frank on the the applications coming in, and the total applicant pool.

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But the minimum would be free rounds the exact funding awarded per round would be finalized, based on the total funding requested by applicants in that round.

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But Cdi will reserve funding to ensure that there are at least 3 rounds of funding available to applicants, so I believe on my next slide, I'll sort of speak to what that tentatively looks like in terms of grant awards.

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But Cdi would ensure that there are at least 3 rounds

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And and one of the core purposes behind this and the behind, making sure we're doing it in 3 rounds is to ensure that organizations who have limited resources have had sufficient time to go through this process.

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So we don't want to. Just do you know, one application round in 3 months, at the beginning of 2,023, and then call it done because there are a lot of organizations that may need additional time.

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And so to that end there will be at least 3 rounds

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Cvr. Will notify the public of the total ground grants awarded.

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Grant amounts awarded in each round, and then provide adequate notice before the last round of grant applications.

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So there will be an announcement. This is the last application around.

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This is the last opportunity for people to apply by act date, so that organization understand what, when that last round will happen

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The second piece in the slide is again writing something we've already said and we've already spoken to a fair amount, so I don't think we need to spend too much time here.

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But to be eligible for the first 2 rounds of funding applicants must be identified as the required signatory under 8,133.

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What this means is that voluntary signatories will have access to at least one round of sending an additional round than 3 rounds, but at least one round will will be accessible to volunteer

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And again, yeah, I would be clearly communicating when that round is, if there are additional rounds, and when the final

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Any reactions to any of them.

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Probably pretty straightforward. It's kind of underpinned. A lot of what we've talked about to date is just one.

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Say this, so what does it mean to be reserving funds?

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And what does that look like? So, Cbi? Sorry for each round?

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Cbi. Tpa will review. So Cpa, being third party in Minnesota, Cdi will be working with an organization to support in the scoring and review of applications the Tpa will review all applications and score them using a standardized scoring where it details about

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That rubric will be shared with applicants, as when the guidance documents are released and the templates are what

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Based on the outcome of the scoring. An apple camp will fall into one of the following categories, and I'm going to talk a little bit more about scoring entail in a moment.

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But they'll fall into one of the following categories, so if they do not meet a scoring threshold that allows them to either be accessible for funding in this round or future round, the the applicant will receive a determination of no grant award there will be kind of a middle

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threshold, of scoring, where an applicant would be deferred to the next round, and then there would be a top, a top tier of scoring where an apple can't receive a grant award in that route, so in round one for instance, on some organizations reaching a certain

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Threshold will be told in round one. You've reached the scoring threshold.

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You will receive a brand in this round and then there will be some organizations who are essentially deferred to the next round, because Cdi, as I noted is ensuring there's going to be at least 3 rounds, and they've reached a scoring threshold that

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May qualify them for funding in a future round. So they've been held and put into the next round

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Any questions about what that would look like

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So there are a few different criteria. There are many criteria that Cbi will establish for the scoring we listed.

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Some of them here. The as I noted the scoring, will be a standardized scoring process, so that it's fair, and, you know, done consistently across all applicants at a high level.

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The scoring process. Vdi intends to prioritize funding for the applicants that meet the following criteria in the scoring process.

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So organizations that are required to sign the Dsa.

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Would receive some prioritization because they are required to do this work, and and Cdi is seeking to support organizations that must do this work.

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Signatories who were not eligible for or did not receive previous health information, exchange funding opportunities such as calhop and sea tap, will also received prioritization through the scoring process signatory to demonstrate a significant gap in it infrastructure to achieve their

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Dsa. Obligations would be prioritized in the scoring process, and then and we've alluded to this throughout the conversation.

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Today, really, really, importantly, signatories that are serving Californians and historically marginalized populations or underserved an underfunding geographic areas in the application

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Any questions or feedback on criteria that would be used as part of the prioritization.

