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The Health Trust Announces New Funding Priorities

The Health Trust looks to invest in nonprofit and public agencies whose work aligns with its new focus areas: improving health through food, making chronic diseases more preventable and manageable, and prioritizing health in housing

San Jose, CA – In October of 2018 The Health Trust announced its new strategic direction, laying out a path to building health equity in Silicon Valley as a funder, provider, and advocate. Today, after gathering feedback from local community partners, The Health Trust – in its role as a funder - is releasing new funding priorities for its Health Partnership Grants, a portfolio that invests roughly \$2M annually to nonprofit and public agencies supporting residents of Santa Clara and Northern San Benito counties.

The Health Trust awards Health Partnership Grants for medically related projects that advance policies, and develop and transform practices and systems. Moreover, such projects must align with The Health Trust's three organization-wide focus areas: improving health through food, making chronic diseases more preventable & manageable, and prioritizing health in housing.

Improving Health through Food Funding Priorities

Under this focus area, The Health Trust looks to support projects that:

- Scale food assistance for individuals in affordable and supportive housing
- Develop community-clinical linkages that will utilize nutrition to support the health and well-being of vulnerable individuals
- Strengthen community-based food programs that prioritize nutritious food for vulnerable children, families, and older adults

Making Chronic Disease More Preventable and Manageable Funding Priorities

Under this focus area, The Health Trust looks to support projects that:

- Improve referral linkages between medical providers and community-based organizations offering chronic disease prevention and management resources, including evidence-based programs
- Increase guideline-based STI/HIV screening and rapid connection to care for individuals of all ages
- Note: diabetes-focused request for proposals (RFP) will be released in the near future

Prioritizing Health in Housing Funding Priorities

Under this focus area, The Health Trust looks to support projects that:

- Integrate food and health-related services for recently housed individuals in supportive housing
- Improve and increase multi-sector partnerships, including non-traditional partners

The Health Trust awards Health Partnership Grants on a quarterly basis. Applications for the current quarter are due January 14, 2019, and for the subsequent quarter, April 22, 2019.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact The Health Trust grants department - grants@healthtrust.org or 408-513-8729 – or visit healthtrust.org/funder/health-partnership-grants/ to learn more about the application process.

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About The Health Trust

The Health Trust is an operating foundation founded in 1996. Our mission is to build health equity in Silicon Valley. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to be healthy - especially the most vulnerable. To that end, we fund community-based organizations and public agencies whose work aligns with our mission, provide direct services, and advocate for policies and initiatives that help advance our mission. To learn more, please visit healthtrust.org.

About The Health Trust – As a Funder

Annually, The Health Trust invests over \$2,000,000 in the community through its endowment. These restricted dollars are awarded to nonprofit and public agencies that support the health and well-being of vulnerable populations via three types of grants: Health Partnership Grants, Emerging Opportunity Grants, and Community Grants.

Health Partnership Grants are designed to support projects that advance policies, and develop and transform practices and systems pertaining to The Health Trust's funding priorities under the organization-wide focus areas.

Emerging Opportunity Grants are designed to support projects that fall outside of the funding priorities established for Health Partnership Grants, yet advance the health and well-being of vulnerable populations.

Community Grants are designed to support smaller projects and agency events that align with The Health Trust mission, building health equity in Silicon Valley.

To learn more, please visit healthtrust.org/funder.