

2019 GUIDELINES

The 2019 Advancing Health Equity Awards are the third round of awards—and there is a lot that is new. Please review the guidelines below and attend the informational webinar (a recording will be provided). You may also contact Committee for California’s Health members with additional questions.

- The 2019 Awards will use [The Health Equity Guide](#) as the organizing framework. Applicants are expected to demonstrate an understanding of and alignment with content provided in the Health Equity Guide in their application.
- Local Health Departments in California can submit applications focused on any one of the four domains described in the Health Equity Guide OR that demonstrate integration across two or more domains:
 - **Build internal infrastructure.** Intentionally and strategically transforming internal systems, practices, and policies to address power imbalances that create health inequities.
 - **Working across government.** Working with – and sometimes leading – efforts with government agencies to re-envision government so that it supports the needs of people most impacted by inequity.
 - **Fostering community partnerships.** Supporting communities most impacted by health inequities in organizing and building their power and voice to advance their vision of an inclusive society.
 - **Championing transformative change.** Working toward transforming systems that create inequity by directly confronting oppression and power imbalances, shifting the narrative about what produces health, taking risks and pursuing innovative strategies to eliminate health inequities, and joining others in public health to use our collective voice to advance social justice and health equity.

Please visit www.healthequityguide.org for information on each domain, correlating strategic practices and to find case studies describing work other local health departments have done.

- Awards will be given for emerging as well as advanced public health practice across the four domains.
- A total of \$175,000 will be given to between three and six awardees. In reviewing the applications received, the Committee for California’s Health will determine the number of awards, the recipients, and the amount of each.
- The Committee’s goal is to give a diverse set of awards: emerging to advanced health equity practice; rural, suburban, and urban health departments; large, medium and small health departments; and health departments in different parts of the state.
- Applications will be evaluated based on criteria that include:
 - Alignment with the stated purpose of the awards
 - Alignment with the strategic practices described in the Health Equity Guide
 - Relationships developed through the work
 - Innovative approaches to advancing health equity
- Each local health department may submit up to three applications

- The public health department director must sign off on each application
- All applications must be submitted electronically
- All are welcome to apply, though the Committee will give preference to LHDs who have not been awarded in the past.
- [Committee members](#) are available to answer questions and, with equity across the state's local health departments in mind, may reach out directly to local health departments that may not have heard about the awards or that may not feel qualified to apply.