

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the DxF Grants?

To support organizations in adopting and implementing the California Data Exchange Framework (DxF), the state launched the \$47 million DxF Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) Signatory Grant Program. Applications are open now, so read on to learn if your organization is eligible, how you can use the funding, and how to apply!

What are the Types of DSA Signatory Grants?

Qualified Health Information Organization (QHIO) Onboarding

- Funding to cover initial costs of connecting to a QHIO to meet DSA requirements
- Funding can be used to offset QHIO costs (e.g., costs of connecting to a signatory's EHR) or for other costs (e.g., fees paid to EHR vendor to connect to the QHIO)

Technical Assistance (TA)

- Funding for signatories to receive operational and technical support for DxF implementation
- Funding can be used for activities such as contracting, implementing, or upgrading a technology solution to support real-time data exchange, and creating / providing training for new workflows required to complete real-time data exchange

Is My Organization Eligible for the DSA Signatory Grants?

The two eligibility criteria are:

1. Your organization (and any others included in the application) must have signed the DxF DSA
2. Your organization (and any others included in the application) must demonstrate that you need additional technical capabilities to meet DxF DSA requirements.

These grants focus on readiness support and on the older adults served; as such, regardless of your organization's size or budget, we encourage you to apply for funding.

What is an Umbrella Application?

Applicants for the DxF DSA Signatory Grants can be a single signatory applying on its own behalf, or it can be an organization applying on behalf of one or more signatories. An "Umbrella Applicant" is an organization that applies for funding on behalf of another organization. When submitting an umbrella application, a representative from each signatory listed in the application must co-sign the application.

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What Are the Next Steps?

The DxF is not a new technology or data repository – it is a framework through which information is shared. It is also technology agnostic, meaning that so long as the DxF requirements are met, signatories can directly share data with other Participants, or they can elect to do so through a third-party technology or a health information organization (HIO).

	QHIO Onboarding “assisted” pathway	TA “build-your-own-solution” pathway
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Applicant Guidance Document Email CAHIE (grantsupport@cahie.org) to schedule a one-on-one consultation CAHIE will work with you to complete the application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Applicant Guidance Document Determine intended grant outcome(s) and resources to be procured with funding Submit your application in the DxF Grant Portal
Who receives/ manages funds	Funding is disbursed to the QHIO, who works with you to determine how it is spent.	Funding is disbursed to the signatory, who determines how it is spent.
Timing	Round 2 is open through September 1, 2023. Round 3 will open in October 2023.	

How Much Funding Can My Organization Receive?

The maximum funding that applicants can receive varies widely (\$15,000 - \$500,000) and depends on how many instances of EHRs are included in the application and the types / characteristics of the signatories covered by those instances. You also may be eligible for enhanced funding if your organization did not previously receive Cal-HOP funding and if criteria around serving underserved communities are met.

Where Can I Learn More?

- Check out the [Applicant Guidance Document](#) for details on the eligibility criteria, how the funding can be used, funding maximums, scoring criteria, and more.
- Additional resources can be found on the [LeadingAge California DxF website](#) and the [State’s DxF website](#).