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That's for applications

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A comprehensive list. Cvi. Will kind of continue to build out this list, and as I, as I noted details of the scoring work, will be included in the guidance document, so that will be transparent

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All right. We are coming to the end of our conversation today.

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So I the question I always get is, how soon? When is this gonna happen?

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And this this implementation timeline at a high level outline.

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What the work that has happened to date, and a establishing the Dsa signatory grants and the intended timelines around when different components of the program will go live.

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So we are currently here in January. 2023, discussing this criteria, and I see meeting.

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Our next step is going to be to release the final grant criteria to the public.

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So based on all of the feedback that we've received today.

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Our team will go back continue to work on these criteria, and and we intend to release final criteria in in the coming couple months.

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At the same time, and Elaine spoke to this a little bit earlier.

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Cbi is currently working to identify. And we're and procure a third-party administrator who will be responsible for the application portal.

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The Review of Applications, etc. For this grant program, Zbi intends to announce that as soon as that has been finalized we, the our goal, and this is, you know, subject to a number of different dependencies operationally, but the goal is to open the application window for the first

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Round in quarter one of this year. So again, highlighting that this is subject to change, but based on a number of dependencies.

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But this is the timeline that we are striving for at this time

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And with that, that brings us to the end of the Dxf. Grant period.

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You have listened to me talk a lot today, so I'll hand it back to John for our next section

[John Ohanian] 13:15:41

Thank you very much, and thank you very much, team, for all that great break work.

[John Ohanian] 13:15:47

And now it's my pleasure to open the meeting up to public comment.

[John Ohanian] 13:15:50

If you can. Please note that individuals in the audience who may have a public comment.

[John Ohanian] 13:15:55

May insert you in the Q. A. Otherwise they may raise their hand.

[John Ohanian] 13:16:01



The zoom feature. Raising your hand, and we will call upon you once we do please stay your name and organization.

[John Ohanian] 13:16:08

Keep your comments brief and respectful. Emily will recognize you when she put your once you raise your hand. So with that I'm gonna open public comment. Thank you.

[Emma P - Manatt Events] 13:16:19

Great. First up we have Bill Barcelona Bill.

[Emma P - Manatt Events] 13:16:22

You should be able to unmute. Now

[Bill Barcellona] 13:16:26

Thank you. Bill Barcelona, with America's physician groups.

[Bill Barcellona] 13:16:30

I just wanna express my appreciation and support for the structure of the signatory grant proposals that Juliet just outlined.

[Bill Barcellona] 13:16:40

I think this is a very, very important step forward. Thank you.

[John Ohanian] 13:16:45

Thank you. Bill.

[Emma P - Manatt Events] 13:16:51

Great at this time. We don't have any other hands raised

[Emma P - Manatt Events] 13:16:59

Let's see, I've just got another one serious. S. You should be able to unmute

[Darius Stelmach] 13:17:06

Hello! Darius Salmon with public health. Lab for Sacramento County.

[Darius Stelmach] 13:17:09

Wanted to find out how would public health labs be encouraged to participate in this program?

[Darius Stelmach] 13:17:16

And how would they be enticed to sign up and be able to receive grants for implementation of this program?

[John Ohanian] 13:17:32

Thank you. And it sounds like we wanna do some follow up with you as well, so we can.

[John Ohanian] 13:17:39

We've been doing a lot of work with the labs, with the Public Health clubs as well.

[John Ohanian] 13:17:45

So if you can, just if someone from our team can grab your information, we'll be happy to follow up with you after this meeting

[Darius Stelmach] 13:17:51

Certainly.

[Darius Stelmach] 13:17:56

Thank you.

[Emma P - Manatt Events] 13:18:02

No, no! Additional hands raised at this time

[John Ohanian] 13:18:02

Any hours.

[John Ohanian] 13:18:06

Okay, well, thank you. Everyone. Thanks for your input we will take all of your helpful input into consideration.

[John Ohanian] 13:18:13

And we are gonna share summary notes from this meeting.

[John Ohanian] 13:18:17

Prepare materials for our next working session.

