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COMMUNITY HEALTH INVESTMENT FUND

Accessible Equipment Fund

2023-24: PROGRAM UPDATES



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Accessible Equipment Fund (AEF) 2023-24

Overview

- Community Benefits developed a new Community Health Investment Fund (CHIF) Initiative after the L.A. Care Board of Governors approved a motion from the Temporary Transitional Executive Community Advisory Committee to increase access for differently abled individuals and to make funds available for providers to obtain accessible exam tables.
- The Accessible Equipment Fund (AEF) 2023-24 provided L.A. Care contracted clinics accessible exam tables and scales to increase access to care.
- Collaborated with internal departments including Provider Network Management, Quality Improvement, and Population Health to share AEF opportunity with providers, reaching over 600 providers.
- Applications were accepted online continually from March 14, 2024 through August 31, 2024

Accessible Equipment Fund (AEF) 2023-24

Equipment Options Included:

Midmark 626



UpScale 450



ALCO 340138



ALCO 52300



ALCO 70540



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Initiative Updates and Achievements

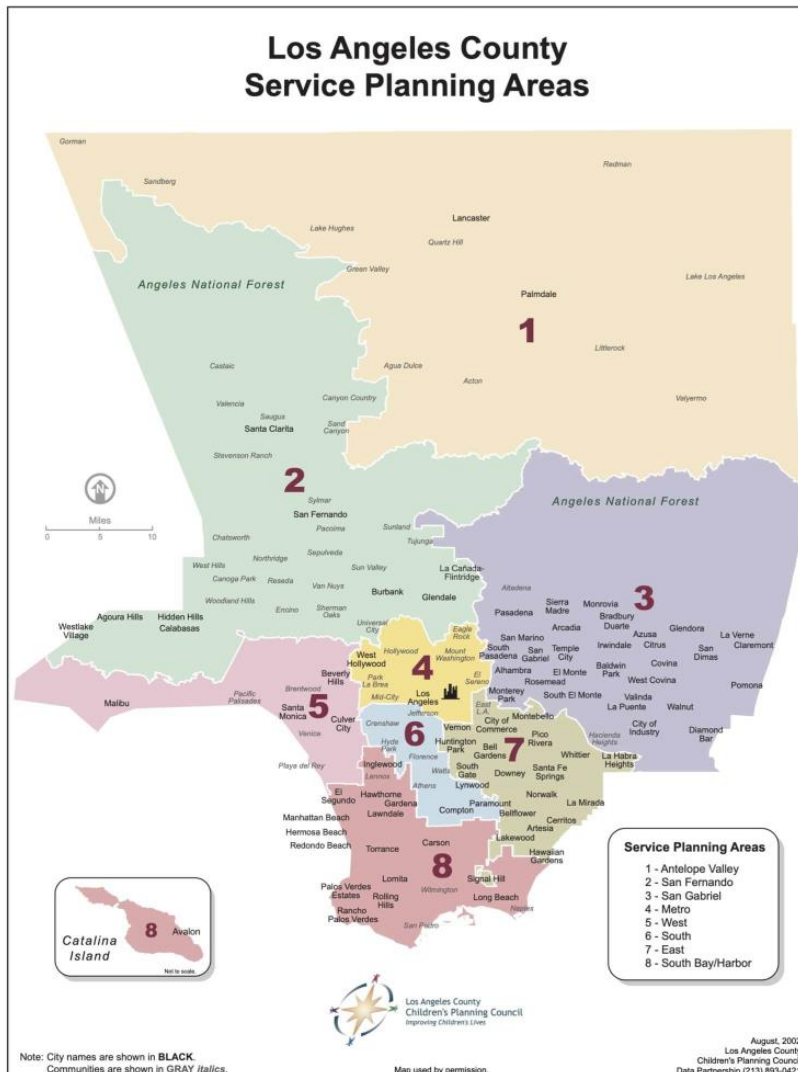
At Initiative Launch:	Initiative Updates & Achievements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants were able to request up to \$15,000 in equipment• Allocated up to \$450,000 from CHIF• Estimating funding 45-50 units of equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To meet the interest of clinics, the maximum request was increased up to \$35,000 in equipment• A total of \$465,211 was awarded as in-kind grants• In total, 57 pieces of equipment were awarded to 24 clinics across Los Angeles County;<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 35 accessible exam tables○ 22 adaptive scales○ 70% of awarded equipment has been delivered as of 3/4/25



Accessible Equipment Fund (AEF) 2023-24

Awarded Clinic Sites Across LA County's Service Planning Areas

- Equipment will be utilized at 39 clinic sites across Los Angeles County
- Estimated to serve over 20,000 seniors and other patients with varying disabilities



Number of Awarded Clinic Sites by SPA

1- Antelope Valley

2- San Fernando Valley

3- San Gabriel Valley

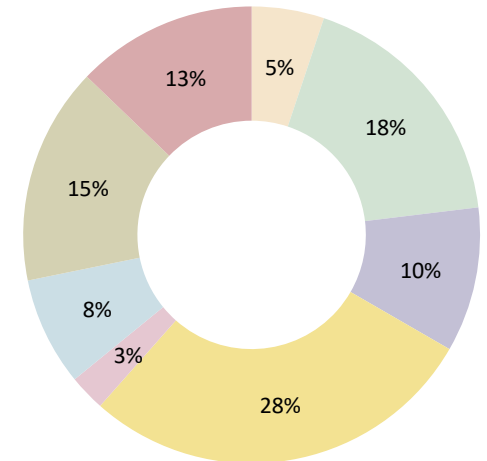
4- Metro LA

5- West LA

6- South LA

7- East LA

8- South Bay & Harbor



Accessible Equipment Fund (AEF) 2023-24

Lessons Learned and Future Direction

Post-initiative clinic assessment findings:

- Clinics preferred to receive a direct grant as opposed to an in-kind award
 - Enables clinics to leverage existing relationships with equipment vendors, potentially also providing a preferred delivery timeline by minimizing intermediaries in the delivery process
- Clinics were more responsive to a defined application deadline
 - A significant influx of applications was observed in the final three weeks of the open cycle, with slower submission rates during the preceding months
- The L.A. Care Board of Governors approved the TTECAC 12/14/24 motion to allocate funds for providers to request Hoyer lifts or electronic lifts to assist with patient transfers to and from exam tables, along with training on how to effectively use them.
 - This type of equipment is traditionally used in rehabilitation centers, assisting living facilities, and hospitals rather than clinics

Accessible Equipment Fund (AEF) 2024-25

Lessons Learned and Future Direction

- AEF II 2024-25 is scheduled to launch its Request for Applications (RFA) in early-May
 - Applications will be due within 3-4 weeks of the RFA launch
- \$500,000 of CHIF funding is allocated towards AEF II
 - Awards will be distributed as direct grants
 - Estimating to fund 50 – 60 pieces of accessible equipment
 - Adding Hoyer/electronic Lifts as an eligible equipment item
 - Planning to incorporate a training component for providers, covering the use of all accessible equipment and providing guidance on offering inclusive and competent services to patients with disabilities, limited mobility and differently abled individuals.

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