

Common Funding Opportunities from the Oregon Health Plan



An overview for community partners

Background

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) works with coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to address needs that impact people's health. This document shares examples of what CCOs can pay for, basic information about a few CCO spending programs and how community partners can access funding opportunities.

Funding examples

Beyond typical medical services, CCOs can pay for other items and services to help their members and communities be healthy.

CCOs have paid for things like:

- Internet fees and cellphone plans to help members **communicate** with health care providers and potential employers.
- **Education** for children and adults, like reading programs, parenting classes and GED costs.
- Job skills trainings and ID replacements that help people find **employment**.
- **Food and nutrition** programs to help people have groceries, hot meals and fresh produce.
- Construction to build new affordable **housing**.
- **Housing improvements** that help people stay in their homes, like air conditioners and ramps.
- **Bus passes and car repairs** to help members get to work, class or social services.
- Improvements to parks and walking trails to encourage **physical activity**.
- Improvement of community centers to support **social and community health**.
- Community health worker services in community organizations to help **people access social and health care** services.
- **Substance use prevention and recovery** efforts, like safe needle exchanges and peer support groups.
- **Personal items** to help people manage health conditions like ear thermometers, heated blankets or light therapy lamps.

Terms and definitions

Oregon Health Authority (OHA): A state governmental agency that oversees most of Oregon's health-related programs, including the Oregon Health Plan Medicaid program.

Oregon Health Plan (OHP): Oregon's Medicaid health insurance program that helps people with low income get health care. The services OHP pays for are called **OHP benefits** or **covered services**.

Coordinated care organization (CCO): A local group of health care providers. They are doctors, counselors, dentists and others who work together in your community. CCOs help make sure OHP members stay healthy. People enrolled in a CCO are called **CCO members**.

Open Card: If a person with OHP doesn't have a CCO, they have [Open Card](#). They can see any provider who accepts fee-for-service or Open Card members.

Overview of a few CCO spending programs and related funding opportunities for community partners

CCOs can pay for the examples above by taking part in different spending programs. Each program has rules on how CCOs can spend Medicaid dollars.

What can the funding pay for?

Flexible services

- Personal items and services not covered by OHP to help individuals stay healthy or become healthier, called member-level flexible services or flex funds.
- Community programs and services focused on improving community health, called community-level flexible services.
- See [examples of flexible services](#).

Supporting Health for All through REinvestment (SHARE)

- Community programs that address economic stability, education, neighborhood environment, social and community health, or health care access and quality.
- Things like building affordable housing, transportation to social services, park renovations and educational programs.
- See [examples of SHARE](#).

In lieu of services (ILOS)

- Pre-approved substitutes to covered services that increase access to care or address CCO members' needs. This includes things like community health worker services provided in community organizations and online classes to manage diabetes.
- See a list of [Oregon's ILOS](#).

Who can the funding help?

- **Flexible services:** Member-level flexible services can be offered to CCO members only. Community-level flexible services funding can help CCO members, Open Card members, Tribal members and people not on OHP.
- **SHARE:** All community members, including CCO members, Open Card members, Tribal members and people not on OHP.
- **ILOS:** CCO members whose CCO offers the ILOS.

How much funding is available?

- **Flexible services:** CCOs choose how much they spend each year and are not required to provide flexible services.
- **SHARE:** Each year, CCOs use a formula to decide how much they need to spend. CCOs can choose to spend more than required.
- **ILOS:** CCOs offering ILOS and their contracted providers can choose the payment rate for each ILOS provided.

Who can access funding and how?

Flexible services

- **Members:** Members, their providers, or advocates can ask their CCO for **member-level flexible services**.
- **Community programs and services:** Each CCO's **community-level flexible services** program is different, but they often use a grant application process open to community partners in their service area.

SHARE

- Each CCO's SHARE program is different, but many use a grant application process open to clinical and community partners in their service area.
- SHARE partners often include social service organizations, local government and health departments, the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon, the Urban Indian Health Program, or school districts.

ILOS

- ILOS offered by a CCO are written in the CCO's member handbook.
- Clinical and community partners interested in providing ILOS can ask their CCO to begin offering an ILOS; CCOs are not required to offer ILOS.
- Partners contracted with the CCO can be paid for providing ILOS to CCO members.

Covered services

- Some services and supports for health-related social needs (HRSN), including housing, food and outreach and engagement, have become OHP-covered benefits for certain eligible OHP members (both CCO members and Open Card members). These covered services are short-term, non-medical services to help until people are connected with stable resources. Learn more on the [OHA HRSN webpage](#).
- Community partners can be paid for providing HRSN covered services. Learn more in the [OHA HRSN provider guide](#).

Learn more about funding opportunities in your community

Funding opportunities are different for each CCO and can change year-to-year based on their community's needs and priorities.

Contacting your local CCO is the best way to learn about funding opportunities. OHA staff members called innovator agents can also help you contact your CCO.

- **Contact your CCO directly:** [Find the CCO serving your community](#).
- **Contact an OHA innovator agent:** [Find your community's OHA innovator agent](#).

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