

IMPERIAL COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY: WELLNESS FUND



The Accountable Communities for Health (ACH) framework in Imperial County is a strategic partnership between the Local Health Authority (LHA), the Public Health Department (which serves as the backbone organization), and the Steering Council that represents community members and stakeholders. This partnership aligns multisector collective action to improve health and health outcomes for low-income residents.



ACCELERATOR

Aligning multisector efforts to improve health and health outcomes in Imperial County through partnership, stewardship, and collective accountability.



SPEED BUMP

The COVID-19 pandemic paused many of the LHA's current and near-future initiatives where stakeholder engagement is key to achieving a successful outcome. The LHA Commission changed gears, developing and launching two investment initiatives to help bridge gaps within multiple sectors, including health care, public health, nonprofits, and strategic public communications.



NEXT STOP

Many of Imperial County's ACH's processes and structures developed expediently, rather than intentionally. The LHA is currently changing their structure to better reflect its maturation and what is needed to effectively address the sweeping changes brought about by COVID-19 and proposed reforms through the statewide implementation of California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal.



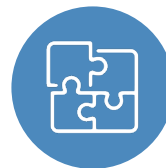
SOURCES

The LHA Wellness Fund is resourced through the locally selected Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan through per-member, per-month fees (approximately \$80,000 to \$90,000 per month) and algorithm-based annual revenue sharing varies between \$300,000 and \$1 million a year.



USES

ACH's first priority was focused on clinical-community partnerships to launch a network of solutions to prevent and improve the management of asthma. Examples of additional multisector initiatives include building resident leaders and the capacity of local nonprofits, developing a roadmap to better manage psychiatric emergencies, and developing a Whole Person Care pilot, supported by a state funding allocation.



STRUCTURE

The funding strategy and allocations are made by the LHA Commission, with input from the Steering Council and others. Requirements mandate that 85% of funds must be used for health-related efforts, with a maximum of 15% of funds used for administrative costs.

