Data Exchange Framework

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QHIO Program Launch and Grant Opportunities

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Q&A Procedure

- Please submit your questions through the Zoom Q&A function.

- CDII will select questions to be answered live during the webinar as time allows.

- If your question was not answered during the session and you would like to follow up with CDII, please submit your question to either:

  - dxf@chhs.ca.gov [new November 2023], or

  - cdii@chhs.ca.gov

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Agenda

- Vision for Data Exchange in California

- Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Program Updates

- QHIO Announcement and Program Overview

- DxF DSA Signatory Grants: Round 3 Updates

- Wrap-up & Q&A

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Vision for Data Exchange in California

The Vision for Data Exchange in California

Once implemented across California, the Data Exchange Framework (DxF) will create new connections and efficiencies between health and social services providers, improving whole-person care.

The DxF is California's first-ever statewide Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) that requires the secure and appropriate exchange of health and human services information to enable providers to work together and improve an individual's health and wellbeing.

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Who Must Sign the DSA?

#	Required Signatory Type*
1	**General acute care hospitals,** as defined by Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 1250.
2	**Physician organizations and medical groups.**
3	**Skilled nursing facilities,** as defined by HSC section 1250, that currently maintain electronic records.
4	**Health care service plans and disability insurers that provide hospital, medical, or surgical coverage** that are regulated by the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance. This section shall also apply to a <u>Medi-Cal managed care plan under a comprehensive risk contract</u> with the Department of Health Care Services pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 14000) or Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 14200) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code that is not regulated by the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance.
5	**Clinical laboratories,** as that term is used in Section 1265 of the Business and Professions Code, and that are regulated by the Department of Public Health.
6	**Acute psychiatric hospitals,** as defined by HSC section 1250.

*Organizations were required to sign by January 31, 2023 regardless of whether they must begin sharing data by January 31, 2024 or January 31, 2026.

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Mandatory Signatories – Sign the DSA Immediately

Mandatory Signatories were required to execute the DSA by January 31, 2023. We encourage those who have not yet signed the DSA to do so as soon as possible.

WHERE TO SIGN THE DSA

CalHHS CalHHS Data Sharing Agreement Signing Portal

Welcome to the CalHHS Data Sharing Agreement Signing Portal!

Signing the Data Sharing Agreement is a critical next step toward full implementation of the Data Exchange Framework.

It's time to ensure every Californian, no matter where they live, can trust that their health and social services providers can securely access critical patient information to provide safe, effective, whole person care.

Data Sharing Agreement

Register to Start

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

More information is available on the CalHHS DxF website, including:

- Final DSA
- Policies & Procedures (P&Ps)
- FAQs on the DSA, P&Ps, and Signing Portal
- Historical Meeting Materials & Recordings
- List of DSA Signatories

Contact CDII if your organization has questions or concerns about signing.

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DSA Signing Portal URL:
https://signdxf.powerappsportals.com/

CDII Mailbox:
cdii@chhs.ca.gov

DxF Website:
https://dxf.chhs.ca.gov/

DxF Program Updates

DxF this Month

Since our last *Information is Power* webinar on October 16, 2023, CDII and stakeholders have continued to advance DxF implementation across several domains.

Governance
The next Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting will be held on November 16, 2023. The meeting will include updates on the DSA Signatory Grants, the QHIO Program, and P&Ps under development.

DSA P&P Development
The next meeting of the DSA P&P Subcommittee will be held on December 5, 2023. CDII has released a number of P&Ps for public comment or as part of a Notice of Intended Administrative Changes. More information is available on the DxF website.

DxF Grants
Round 2 DSA Signatory Grant awardees have been announced!
Round 3 to apply for a DSA Signatory Grant is open! If you have signed the DSA and can demonstrate a health information technology need, you are eligible to apply.

QHIO
Qualified Health Information Organizations were announced on Monday, October 23, 2023.

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DSA Signatory Grant Update: Round 3 is Open through December 15th

CDII is administering up to $47M in grants to support Signatories in implementing the DxF.
Round 3 is now open – DSA signatories are now invited to apply through 12/15 at 11:59PM PT!

