



**California Health & Human Services Agency  
Center for Data Insights and Innovation  
Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Information is Power Webinar Series: Data  
Sharing Agreement (DSA) Signatory Grants Town Hall  
Webinar #9 Q&A Log (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM PT, May 16, 2023)**

The following table shows comments that were entered into the Zoom Q&A by public attendees during the May 16 webinar:

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| 1.           | Abel Lai         | Is this seminar recorded?   | live answered  |
| 2.           | Abel Lai         | Is this seminar recorded?   | Yes, this session is being recorded.   |
| 3.           | Roman Bondarenko | Is this recording will be available for all?  | Yes. CDII will post a link to the recording a few days after this session. We will include the slide deck at that time as well.  |
| 4.           | Kimberly Nguyen  | Are FQHCs eligible for the first two rounds? I've heard that FQHCs are mandatory signatories but they aren't explicitly listed anywhere.                    | CDII cannot advise entities as to which category their organization may fit. Organizations that are identified in California Health and Safety Code (HSC) § 130290(f) as required to sign the DSA will be given preference in the first two rounds of funding. If you have determined that your organization is required by HSC § 130290(f) to sign the DSA by Jan 31, 2023, then your application will be considered in any round of funding, for either grant domain (QHIO Onboarding or TA). If you have determined that organization is a voluntary signatory you would be eligible for to apply for funding in round 3. |
| 5.           | Sean Kirkpatrick | We have heard on past webinars that we cannot sign the DSA until we meet the requirements of the agreement, otherwise we would be out of compliance. So why | AB133 (Health and Safety Code, HSC, 130290) requires certain entities to sign the DSA by 01/31/2023. Implementation and  |

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|       |                  | does this need to be signed prior to qualifying to apply for the grant funding? If people already are meeting requirements for the DSA, why would they get the funding over the organizations that need the help to get to a place of being able to comply?   | readiness for when exchange under the DxF is to begin, for many 01/31/2024, is throughout CY 2023.   |
| 6.    | Anna Zimbrick    | I believe the answer is "yes", but can you please clarify if for an umbrella application, does the organization applying on behalf of signatories also have to sign the DSA?  | Hi Anna, thanks for your question! You are correct - an applicant applying on behalf of signatories does not need to have signed the DSA themselves. However, all entities they are applying on behalf of must be DSA signatories.   |
| 7.    | Magean Whaley    | So, if you're already signed up with a company who is helping you with data exchange due to the requirements of the MIPS program, but you're not sure if they meet the requirements of the QHIO you mentioned... how do we proceed? If we don't know if we need to switch companies, how can we know if we qualify for the grant? | We have two domains, QHIO Onboarding and TA, to provide options for different situations. If you are already signed up with a company but not yet able to exchange per the DxF, I suggest you review the TA domain. You may see options under that domain that would help you achieve DxF readiness without having to make a switch. |
| 8.    | Sean Kirkpatrick | Is that a catch-22 for non-required signatories, ensuring they do not qualify for the grant funding? They cannot sign until they already meet the requirements, so cannot apply for the grant assistance.   | live answered  |
| 9.    | Rashed Behroz    | Is transitioning from one EHR to another EHR that has capability of data sharing can be considered eligible for applying for TA Grant?  | Potentially, yes. See the Application Guidance for more detail, but transitioning EHR solutions is potentially in the scope of TA Grants if it allows for the achievement of DSA requirements.   |

