



**California Health & Human Services Agency
Center for Data Insights and Innovation**

**Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Information is Power Webinar Series: QHIO Program Launch and Grant Opportunities
Webinar #13 Q&A Log (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM PT, November 7, 2023)**

The following table shows comments that were entered into the Zoom Q&A by public attendees during the November 7, 2023 webinar:

Count	Name	Comment	Response(s)
1.	Barbara Hanna	are those organizations that have signed the dsa can then apply for funding, ie providers of health plans that are community based ECM providers?	Organizations that have signed the DSA and demonstrate a health information technology need are eligible to apply to DSA Signatory Grants. We encourage you to review the DSA Signatory Grants Guidance Document for more information https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/DSA-Signatory-Grants-Applicant-Guidance-Document-07.11.23_UPDATE_FINAL-1.pdf
2.	LUV LALWANI	If we were selected for a grant award in round 2, we're also eligible to apply for round 3 for more funding for implementation? Thanks.	If organizations have been awarded in Round 1 or Round 2, they are not eligible to apply again in round 3.
3.	Aurora Bataclan	Can organizations who opt to remain with their HIE instead of a QHIO still apply for the DSA signatory grant?	Yes. You would choose the Technical Assistance, or TA, domain as opposed to the QHIO Onboarding domain. Even if the funds are expended on an HIE.
4.	LUV LALWANI	For those who were selected in round 2, we're still waiting for next steps. I've opened up a ticket and had 2 follow ups but never heard back. Without further info, how can we proceed? Are we to work directly with the designated QHIOs?	CDII is planning a QHIO Onboarding Grantees Kickoff later this month to discuss next steps. We will sending out a calendar invite in the upcoming weeks.
5.	Cora Liang	Where can I find the powerpoint for today's webinar?	Hi Cora - thank you for your question. Today's presentation will be posted shortly following the Webinar on CDII's website under the 'Data Exchange Framework Public Webinars' section. (https://www.cdii.ca.gov/committees-and-advisory-groups/data-exchange-framework/)

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6.	Lucy Johns	Could you remind how QHIOs are expected to relate to national HIE networks? (Carequality; eHealthExchange; DirectTrust; CareEverywhere; other?)	QHIOs must have a connection to one of these national networks or frameworks: eHealthExchange, Carequality, CommonWell Health Alliance. If not Carequality, the connection to Carequality must be activated.
7.	Jenny Hyun	which policy outlines what kinds of information we are allowed to ask requestors in setting up authentication tokens to access data?	
8.	Genia Koziarski	As a QHIO, where do we create our own GrantsConnect login accounts? Is there a specific website/portal?	Please reach out to CAHIE at grantsupport@cahie.org for assistance with GrantsConnect. If a QHIO onboarding grantees have selected and contracted with your QHIO, CAHIE will assign your account to the grantee to submit progress reports.
9.	Jenny Hyun	is there a policy that outlines how to vet requestors to prevent malicious actors accessing PHI data?	
10.	Olivia Bundschuh	Is there an increasing trend in QHIO onboarding grant applications so far in Round 3?	Hi Olivia, thanks for your question! Yes, CDII has seen an increasing number in QHIO applications for Round 3.
11.	Rashmi Kulkarni	Are the organization who were already connected to a QHIO and have previously received the Calhop grant, eligible for the QHIO grant funding? If so what are the requirements to receive the new funding?	
12.	LUV LALWANI	We applied for TA assistance and had a member fill out our application. Is it too late to request for more funding if we're already approved for round 2? Thank you.	Please email CDII@chhs.ca.gov and we will look into your application. Please provide your organization name and reasoning for more funding.
13.	Aurora Bataclan	Will we have access to the recording of this webinar?	The recording will be made publicly available on CDII's website shortly following the webinar.

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14.	LUV LALWANI	member of CAHIE	
15.	LUV LALWANI	i'm sorry, i meant QHIO not TA... thank you	
16.	Katy Weber	If you sign the DSA as a voluntary signatory, do you have until January 31, 2026 to exchange data either receiving or sending?	We recommend reviewing the Requirement to Exchange Health and Social Services Information Policy and Procedure (P&P) for more information on when signatories are required to exchange. Please note, this P&P was recently amended and a final version will be posted soon.
17.	Eileen Ehret	Are solo practioners (as opposed to physician groups) required to participate?	We recommend reviewing the FAQs (https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Data-Exchange-Framework-FAQ-2023-9-1-011.pdf) on our website, particularly Question 19, for assistance on this.
18.	Davis Lee	If we already paid/implemented a connection to an HIE, can we apply for a grant for ongoing operational costs?	
19.	Katy Weber	Clarifying the question, if you sign the DSA today as voluntary signatory, do you have until January 31, 2026 to exchange data either receiing or sending?	
20.	Rashmi Kulkarni	Can an organization apply for TA grant and apply a part of the grant money to onboard a QHIO?	Hi Rashmi, thanks for your question! Yes - a TA Grant can go towards connecting to a QHIO. For more information on the TA Grant permissible uses of funding, please review page 15 of the guidance document: https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/DSA-Signatory-Grants-Applicant-Guidance-Document-07.11.23_UPDATE_FINAL-1.pdf
21.	Dana Swilley	Is there a list of allowable expenses to plan for grant budgeting?	The DSA Signatory Grants Guidance Document on page 14-20 list permissible and impermissible uses of grant funds. https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/DSA-Signatory-Grants-Applicant-Guidance-Document-07.11.23_UPDATE_FINAL-1.pdf

