

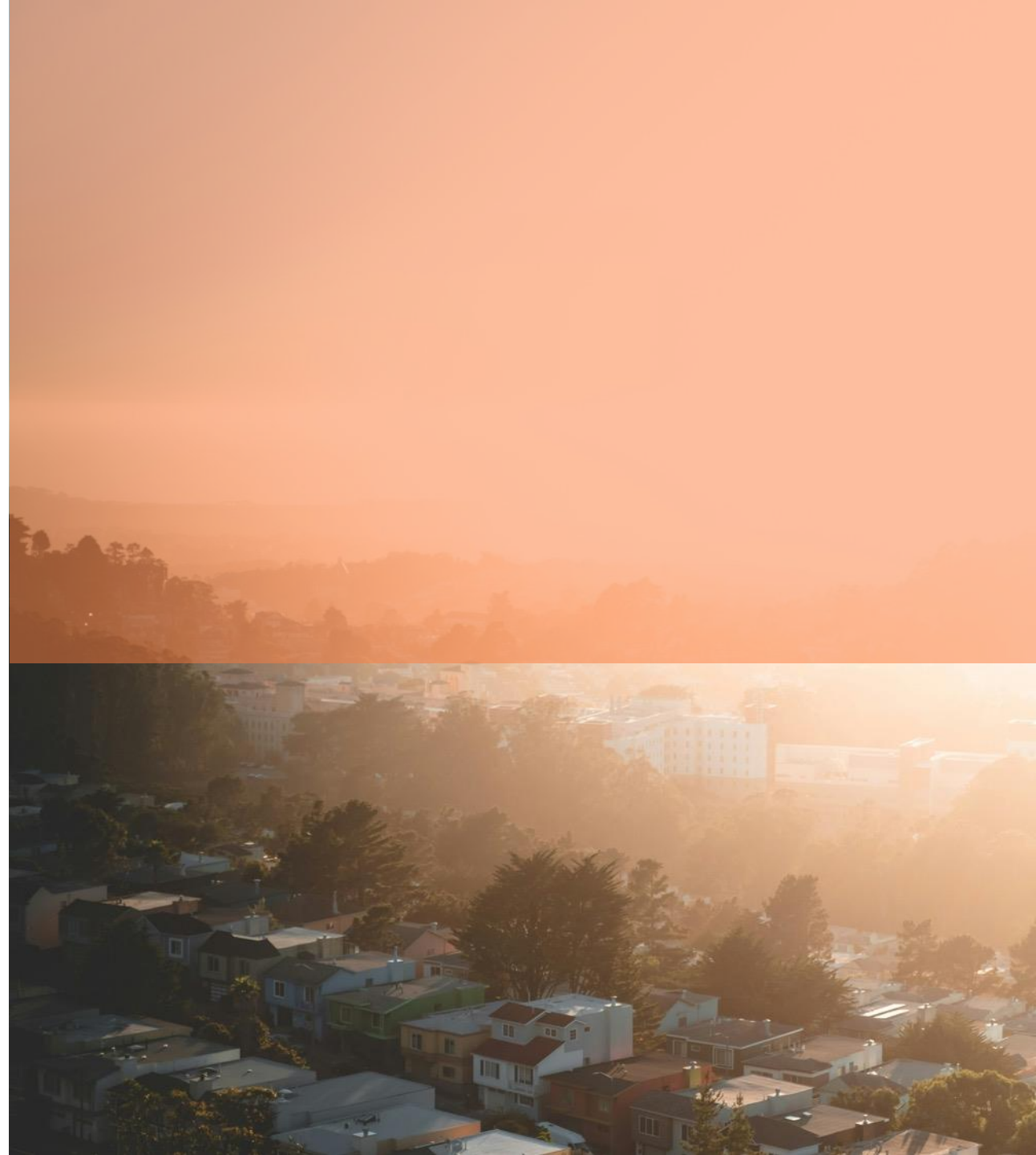


Innovation Partnership Fund (IPF) Outline

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Overview of Efforts to Date

- Extensive engagement and analysis
 - Call for concepts
 - 3 listening sessions (one focused on lived experience)
 - 3 Program Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings
 - Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory Committee (CFC) meeting
 - 3 full Commission meetings
 - Shared with state agency partners
 - Conducted internal analysis of BHSA statute
- Framework version 4.0 approved by the Commission on November 20th
- Plan to release the RFP in Winter 2026

RFP Outline Components Informed by the IPF Framework 4.0

Mandatory Components:

(All applications must meet the following, as specified in the IPF Framework 4.0.)