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| 10.   | Toby Jecks-Wright | How are any Orgs being selected as a QHIO? This list is coming out this summer, but how is any Org be included or excluded?                   | a draft QHIO Program Policy & Procedure as well as a draft QHIO Application template closed to Public Comment yesterday, 05/15/23. Both documents are on CDII's website and can be reviewed for insight into how QHIOs will be selected   |
| 11.   | Warren Northern   | For an FQHC with several clinic locations, would that be one signatory or one signatory per clinic?   | live answered   |
| 12.   | Warren Northern   | For an FQHC with several clinic locations, would that be one signatory or one signatory per clinic?   | it depends on how your organization signed the DSA. Some signed as Parent Org only, and therefore 1 Signatory. Some signed as Parent and listed different locations as Subordinate entities.  |
| 13.   | Anna Zimbrick     | Great, thanks so much, Camille.   | Happy to help!  |
| 14.   | Will Panza        | Are local health jurisdictions eligible to apply for the grant?   | Hi Will, thanks for your question! As long as the local health jurisdiction has signed the DSA and meets the eligiblity criteria (page 12 of the Grants Guidance Document), they would be eligible to apply for the grant.  |
| 15.   | Ken Riomales      | Is the enhanced funding in addition to the baseline amounts, or are the amounts listed on the guide the maximums (included enhanced funding)? | Hi Ken, thanks for your question! The enhanced funding is not in addition to the baseline funding. Signatories are *either* eligible for baseline funding or enhanced funding (if they meet the detailed critiera). You can find more details on page 20 and 21 of the guidance document. |
| 16.   | Jatinder Singh    | Do we need to use QHIO for HIE?   | No, QHIO are not required. See the Application  |

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|       |                   |   | Guidance for more detail on Technical Assistance domain grants, and details on what qualifies for those.  |
| 17.   | Anna Zimbrick     | Can you please clarify what is meant by TA Grant milestone 1: "Grantee procures resources that account for at least 50% of grant budget within one year of grant award"? Does "procure resources" mean identify/contract for TA that costs equal to at least 50% of the grant budget? or does this refer to securing additional financial resources? Thanks | Hi Anna, thanks for your question! To clarify this language, you're correct in your first interpretation. "Procure resources" means identifying/contracting for that TA, and does not refer to securing additional financial resources. You can find more information on page 32 and 33 of the Guidance Document.   |
| 18.   | Jennifer Westhoff | Is there any way to talk to someone to verify if we are meeting all the requirements of the agreement without applying for a grant? Or is there a technical assistant consultant we can talk to prior to?   | Hi Jennifer,<br>Thank you for your question! We recommend reaching out to the DxF Educational Grantees for help in understanding DSA requirements. You can find their information here: <a href="https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Data-Exchange-Framework-FAQ-2023-4-27-007-1.pdf">https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Data-Exchange-Framework-FAQ-2023-4-27-007-1.pdf</a> |
| 19.   | Cynthia McCown    | How much funding might a Public Health Department be considered for TA funding with a number of clinics, lab....  | This would depend on the types and numbers of signatories included on the application. The Guidance document referenced in the chat will be able to help you get a sense, based on your signatories and instances.  |
| 20.   | Amy Eaves         | We do not have EHR yet. Will there be a list of providers for those still shopping?   | Hi Amy,<br>Thank you for your question! CDII will publish a list of Qualified Health Information Organizations (QHIOs), but it does not intend to publish a list of EHRs.   |
| 21.   | Barbara Hanna     | when will home health agencies become involved in the interoperability of coordination of   | live answered   |