CDII is holding multiple rounds to help achieve the 2024 deadline for some organizations to begin exchanging data while ensuring that organizations with limited resources have sufficient time to complete and submit a grant application.

	Application Windows								
	Q2 2023			Q3 2023			Q4 2023		
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Expedited Round Open to Organizations Who Implement by 2024		Round 1							
Full Rounds Open to All Eligible Organizations				Round 2				Round 3 Oct 16 to Dec 15	

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I signed the Data Sharing Agreement...now what?

Apply for DSA Signatory Grants

- DxF DSA Signatories that require additional support and capabilities to meet their DSA requirements are eligible to apply for a DSA Signatory Grant to help offset costs of relevant Technical Assistance or QHIO Onboarding investments.

Resource – DxF Educational Grantees

- CDII is working with DxF Educational Grantees to support signatories in meeting DxF DSA requirements.
- Organizations should reach out to one of CDII's DxF Educational Grantees (see next slide) to learn more about the DxF.

Prepare to Meet Data Exchange Expectations

- ➢ Broaden your knowledge of the DxF by reading the DSA and its P&Ps.
- ➢ Understand what information you have to exchange and when you have to start exchanging
- ➢ Ensure you have the technical capabilities needed to exchange (e.g., by assessing current technology capacity and determining whether you need to upgrade or onboard new technology to meet DxF requirements).
- ➢ Enter your information in the DxF Participant Directory.

Join the CDII Mailing List

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Email dxf@chhs.ca.gov or cdii@chhs.ca.gov to be added to the DxF Community mailing list.

Educational Initiative Grantees

Eight grantee associations are providing direct and tailored education to various DxF participant groups

Educational Initiative Grantees	Contact	Website	Signatory Type
Multi-Association Initiative led by America's Physician Groups (APG)	DxFeducation@connectingforbetterhealth.com	Multi-Association DxF Microsite	Physicians (Group Practices/Family Physicians/etc.), Aging Providers, Skilled Nursing Facilities (includes nursing homes and ICFs), Health Information Exchanges
California Medical Association	DxFQuestions@cmadocs.org	CMA DxF Microsite	Physician Organizations, Medical Groups
California Primary Care Association	grants@cpca.org	CPCA DxF Microsite	FQHCs
The County Health Executives Association of California	Admin@cheac.org	CHEAC DxF Microsite	Local health departments
California Association of Health Plans	info@calhealthplans.org	CAHP Website	Health insurance plans
Leading Age California Foundation	info@leadingageca.org	Leading Age DxF Microsite	Skilled Nursing Facilities, Health Plans, Community-Based Organizations
American Academy of Pediatrics, California Chapter 1	info@aapca1.org	AAPCA1 Website	General acute care hospitals, Physician organizations and medical groups, Acute psychiatric hospitals, Community-based organizations providing social services, Behavioral health providers, County health, social services, and public health, Other health care entities
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies	response@cccbha.org	CBHA Website	Community-Based Organizations Behavioral Health Providers

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You can also reach out to CDII directly at dxf@chhs.ca.gov or cdii@chhs.ca.gov.

QHIO Announcement and Program Overview

QHIOs Are Announced!

CDII congratulates the following
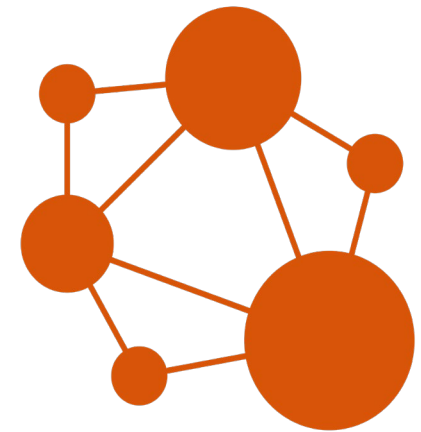## 2023 DxF Qualified Health Information Organizations:

- Cozeva

- Health Gorilla, Inc.

- LANES

- Long Health, Inc.