Meet the definition of innovation



Address the needs of target populations



Apply to and support county programs

Applications must convey how they will:

(as specified in the IPF Framework 4.0)



Increase equity, reduce disparities, and ensure innovation projects serve underserved populations and those most in need



Involve community input and lived experience in the project design, implementation, and evaluation



Be financially sustainable beyond the life of the grant



Leverage data to identify what's working and what to improve



Align with statewide Behavioral Health Transformation efforts

Applicants will be asked to indicate if they will do any of the following:

(as specified in the IPF Framework 4.0)



Include community-centered solutions (including community-defined evidence-based practices)



Leverage emerging technologies



Advance effective treatment models

RFP Components Feedback Received to Date

What we heard

Nuts and Bolts: Eligibility and Scoring

Feedback	Response
Proposed projects must not duplicate existing efforts	Under consideration for inclusion.
The CBH must ensure no conflict of interest with Commissioners	Addressed with existing conflict of interest laws and waivers.
Mixed feedback on which entity should be lead proposer and/or receive priority points (e.g., some stakeholders want CBOs as lead, others indicated that CBOs should not be given priority over other types)	Considering a small grant tier that requires the grantee be a CBO, nonprofit entities, or tribal organizations. Large grants will be open to all organizations.
Awards should prioritize equity, lived experience, and community leadership as scoring criteria	Under consideration for inclusion.
Clarify who “ <i>Other populations, as determined by the CBH</i> ” refers to	Under consideration for inclusion.

What we heard

Nuts and Bolts: Eligibility and Scoring (cont'd)

Feedback	Response
Eligibility should not be limited to those serving individuals with a diagnosis	Addressed in the definition of indicated prevention. BHSA eligibility does not require diagnosis.
Projects aimed at BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities should be specifically prioritized	We believe BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities are encompassed in the following populations already prioritized in the IPF Framework 4.0: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Underserved populations</i>• <i>Low-income populations</i>• <i>Communities impacted by other behavioral health disparities</i>• <i>Other populations, as determined by the CBH</i>
Use IPF funding to sustain and expand the California Reducing Disparities Projects	All projects that meet eligibility outlined in the IPF RFP may apply.

What we heard

Nuts and Bolts: Research and Learnings

Feedback	Response
IPF should incorporate a shared learning component so impact is maximized for the broader public	CBH plans to assess and document learnings and (where appropriate) publish those learnings for public knowledge.
Grants should be data driven, and have clear data collection and reporting requirements	Under consideration for inclusion.
Grants should specify how investments will be measured, tracked, and evaluated to ensure goals are met	Under consideration for inclusion.







What we heard

Nuts and Bolts: Funding

Feedback	Response
Funding should be tiered to meet the needs of applicants of different scales	Considering a small grant tier that requires the grantee be a CBO, nonprofit entities, or tribal organizations. Large grants will be open to all organizations.
Require matched funding or other way to ensure outside support	While potentially valuable, such a requirement may preclude many applicants and will not be incorporated at this time. However, sustainability will be a component considered in the RFP.

RFP Outline Components Elements to Consider

What's on the table

-  Should there be a small grant carve out? What are ideas for doing so?
-  Should there be minimum and maximum grant amounts?
-  How should the Commission best assess potential for sustainability in the application process?
-  What does success look like and what metrics should the Commission use to measure this?
-  How do we ensure grantees have the capability to accurately and successfully collect, track, and apply data to ensure continuous improvement?
-  Any other considerations?

Vote: The Client, Family, and Community Inclusion, Lived Experience, and Diversity Advisory Committee recommends that the full Commission approve the Innovation Partnership Fund RFP outline.