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|       |                    | medical records with hospitals, SNF, labs etc. ??   |  |
| 22.   | Felix Su           | For the FQHC system with multiple locations example, isn't the size the application driven by the number of instances? (So if the 15 FQHC sites had 3 separate EHR instances, those instances would determine the total max funding amount in the umbrella application, correct?) | Hi Felix,<br>Yes, the number of EHR instances used by the signatories in an application is a factor in the amount of funding that an application can receive. Other factors include the characteristics of those signatories.  |
| 23.   | James Hetherington | Can you share a sense of what % a QHIO onboarding grant would cover in costs associated with implementation? I understand there would be ongoing costs which would be the Participant's responsibility.   | CDII does not have information on costs. The DSA Signatory Grants Program has been designed to supplement costs, as opposed to covering all costs.   |
| 24.   | Kecia Friesen      | We are a skilled Nursing Facility that have ExperienceCare for our electronic medical records. How do I find out if our system is set up to work with the DxF?  | Hi Kecia,<br>Thank you for your question! We recommend reaching out to one of the DxF Educational Grantees for help in understanding DSA requirements. You can find their contact information here:<br><a href="https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Data-Exchange-Framework-FAQ-2023-4-27-007-1.pdf">https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Data-Exchange-Framework-FAQ-2023-4-27-007-1.pdf</a> |
| 25.   | Ken Riomales       | Is CalHOP the only criteria of exclusion for either grant types? In other words, if the organization has received CalHOP funding, they are excluded. Are there any other programs that exclude organizations (i.e. Meaningful Use, BHQIP, etc.)                                   | Hi Ken, thanks for your question! CalHOP is one of the criteria to determine whether the signatory is eligible for Enhanced Funding. CalHOP does not preclude an organization from being eligible for grant funding entirely. If an organization has received CalHOP funding, they would still be eligible for Baseline Funding. There are no other past funding programs that   |

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|       |                |  | would exclude organizations from applying for funding.   |
| 26.   | Susy Cabrera   | Entities that are considered as Business Associate under HIPAA that provide only Care Management Services to health plans, do they need to apply?  | Hi Susy,<br>Thank you for raising this question. If you can submit this question to <a href="mailto:cdii@chhs.ca.gov">cdii@chhs.ca.gov</a> , the DxF team can take this question and get back to you via email.                                  |
| 27.   | Barbara Hanna  | most home health agencies must have EHR, due to reporting requirements for OASIS transmission similar to MSDS for SNF. it appears that Home care and hospice is always left out of funding opportunities, yet we are the location of where most patients end up living after post hospitalization and or ER visits. i would love to assist in looking at the need for funding opportunities for home health care agencies that need this type of funding., | Hi Barbara,<br>Thank you for raising this question about home health and hospice. If you can submit this question to <a href="mailto:cdii@chhs.ca.gov">cdii@chhs.ca.gov</a> , the DxF team can take this question and get back to you via email. |
| 28.   | Buckley Farina | Can Community Supports & Enhanced Case Management Providers apply?   | Hi Buckley, thanks for your question! Yes, Community Supports & ECM providers are encouraged to apply as long as they meet eligibility criteria.   |
| 29.   | Barbara Hanna  | Barbara Hanna PhD, RN, PHN, CCM email: <a href="mailto:bhanna@homeandhealthcaremt.com">bhanna@homeandhealthcaremt.com</a>  | Thanks, Barbara, we'll make sure to take note of you contact information.  |
| 30.   | Dusty Healy    | If the umbrella applicant is not a signatory, and funds are awarded, would the umbrella applicant be considered a "grantee"?   | If awarded, the applicant (who indeed can be an umbrella organization who has applied on behalf of DSA signatories) will become the grantee.   |
| 31.   | Rashed Behroz  | Based on DXF a small medical group with less than 25 physicians is not required to share data until Jan 31, 2026! if you are not required to share data until then   | Yes, required signatories who have until Jan 31, 2026 to begin exchange are eligible to apply in any of the three rounds.  |

