

California Department of Public Health's  
(CDPH) Mpox Community-Based Organization  
(CBO) Grant Request For Applications (RFA)  
**Information Session**

[Mpox Community-Based Organization Grant \(ca.gov\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Mpox-Community-Based-Organization-Grant.aspx)

CDPH, Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch  
Thursday, November 16, 2023, 4:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.



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# Background – Mpox in California

- **2022** – US & California (CA) experienced an outbreak of mpox.
- **CA** – has reported >5900 cases of mpox and >250 hospitalizations.

- **Mpox cases still occurring in CA: CDPH Health Advisory: Increase in Mpox Cases in California (10/30/23)**

- February - August 2023: avg of ~1 to 7 cases/week
- September 20 - October 10, 2023: up to ~17 cases/week
- **15 counties** across CA reported new cases in recent weeks compared with 11 counties in prior weeks
- Wastewater surveillance data has detected mpox virus throughout the state for the past several months, indicating continued mpox circulation in California, including in areas without identified or reported infections



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
**California Department of Public Health**



### Health Advisory

**TO: Healthcare Providers**  
**Increase in Mpox Cases in California: Updates on Identification, Laboratory Testing, Management and Treatment, and Vaccination for Mpox**  
10/30/2023

### Key Messages

- The California Department of Public Health has noticed recent increases in mpox cases and encourages providers to consider mpox in their differential diagnoses, test persons with suspected mpox, treat mpox, and offer vaccine to populations at increased risk to prevent severe mpox disease and reduce the number of new infections.
- CDPH reminds health care providers how to recognize mpox, collect appropriate specimens, and provide treatment.
  - Providers are encouraged to consider mpox in the differential diagnosis of people with any diffuse or localized (e.g., genital) rash; along with syphilis, herpes, varicella, and molluscum contagiosum.
- Since the beginning of September 2023, 44% of persons with mpox have reported having at least one dose of vaccine with 31% reporting having two doses.
  - While the mpox vaccine is effective at preventing illness and reducing disease severity, infections after vaccination are possible and testing is warranted among vaccinated persons who have compatible signs and symptoms. Vaccinated persons may have milder symptoms compared with unvaccinated persons, necessitating a low threshold for testing.
- Because mpox continues to circulate in California, now is the time to promote vaccination in high-risk groups, however the vaccine is available to anyone who requests it.
  - People with HIV are at risk for severe manifestations of mpox, thus vaccination should be especially prioritized in people with HIV in these risk groups.
  - As mpox continues to circulate in California, vaccination of persons at risk continues to be important, especially with upcoming holiday gatherings.
- The risk of severe disease is greater in persons with HIV and less than 30% of people with HIV have received at least one dose of JYNNEOS in California. Persons with HIV infection and risk factors for mpox exposure should be prioritized for education about mpox, vaccination, testing, and treatment.

[Increase in Mpox Cases in California: Updates on Identification, Laboratory Testing, Management & Treatment, and Vaccination](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/CAHAN/Increase-in-Mpox-Cases-in-California-Updates-on-Identification,-Laboratory-Testing,-Management-Treatment-and-Vaccination.aspx)

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# Background – Vaccination & Testing

- **JYNNEOS vaccine** - reduces risk of severe illness and hospitalization
  - Additional efforts are needed to vaccinate populations most at risk for mpox.
    - E.g., gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men [GBMSM]; transgender or non-binary persons; people with HIV; African American/Black persons; or Latinx/Hispanic persons
    - Risk for severe disease is greater in persons with HIV and <30% of people with HIV have received at least one dose of JYNNEOS in California
- **Testing for mpox** has decreased but is necessary to detect additional cases and provide education and/or treatment to persons diagnosed to prevent further transmission.
  - While the mpox vaccine is effective at preventing illness and reducing disease severity, infections after vaccination are possible, and testing is warranted among vaccinated persons who have compatible signs and symptoms (which may be milder than unvaccinated persons)

# Mpox CBO Grant RFA - Overview

**Purpose:** to fund eligible CBOs for:

- Mpox vaccine administration
- Mpox vaccine outreach/education
- Mpox testing activities

} among communities at-risk for mpox

**The grant can cover vaccine outreach/education efforts and uncompensated vaccine and testing administration incurred between January 1, 2024 and June 30, 2024**

**Community-Based Organization (CBO):**

- Public or private nonprofit\* organization that provides services to individuals in the community

**Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) & Pharmacies:**

- Considered a CBO if they are a nonprofit\* entity

\*A nonprofit entity is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

# Organization Eligibility

## **CBOs located in California are eligible to apply and must:**

- be in existence for a minimum of 3 years;
- be a non-profit entity (a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code);
- be registered & have a status of good standing with CA Secretary of State;
- have the ability to track expenditures with detail and promptly invoice;
- have the infrastructure to accept, store, and administer JYNNEOS vaccine;
- enter administered doses into the California Immunization Registry (CAIR)\*

\*Your CBO must have a valid CAIR Org Code (i.e., unique Immunization Information System ID) verifiable in CAIR within 15 days of awardee letter. CBOs needing to onboard to CAIR can visit the [California Immunization Registry Information Website](#)

**Hospitals, local health departments, and school districts are not eligible**

# Application Requirements

- All required fields must be filled out
- Essential fields to determine, eligibility, scoring or funding include:
  - Organization's Legal Name, Contact Information, and **County**
  - Entity type (e.g., is your entity a CBO or a non-profit)?
  - **Employer Identification Number (EIN)** from IRS indicating nonprofit status
  - Responding to questions about the ability to accept, store, and administer JYNNEOS
- List CAIR Org Code(s) for **all** sites planned to be funded through this grant
- Must submit all required items and cannot make changes after submitting
- Incomplete applications are considered ineligible

# Grant Description – Funding

## Funding:

- \$2.047 million available to fund CBOs
- All recipients of the grant will receive a base award of \$40,000.

## Supplemental funding:

- additional \$10,000 to CBOs that serve >50% uninsured and/or are Medi-Cal beneficiaries.
- additional \$5,000 to CBOs that serve >50% Black/African American and/or Latinx populations.
- additional \$5,000 to CBOs that serve >50% of people living with HIV.

Funding Allocation	Amount*
Base Funding	\$40,000
Supplemental funding if >50% CBO population served are:	
- Uninsured and/or Medi-Cal Beneficiaries	\$10,000
- Black/African American and/or Latinx/Hispanic	\$5,000
- People with HIV	\$5,000

If requests for funding exceed the \$2.047 million amount, funding will be awarded to eligible applicants with the highest score based on the following criteria: **population served** (36 points), **CBO Size** (3 points), and **Outreach Activities** (12 points) for a total of 51 points.



# Allowable Expenses (examples)

Must be for activities consistent with the purpose of the grant:

- **Staffing:** personnel directly involved in administering mpox vaccine or testing.
- **Outreach:** staffing to support outreach/education to the community to encourage awareness and access to mpox vaccination and testing.
- **Administrative Overhead:** administrative costs including expenditures for general items that support operations in administering, supplying, or promoting mpox vaccine/testing (e.g., office supplies, rent, travel, printing)
- **Vaccination-related expenses** (e.g., vaccine storage units, digital data loggers, staff training, IT-related modification to electronic health records)
- **Mpox testing supplies** (e.g., tests, shipping of specimens to lab for processing)
- **Personal protective equipment** (e.g., masks, gloves, wipes, and gowns)
- **STI prevention supplies** (e.g., condoms, lubricant, oral barriers)
- **Client education materials**

**Note:** This is not an exhaustive list. All spending proposals must be submitted to and approved by CDPH-STDCB prior to purchase and implementation.

# Unallowable Expenses (examples)

- **Stuff We All Get (SWAG)** - The purchase of free promotional items for health promotion events such as pens, mugs, t-shirts, posters, key chains, or bumper stickers. This provision is in accordance with the California State Constitution, Article 16, section 6, which prohibits any gifting of public funds.
- **Individual prizes or high value incentives** (e.g., iPads, iPhones) for health promotion competitions.
- **Cash incentives** paid to an individual.
- **Scholarships** paid to an individual or a school on behalf of an individual.
- **Food** (e.g., sponsored lunch or dinner at provider education sessions, brown bag lunches, buffets at screening events).
- **Construction**, renovation, improvement, or repair of property.
- **Purchase of alcohol, tobacco, or cannabis.**

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# Deliverables

- Grantees are expected to begin performance on or about **January 1, 2024**.
- Grant agreements will **expire June 30, 2024**.
- Grantees must submit a complete budget prior to activities being conducted.
  - Activities being conducted without prior budget approval may not be eligible for reimbursement.
- **Invoice payments** will be mailed to awardees approximately 45 to 60 days after required information is submitted and verified.
  - **Note:** Site(s) will be ineligible for payment until they have a verifiable CAIR Org code
- **Final report** on outreach/education activities, vaccines, and tests administered will be required at end of grant period.
  - **Outreach/education:** A description of outreach/education activities, including successful strategies, challenges encountered, and lessons learned.
  - **Vaccination Data:** All funded CBOs will be required to submit vaccination data via CAIR.
  - **Testing Data:** All CBOs will be required to submit total number of mpox tests and number positive tests performed during this funding period.