[John Ohanian] 13:18:20

If you want to go to the next slide, as always, as I mentioned at the beginning of the meeting, as we mentioned throughout, we really encourage you to stay in touch, and give us your feedback.

[John Ohanian] 13:18:29

At both on these materials today. But everything that we've gone through so far from this, if we kinda take a look at, we'll be posting a summary of today's meeting just like I mentioned.

[John Ohanian] 13:18:42

So next slide.

[John Ohanian] 13:18:44

Okay, our next, our meeting schedule. You can look at our tight meeting schedule here. Our next meeting will be on January 26, 9 Am.

[John Ohanian] 13:18:51

To 1130 for our next data, sharing agreement policy is a procedure subcommittee meeting, we're then gonna jump into the month of February.

[John Ohanian] 13:18:58

Believe it or not. 9 Am. So. 1130. For our next IC.

[John Ohanian] 13:19:03

Meeting, and I see David forward with your hand up

[David Ford] 13:19:08

Yeah. John, thank you. I had a question just sort of didn't neatly fit in our agenda, but was so timely, you know, right as this meeting was opening up, the governor was releasing.

[David Ford] 13:19:21

You're laughing. I think you were anticipating this question.

[David Ford] 13:19:24

The governor was releasing his initial budget proposal.

[David Ford] 13:19:28

I think a lot of us thought there might be something about the governance entity in that budget proposal, at least, wasn't apparent in the 8 pages that it's been released.

[David Ford] 13:19:38

I just wondering if there's anything you could tell us about, when we might see some more on that

[John Ohanian] 13:19:45

Probably under development, is the best. I can answer that. And yeah, I I think I've mentioned that under development, and probably more towards the spring is when you'll hear more on this from us.

[John Ohanian] 13:19:59

And if not sooner, and I'm there is a stakeholder call the Secretary Galley is having 20'clock today.

[John Ohanian] 13:20:08

That was announced as well. Folks

[John Ohanian] 13:20:12

Thanks, David, William.

[Linnea Koopmans] 13:20:15

Yeah, and I'll just say ahead of time if you already covered this in the meeting, because I've been in and out, feel free to just prefer me to follow up offline.

[Linnea Koopmans] 13:20:25

But I was, wondering if you could provide just an update on Dsa execution.

[Linnea Koopmans] 13:20:29

Knowing that the the January thirtieth deadline is approaching, for you know those that have to sign by January thirtieth, 2023, and just in terms of you know, if you have any data points in terms of the numbers what types of signatories or anything

[Linnea Koopmans] 13:20:45

like that, and if none, if that hasn't been shared earlier in today's meeting, be great, to have an update on that and follow up to the call

[John Ohanian] 13:20:54

I actually have as of 1045 this morning we have.

[John Ohanian] 13:21:00

289 accounts created. Those are individuals that gone in created an account.

[John Ohanian] 13:21:05

We have about 34 Ds. In progress, and 159 executed data sharing agreements

[John Ohanian] 13:21:14

Slow and steady.

[John Ohanian] 13:21:17

Absolutely.

[Linnea Koopmans] 13:21:19

Thank you.

[John Ohanian] 13:21:25

So with that, I'm looking around to see if any other.

[John Ohanian] 13:21:32

So I mentioned the 2 upcoming Dsa. And Pmp.

[John Ohanian] 13:21:36

Meetings and now on the webinars be sure to catch our next information as power.

[John Ohanian] 13:21:42

Webinar, on January ninth, 9 to 10 Am.

[John Ohanian] 13:21:44

And again feel free to reach out offline.

[John Ohanian] 13:21:49

Happy to talk about anything that's going on in your world, and ways that we can be helpful. A lot of.

[John Ohanian] 13:21:54

Thank you all for joining today and really helping us treat the statistics, framework, and improve the help and well being of all California together.

[John Ohanian] 13:22:04

So with that I wish you a happy mayor, and see you next time. Take care