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|       |                  | can you still apply for TA Grant in Round 1, 2 and 3 or there will be another round/rounds of grants opportunity??   |   |
| 32.   | Felix Su         | Please clarify what is meant by "batch review" of applications. Will CDII not begin reviewing any Round 1 submissions until after June 16 (when the round closes)?   | CDII and PCG will review all applications submitted in Round 1 before making and announcing funding decisions on applications submitted in that round (or "batch").   |
| 33.   | Anna Zimbrick    | thanks!  | live answered   |
| 34.   | Sean Kirkpatrick | As an ECM provider, we are being required by the Managed Care Plan to participate in DxF even though we are otherwise a non-required signatory as we fall into the voluntary category. Does this mean we do not get support/funding for onboarding? This is a pretty big barrier to offering ECM services through a local health department. | Thank you for raising this question. ECM providers who do not fall under the six categories for the initial DSA Signatory Grant rounds may be eligible to apply for a DSA Signatory Grant starting in July (in Round 3). ECM providers also may consider funding opportunities provided by DHCS (such as PATH CITED) or through their MCP (such as IPP); here is an overview of those opportunities:<br><a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/MCQMD/Funding-Opportunities-Cheat-Sheet.pdf">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/MCQMD/Funding-Opportunities-Cheat-Sheet.pdf</a> |
| 35.   | Phuong Nguyen    | Do we have a PDF instruction for the application to become a signatory? Our organization would like to know what is included in the application before proceed.  | Hi Phuong,<br>Thanks for your question!<br>For information on how to become a signatory and sign the DSA, you can find instructions here:<br><a href="https://signdxf.powerappsportals.com/">https://signdxf.powerappsportals.com/</a><br>We will be posting a PDF of the DSA Signatory Grant application to the CDII website shortly. You will be able to access it here:<br><a href="https://www.cdii.ca.gov/co">https://www.cdii.ca.gov/co</a>   |

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| 36.   | Barbara Hanna  | thanks  |  |
| 37.   | Barbara Hanna  | i am signing off now, as it appears that this will be for other entities at this time. my organization has registered for info on the portal previously.      |  |
| 38.   | Ken Riomales   | Will the eligibility funding flow be available outside of the grant application?  | The Grant Guidance Document should help. For example, page 25 of 41. I'll look for link to drop.   |
| 39.   | Denise DiNoto  | For other funding sources - does PATH include both CITED and the marketplace? or is this asking about funding for actual IT infrastructure (as opposed to TA) | Hi Denise,<br>This application question is intended to understand existing sources of IT infrastructure and capacity building support. For PATH, it asks about CITED funds that are intended for health IT or health information exchange uses.  |
| 40.   | Kecia Friesen  | Thank you for the demo. That was so helpful   |  |
| 41.   | Cynthia McCown | Can a signatory apply for both PATH CITED and Dx F TA funding?  | Hi Cynthia, thanks for your question. Applying for/recieving PATH CITED funding does not automatically preclude a Signatory from applying for Dx F TA funding.   |
| 42.   | Abel Lai       | is this meeting recorded? will the link be sent out after the meeting?  | Hi Abel, thanks for your question! Yes - the meeting is recorded and will be posted on the Dx F CDII website in the coming days: <a href="https://www.cdii.ca.gov/committees-and-advisory-groups/data-exchange-framework/">https://www.cdii.ca.gov/committees-and-advisory-groups/data-exchange-framework/</a> |
| 43.   | Jatinder Singh | We are currently exchanging data what will be impact if current HIE   | live answered  |



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|       |               | partner do not apply to become QHIO?  |  |
| 44.   | Felix Su      | Would appreciate a better sense for how the QHIO Onboarding Grant route will work via CAHIE. E.g., will applicants have only "read-only" (vs. "read/write access") to their application as it's filled out by CAHIE? Will the applicant be supplying narrative, budget amounts, proposed activities, etc. as needed for CAHIE to populate the required fields, etc.? How often will applicants check in with CAHIE on their progress of their application being filled out? | live answered  |
| 45.   | Rashed Behroz | Can you apply for TA grant while you are already working with a QHIO  | live answered  |
| 46.   | Denise DiNoto | My understanding is if you are already connected to an HIO that meets the DSA requirements and/or is/becomes a QHIO then you are not eligible for the QHIO onboarding grant - am I understanding that correctly?  | This is correct if your QHIO configuration already enables you to complete data exchange in accordance with the DxF. |
| 47.   | Kecia Friesen | Thank you for this webinar, this has been very helpful.   |  |

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