# Tentative RFA Time Schedule

Final date to <b>Submit Questions</b> (send to <a href="mailto:STDLHJCONTRACTS@CDPH.CA.GOV">STDLHJCONTRACTS@CDPH.CA.GOV</a> )	<b>November 17, 2023</b> <b>By 5:00 P.M.</b>
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Application Submission Deadline	<b>Tuesday, November 28, 2023</b> <b>By 11:59 P.M.</b>
Notice of Intent to Award Released. Available on <a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/STI/Mpox-CBO-Grant.aspx">CDPH Website</a> ( <a href="https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/STI/Mpox-CBO-Grant.aspx">https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/STI/Mpox-CBO-Grant.aspx</a> )	<b>November 30, 2023</b> <b>By 5:00 P.M.</b>
Appeal Deadline	<b>December 4, 2023</b> <b>By 5:00 P.M.</b>
Grant Start Date	<b>January 1, 2024</b>

# CDPH Mpox CBO Grant RFA – Homepage

[Mpox Community-Based Organization Grant \(ca.gov\):](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/STI/Mpox-CBO-Grant.aspx)

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The screenshot shows the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the CA.gov logo, a search bar, and links for "en Español", "Contact Us", "About", "News & Media", and "Jobs/Careers". Below the navigation bar is the CDPH logo and a search bar. The main content area features a blue banner for the "SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CONTROL BRANCH". On the left side, there is a sidebar menu with the following items: "STD Control Branch Homepage", "About Us", "Learn about STIs", "Data and Statistics", "Guidelines and Reporting", "Policy, Media and Grants", "STI Prevention Resources", and "Contact Us". The main content area displays the "Request for Applications (RFA)" for the "Mpox Community Based Organization (CBO) Grant". Under the heading "Background", the text states: "In 2022, the United States and California experienced an outbreak of mpox (formerly known as monkeypox). To date, California has reported over 5900 cases of mpox and 257 hospitalizations. Most of the reported infections in California have been in gay, bisexual, and or other men who have sex with men. Although the outbreak has slowed, mpox cases are still occurring in California and there is a risk of resurgence. The JYNNEOS vaccine has been shown to reduce the risk of severe illness and hospitalization, and additional efforts are needed to vaccinate populations most at risk for mpox, particularly those disproportionately impacted by mpox. Testing for mpox has also decreased but is necessary to detect additional cases and provide education and/or treatment to persons diagnosed to prevent further transmission."

# Request for Applications (RFA)

**Additional Information and Details are on the [RFA PDF](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Mpox-CBO-RFA-2023.pdf):**

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**California Department of Public Health, Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch (CDPH-STDCB)**

**Mpox Community-Based Organization (CBO) Grant Guidelines**

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# Online Application

## [Mpox CBO Grant Application \(Qualtrics\):](https://ucsf.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e978vuUwb4ABRWu)

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**California Department of Public Health Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch (CDPH-STDCB) Mpox Community-Based Organization (CBO) Grant Application**

### BACKGROUND

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# Grant Application Worksheet

- Use this to gather information needed ahead of time to complete the online application.
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MPOX COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION (CBO) GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHEET

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The California Department of Public Health greatly appreciates your organization's participation in the mpox vaccination efforts.

### Organization Identification

Organization's legal name:

Number of affiliated vaccination locations covered by this agreement:

Organization telephone:

Email: *(must be monitored and will serve as dedicated contact method for the mpox grant)*

Street address 1:

Street address 2:

ZIP:

City:

County:

State:

### Responsible Officers

For the purposes of this application, in addition to Organization, Responsible Officers named below will also be accountable for compliance with the responses specified in this application.

Chief Medical Officer (or Equivalent) Information



# Additional Hyperlinks

- [California Secretary of State](https://bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov/search/business), <https://bizfileonline.sos.ca.gov/search/business>
- [California Immunization Registry \(CAIR\)](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CAIR/Pages/CAIR-updates.aspx),  
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- [Mpox Requirements at a Glance \(eziz.org\)](https://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM1444.pdf), <https://eziz.org/assets/docs/IMM1444.pdf>
  - [Storage & Handling – California Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) \(eziz.org\)](https://eziz.org/vaccine-storage/),  
<https://eziz.org/vaccine-storage/>
  - [Digital Data Loggers – California Vaccines for Children \(VFC\) \(eziz.org\)](https://eziz.org/vaccine-storage/digital-data-loggers/),  
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