- Manifest MedEx

- Orange County Partners in Health HIE

- SacValley MedShare

- San Diego Health Connect

- Serving Communities HIO

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The Role of the QHIO

A QHIO is a CDII-designated data exchange intermediary that can help Participants meet the data sharing requirements of the DSA.

- The DxF is a single data sharing agreement and common set of policies and procedures that govern and require the exchange of health and social services information (HSSI).

- To participate in the DxF, signatories must be able to send and receive HSSI, locate a patient record based on person attributes, format HSSI to conform with DxF standards, meet privacy and security requirements, and more.

- For many Signatories, these are not current capabilities, and they may choose to seek the services of an Intermediary to help manage the exchange. QHIOs are Intermediaries that CDII has determined meet certain requirements that may ease the selection of an Intermediary for some Participants.

- Signatories are not required to use a QHIO — however, a QHIO is a vetted source that can assist a Participant to meet the requirements of the DSA.

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Do I Need a QHIO?

- If you are a DSA Signatory and you are not sure how to exchange health and social services information with other signatories, you may benefit from the services of a QHIO

- If you are considering a QHIO, be prepared to describe your current technology solutions, whether you share information today and if so how, and your anticipated most common use cases for data exchange

- Start preparing now as data exchange for most mandatory Signatories begins January 31, 2024

- Reach out to a DxF Educational Initiative Grantee to learn more about the DSA, the obligations of a DSA signatory and the role of QHIOs. DxF Educational Initiative Grantees are listed on the CDII website (link below)

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DSA Signatory Grant Updates:
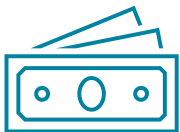## Round 3

About DSA Signatory Grants

As part of the DxF Grant Program, CDII is administering **DSA Signatory Grants** that provide direct support to Signatories of the Data Sharing Agreement to subsidize their implementation efforts.

Purpose: DSA Signatory Grant funds can be used to implement a range of activities needed to achieve real-time data exchange in accordance with the DxF.

Eligibility: Organizations who have **signed the DSA** and demonstrate a DxF technology need are eligible for a DSA Signatory Grant.

Funding Amount: Applicants may request between $15,000 and $100,000, depending on organizational characteristics, for each electronic record instance.

See the DSA Signatory Grants Guidance Document for details, including the full eligibility criteria.

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Round 3 Is Now Open

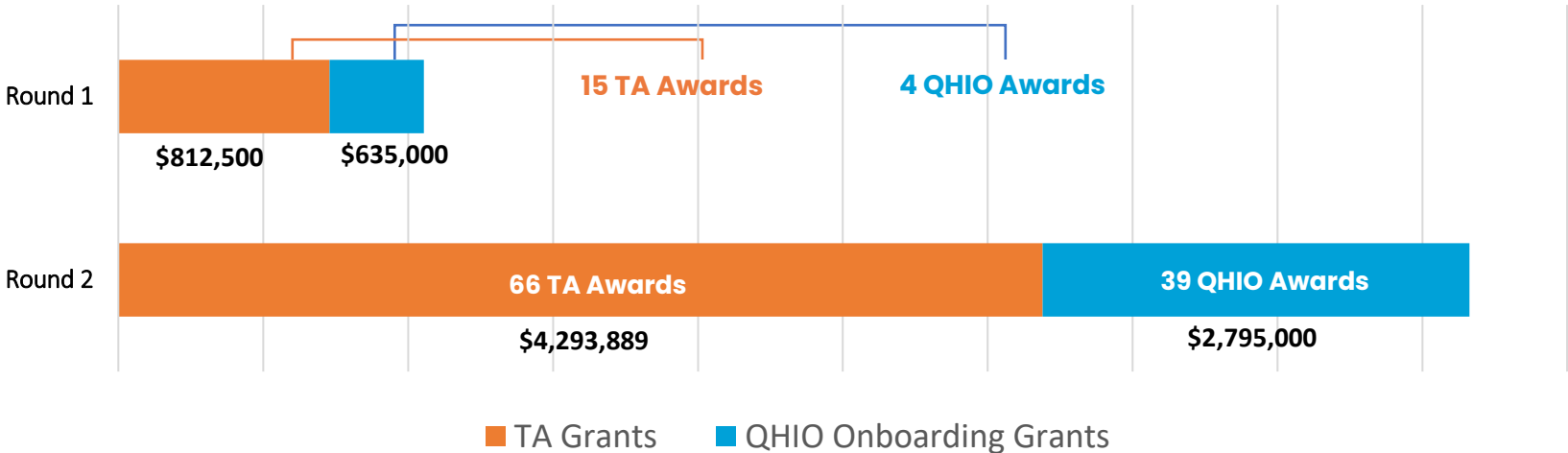**Round 3 is now open for all required and voluntary signatories.**

