



**District Plan For Services  
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Introduction

This document presents the Selma Healthcare District Plan for Services comprised of the district's mission statement and supporting goals and policies to achieve this mission.

Goals and policies are statements by the board based on community values and needs, and how the board intends to fulfill its mission and serve the community.

**I. Mission Statement**

The mission of the Selma Health Care District is to improve the quality of health care in the communities served by the District as authorized by Health & Safety Code (HSC) section 32000 *et seq.*, known as The Local Health Care District Law.

The board of directors defines health care as the meaningful and direct improvement of health via the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, amelioration or cure of disease, illness, injury, and other physical and mental impairments in people for the benefit of the district.

Health care is delivered by health professionals and allied health fields. Medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, midwifery, nursing, optometry, audiology, psychology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training, and other health professions all constitute health care.

The term includes work done in providing primary care, secondary care, and tertiary care, as well as in public health.

The District does not deliver health care but allocates funds to nonprofit organizations in the District that have the expertise and capacity to provide health care.

## **II. District Goals**

A. To fulfill its mission the board of directors shall identify and pursue opportunities for the District to improve the quality of health care in the communities served by the District, and to promote education and wellness in the communities served by the District.

B. Opportunities to fulfill District's goals shall be implemented in these three programs:

1. \$100,000 allocated annually to the District Healthcare Initiative Grant Program,
2. \$50,000 allocated annually in ten "Community Grants" of \$5,000, and
3. Other District Initiatives as determined and budgeted by the Board.

These opportunities shall be evaluated annually and amended as needed.

## **III. District Policies**

A. In conformance with HSC section 32139, the board of directors shall adopt an annual budget in a public meeting, on or before September 1 of each year, that conforms to generally accepted accounting and budgeting procedures for special districts.

B. It is District policy to retain an operational reserve to ensure that the District is financially sound and able to address emergencies. In the event that the board resolves to expend reserves such action shall include a plan to replenish the operational reserve.

C. In conformance with HSC section 32133, each year the board of directors shall engage the services of a qualified accountant to conduct a financial audit of the district and prepare a report that shall be presented to the board at a public meeting.

D. A District Healthcare Initiative Grant Program is established. This competitive funding program annually invests up to \$100,000 to develop partnerships with organizations and agencies whose activities and programs improve the health, wellness, and mental health of District residents. The District intends, but is not required, to make grants on an annual basis.

District Healthcare Initiative Grants shall be solicited through a Request For Proposals process and proposals will be evaluated based on criteria in each RFP.

E. Community Grant Program is established. This grant program is a competitive funding opportunity to support community health and wellness services provided by nonprofit community-based organizations and public agencies in their development and implementation of new programs and services.

Community grant funding is limited to \$5,000 for any one program in the aggregate each year. The District normally budgets a total of up to \$50,000 annually to be used for Community grants.

F. Through investment of its dollars, the District supports programs, organizations and community collaborations that have the potential to achieve measurable results.

G. The District intends to award District Healthcare Initiative Grants and Community Grants only to organizations exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or equivalent tax exemption such as public agencies. Organizations must have current financial statements but the District may waive this requirement for Community Grants at the discretion of the District Board.

H. Under no circumstances will the District dollars be used to supplant or replace funding for existing program, whether such funding be provided by governmental entities or through charitable fundraising.

I. Criteria for the evaluation of applications are established. Consideration is given to projects or organizations that:

- Have proven records of success;
- Have potential to impact the greatest numbers of District residents;
- Can demonstrate the greatest potential to positively change health-related behaviors;
- Are based on research and/or best practices that demonstrate effectiveness; and
- Have data available to measure progress, outcomes and relevance.

J. Funding restrictions are established. The District will generally NOT support the following:

- Organizations and agencies that have received grant funding from the District within the last 12 months;
- Individuals;
- Endowment campaigns;
- Retirement of debt;
- Annual campaigns, fundraising events or expenses related to fundraising;

- Organizations that will not use the funding within one-year of being granted the funds;
- Programs that proselytize or promote any particular religion or sect, or deny services to potential beneficiaries based upon religious beliefs;
- Expenses related to lobbying public officials;
- Political campaigns or other partisan political activities;
- Unfunded government mandates;
- Replacement funds to allow funding to be shifted to other programs or budget areas.
- Grants and District Initiatives that fall outside the District's guidelines will be reviewed on a case by case basis;
- Pledge to use any equipment paid for by the grant program within the District's boundaries during the useful life of the equipment.

K. Pursuant to HSC section 32139, no applicant for a Community Grant or Healthcare Initiative Grant shall in any way communicate with any individual members of the District Board unless that Board member has been designated to be a contact person for that particular program.

L. The District shall establish a process for grant applications and present this on its website.

M. The District will provide grant recipients with a funding agreement that each recipient must sign without material revision.

N. Information about grant recipients will be posted to the District website and updated as needed.

O. Grant recipients shall report the progress of the grant-funded program or purchases by providing the board with a quarterly report that coincides with the board of director's adopted calendar.

P. Funding shall generally be provided to recipients on a reimbursement basis or by recipient presenting to the District a valid purchase order with documentation sufficient to meet the District's reasonable demands, as provided in the funding agreement.

Exceptions to this policy shall be approved by the board on a case-by-case basis based upon approval of the grant application.