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22.	Barbara Hanna	can you apply for both types of funding at the same time?	Organizations may only apply to one of the grants domain.
23.	Lorenzo Young	Can you share the link to see my agency was awarded.	Here is the document listing the Round 1 and 2 Awardees https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/DSA-Signatory-Grants_Round-1-2-Awardees.pdf
24.	ofelia ruiz	I am sorry i did not hear where do we find information if need to exchange?	
25.	LUV LALWANI	what's the max grant funding available for TA vs QHIO? Thanks.	Maximum grant funding varies, depending on the primary signatory on the application, and whether that signatory qualifies for enhanced funding (vs. the baseline). You can find these funding amounts on page 21 of the grant guidance document: https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/DSA-Signatory-Grants-Applicant-Guidance-Documents-07.11.23_UPDATE_FINAL-1.pdf
26.	Katy Weber	Does the money flow through the umbrella organization or does the money flow directly to the individual organizations under the umbrella organization?	
27.	Michelle Lewis	If a hospital currently uses CommonWell to exchange data, are they compliant with the CA DxF? CommonWell has been approved to be a national Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN) for TEFCA.	We encourage you to review the DxF FAQ, specifically question #30, for guidance on using a nationwide network or framework to meet its exchange obligations under the Data Exchange Framework. https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Data-Exchange-Framework-FAQ-2023-9-1-011.pdf
28.	Jennifer Hardwick	Where do we find the technical aspects that we should be implementing?	We recommend reviewing all DxF policies and procedures, especially the Technical Requirements for Exchange P&P (https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/CalHHS_Tech-Reqs-for-Exchange-PP_Final_v1_6.26.23.pdf), for assistance.
29.	doug sullivan	We want exchange and especially be recipients of an HIE that includes SNF and Home Health Care EHR	live answered

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		data. We work with a tech company(s) that want to participate. May we get some assistance as a small network of physicians?	
30.	Nina Reyes	Can you talk a bit about how data sharing will be monitored or measured after the compliance date?	
31.	Katy Weber	Under the umbrella organization representing a hub of voluntary/social service organizations, can the umbrella organization utilize some of the funds to fund shared administrative functions/consulting services among the social service organizations?	
32.	Katy Weber	Under the umbrella organization representing a hub of voluntary/social service organizations for the TA Grant, can the umbrella organization utilize some of the funds to fund shared administrative functions among the social service organizations?	
33.	Katy Weber	Can the umbrella organization representing a group of social service/voluntary organizations for the TA Grant utilize the funds to purchase a centralized hub technology to enable the exchange of medical and social service data and each social service organization/voluntary organization would each have their own instance?	
34.	Olivia Bundschuh	To support Participants in deciding which QHIO to onboard with, could a	

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		list be made available of which organizations are connected which QHIO?	
35.	Katy Weber	If an organization received funds in Round 2, can that organization apply for an umbrella grant representing a group of CBOs and not request funding for their organization?	Hi Katy, thanks for your question. Yes, an umbrella applicant can submit multiple applications on behalf of *other* organizations (as long as those organizations have signed the DSA and demonstrate a health information technology need). In this case, the organization that has already recieved funds could reapply only onbehalf of other organizations.
36.	Rachel Goldberg	To confirm, do QHIOs have the ability to turn away participants and/or refer them to another QHIO? Or are they obligated to accept all interested participants who want to onboard to their platform?	
37.	Saurin Mehta	Where will the participant directory including patient roster be published. How do participant directly query that directory to authenticate requestor is a DSA participant?	
38.	Eileen Ehret	Thank you!	
39.	Laura Young	Can a QHIO umbrella grant go to more than on QHIO? (One connection per organization to a QHIO, but perhaps there are more than one QHIO that might serve the organizations across CA	Hi Laura -- No, a QHIO umbrella grant can only go to one QHIO. Signatories who want to use different QHIOs should apply separately for a QHIO Onboarding Grant.
40.	Lucy Saenz	How will data be exchanged with health plans? Are they also required signatories?	
41.	Katy Weber	How are milestones determined/tracked for an umbrella application when each organization may have their own milestone? If	Hi Katy -- All Signatories in an umbrella application need to reach the milestone in order for that grantee to achieve the milestone overall and receive the funding.

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		<p>you have 10 organizations sign the umbrella grant application, would there be 10 different sets of milestones for each organization listed on the umbrella application? If so, does the application allow you to list milestones for each organization?</p>	

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