Round 3: October 16, 2023 to December 15, 2023

➤ Round 3 will be open for two months.

➤ CDII will provide the public with notice of at least 30 days before the last round of applications closes.

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DSA Signatory Grants: Round 1 & 2 Awardees

To date, CDII has awarded **$8.6 million** in grants to **120+ Signatories**.

DxF DSA Signatory Grants – Total Funding Awarded

Round 1: $812,500 — 15 TA Awards | $635,000 — 4 QHIO Awards

Round 2: 66 TA Awards $4,293,889 | 39 QHIO Awards $2,795,000

■ TA Grants ■ QHIO Onboarding Grants

Round 3 Grants Update

CDII has seen a significant increase in the number of applications submitted in week one of Round 3!

Remember to apply before it's too late!

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DSA Signatory Grant Program: Round 1 and 2 Awardee List!

Two Options for Applicants

There are two "pathways" for organizations interested in a DSA Signatory Grant:

Qualified Health Information Organization (QHIO) Onboarding Grants	Technical Assistance (TA) Grants
The *"**assisted**"* pathway for organizations seeking to onboard to a QHIO to meet many DxF requirements.	The *"**build your own**"* pathway for organizations seeking to address gaps in their capabilities to meet DxF requirements.
Applications are completed in partnership with **CAHIE** and submitted by **CAHIE** to CDII's TPA, Public Consulting Group, on the Applicant's behalf.	Applications are submitted by the **Applicant** to CDII's TPA, Public Consulting Group.
The Grantee's contracted **QHIO** receives and manages grant funds.	The **Grantee** receives and manages the funds directly.

Eligible organizations may apply for <u>one</u> of these two grant domains.

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QHIOs & DSA Signatory Grants

Signatories can use QHIO Onboarding Grants to subsidize the cost of connecting to a QHIO.

Signatories can select a QHIO and apply for a QHIO Onboarding Grant now.

Organizations can choose one of the nine official QHIOs announced by CDII to onboard to.

Round 1 & 2 QHIO Onboarding Grantees* should notify CAHIE once they have identified their QHIO to initiate the flow of funds.

* If you have been awarded a QHIO Onboarding Grant, but your HIO of choice was not selected to become a QHIO, you have the option to convert your QHIO Onboarding Grant to a TA Grant. Please reach out to CAHIE to begin this process.

Interested QHIO Onboarding grant applicants should contact CAHIE as soon as possible to begin the process by emailing **grantsupport@cahie.org**

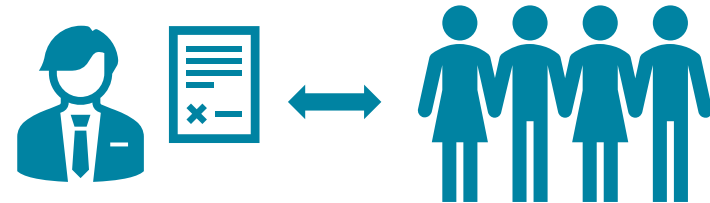**DATA EXCHANGE FRAMEWORK**

Umbrella Applications Encouraged

Eligible Signatories may choose **to apply on their own,
or** as part of an "**umbrella" application with other Signatories**.

An **Applicant** is the organization that submits the Application for a DSA Signatory Grant. The Applicant can be:

An eligible Signatory applying on their own behalf.

Examples include a solo physician practice, a single county, or an individual safety net hospital.

An organization applying on behalf of one or multiple eligible Signatories.

- *Examples include a corporate parent, an Independent Practice Association, others.*
- *All DSA Signatories included in an Application must co-sign the Application.*

Upcoming DSA Signatory Grant Office Hours

CDII encourages prospective applicants to participate in the DSA Signatory Grant office hour sessions to receive direct application support ahead of the application deadline.

✓ **Round 3 Office Hours #1**
November 1, 2023, 12:00pm PT

❑ **Round 3 Office Hours #2**
November 15, 2023, 12:00pm PT

❑ **Round 3 Office Hours #3**
November 29, 2023, 12:00pm PT

Visit the DxF Grant Program section on the CDII DxF website to register.

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Still Have Grant Program Questions?

- **For questions about:**

  - The **DxF broadly**, contact dxf@chhs.ca.gov or CDII@chhs.ca.gov
  - Applying for **TA Grants or DxF Grant Portal questions**, contact DSAGrants@pcgus.com or call (866) 698-6525
  - Applying for **QHIO Onboarding Grants**, contact grantsupport@cahie.org
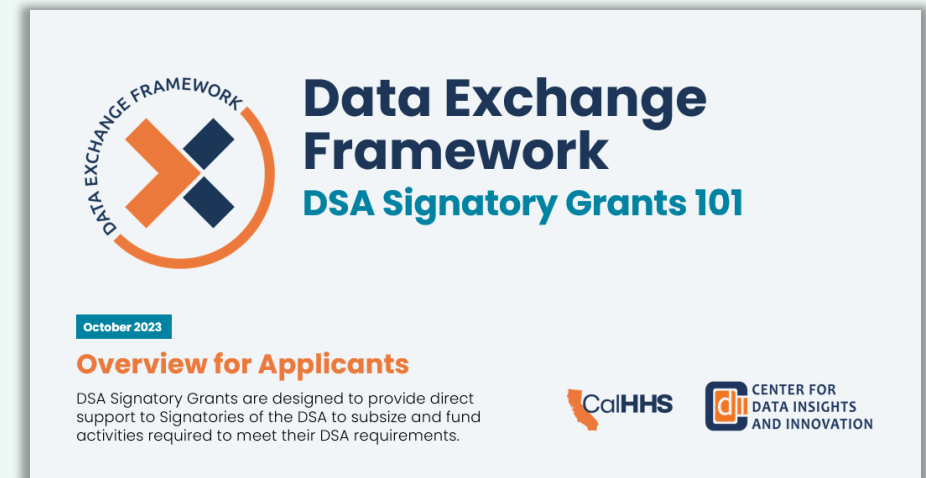
- **Also be sure to check out:**

  - [DxF Grant Portal](#)
  - [DxF Homepage](#)
  - [DxF FAQ](#)
  - [DSA Signatory Grant Application Guidance](#)
  - [DSA Signatory Application Template](#)

NEW FORTHCOMING RESOURCE
DSA Signatory Grants 101
Provides applicants with a simple overview of the application process and key information from the guidance document.

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DSA Signatory Grants 101

October 2023

Overview for Applicants
DSA Signatory Grants are designed to provide direct support to Signatories of the DSA to subsize and fund activities required to meet their DSA requirements.

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Wrap-up & Q&A

Question & Answer

Stay Involved

1 Join our next *Information is Power* webinar on December 13, 2023, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

2 Participate in upcoming DxF meetings.

- IAC Meeting #11: November 16, 2023, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- DSA P&P Subcommittee Meeting #11: December 5, 2023, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Meeting materials, participant information, and recordings will be posted on the CalHHS DxF website

3 Join the mailing list by emailing dxf@chhs.ca.gov or cdii@chhs.ca.gov

CDII welcomes suggestions for future webinar topics.

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DxF Website Resources

For more information on the DxF, please visit our <u>Website</u>.

There you can find:

- The DxF, DSA, and P&Ps;
- Information about the QHIO and DxF Grant programs;
- Materials from previous and upcoming meetings, webinars, and listening sessions;
- FAQs on the DxF Data Sharing Agreement;
- Link to the DSA Signing Portal; and
- A list of DSA Signatories.

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