

ELEVATE YOUTH CALIFORNIA:
YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER
PREVENTION PROGRAM: COHORT 7
STANDARD TRACK

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1 BACKGROUND

On November 8, 2016, Prop 64 was passed by voters, allowing adults aged 21 years or older to possess and use cannabis. Prop 64 created two new taxes, the revenues of which are deposited into the California Cannabis Tax Fund (CTF). Under current law, after other specified disbursements, 60% of the remaining CTF is deposited into Allocation 3, the Youth Education, Prevention, and Early Intervention Account (YEPEITA). YEPEITA funds are disbursed to DHCS for youth programs aimed to educate about and to prevent substance use disorders (SUDs) and to prevent harm from substance use.¹

Launched in 2019 and funded by YEPEITA, Elevate Youth California (EYC) is a DHCS statewide program. The program addresses SUD prevention by investing in youth leadership and civic engagement for youth of color and 2S/LGBTQIA+² youth ages 12 to 26 living in communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs. This statewide program provides funding and technical assistance for organizations proposing to implement projects that empower youth to be community leaders and create positive policy and systems change. For information about EYC, visit www.elevateyouthca.org.

Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management (The Center) is contracted to support the implementation of EYC. The Center is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization bringing people, ideas, and infrastructure together to create a collective impact that reduces health disparities and improves community health for the underserved living in California. For information about The Center, visit www.shfcenter.org.

ABOUT ELEVATE YOUTH CALIFORNIA

EYC is grounded in social justice youth development,^{3,4} which expands the concept of a positive youth development framework and addresses social factors including racism, xenophobia, and other racial inequities youth face as they develop into adulthood. Social justice youth development recognizes these systemic forces and supports youth and young adults in developing the skills and knowledge to transform the systems that influence their lives, neighborhoods, and broader community. Additionally, social justice youth development expands the traditional asset-based youth development approach to support youth civic engagement and leadership development to dismantle the structural inequities and harmful narratives. The inequities include the criminalization of youth of color, the school-to-prison pipeline, housing insecurity/homelessness, and inequitable education and economic opportunities, to name a few.

Through a public health and harm-reduction lens, EYC supports culturally and linguistically responsive, healing-centered, and trauma-informed strategies that prevent substance use before it begins, particularly in communities disproportionately harmed³ by the war on drugs. According to the results of

¹ Revenue and Taxation Code Section 34019 subdivision (f)(1).

² There is an increasing knowledge of the unique needs and experiences of the 2S/LGBTQIA+ community and how those needs and experiences affect health outcomes. The following resources are shared so applicants can familiarize themselves on key definitions, terms, and references to strengthen their understanding of the 2S/LGBTQIA+ community: <https://lgbtqhealth.ca/community/>, <http://lgbtq2stoolkit.learningcommunity.ca/>.

³ Ginwright, Shawn, and Julio Cammarota. "New Terrain in Youth Development: The Promise of a Social Justice Approach." *Social Justice*, vol. 29, no. 4 (90), 2002, pp. 82–95. *JSTOR*, www.jstor.org/stable/29768150.

⁴ Social Justice Youth Work: Actualizing Youth Rights <http://jyd.pitt.edu/ojs/jyd/article/viewFile/488/462>.

the 2023 United States National Survey on Drug Use and Health, over 5.6 million Californians aged 12 and older have struggled with a SUD in the past year.⁵ Researchers and health advocates have identified various risk and protective factors associated with substance use that can emerge during adolescence. Understanding these factors is crucial for effective prevention efforts, as it allows for timely interventions that can significantly reduce the likelihood of individuals experiencing substance use issues later in life.

EYC serves youth of color and 2S/LGBTQIA+ youth ages 12 to 26 living in communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs. These include but are not limited to American Indian/Alaskan Native, African American, Asian-Pacific Islander and Latinx communities in California; youth with disabilities or who have life experiences that increase the risk of SUD; youth who have been system-impacted and formerly incarcerated; and youth who have experienced the foster care system or homelessness. Youth may experience more than one form of oppression or marginalization. This analysis of the intersections of race and other forms of oppression is commonly referred to as “intersectionality.” DHCS encourages applications that seek to reach youth who are at even greater risk for substance use due to intersectional identities and social factors.

To date, DHCS has awarded more than \$323.27 million through 460 grants with six rounds of Standard Track grants, three rounds of capacity building grants, and one round of innovation funding. EYC currently operates in 56 of 58 California counties.

For information about EYC partners, visit www.elevateyouthca.org.

ELEVATE YOUTH CALIFORNIA FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The required goal of this funding opportunity is to address SUD prevention by investing in youth leadership and civic engagement for youth of color and 2S/LGBTQIA+ youth ages 12 to 26 living in communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs. DHCS is seeking applications from 501(c)(3) community-based organizations, Tribal organizations (including 638s and urban clinics), collaboratives/coalitions, and county behavioral health organizations⁶ that:

- Support youth engagement that focuses on youth civic engagement, specifically in communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs.
- Possess cultural humility and responsiveness with staff and organizational leadership who reflect the racial, ethnic, and cultural community they intend to serve.
- Prioritize harm reduction and public health solutions that focus on positive messages to prevent SUD.
- Develop culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate social justice youth development, peer-to-peer support, and mentoring programs that are healing-centered, trauma-informed, and focused on youth ages 12 to 26.
- Utilize an intersectional approach to health equity through policy, systems, and environmental change.

⁵ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. 2023 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health. https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/reports/rpt56188/2023-nsduh-sae-state-tables_0/2023-nsduh-sae-state-tabs-california.pdf.

⁶ California county behavioral organizations that are the sole provider of prevention services in their respective county may apply for Elevate Youth CA funding.

- Implement SUD prevention activities that address the root causes of SUD, reduce risk factors, and increase protective factors.

In addition to youth civic engagement, applicants must support youth and young adults through mentoring and/or peer-to-peer support to educate communities, change social norms around substance use, and prevent harms and risks associated with substance use. Recognizing how critical family engagement (biological, adoptive, or chosen) is to successfully supporting and engaging youth and young adults, project strategies are encouraged to incorporate family engagement throughout project implementation.

GLOSSARY

501(c)(3) Organization: A tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, commonly referred to as charitable organizations, operates exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, testing for public safety, literary, educational, or other specified purposes that meet certain other requirements and must not operate for the benefit of private interests or inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.⁷

Addiction: The chronic neurobiological disorder centered on a dysregulation of the natural reward system. [View this video on rethinking addiction.](#)

Harm Reduction: Strategies that seek to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with substance misuse for those for whom abstinence is not an immediate and/or feasible goal. Harm reduction aims to reduce at-risk, moderate, and high-risk behaviors often associated with substance misuse.

Intersectionality: Intersectionality is a theoretical framework for understanding how multiple social identities such as race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and disability intersect at the micro level of individual experience to reflect interlocking systems of privilege and oppression (i.e., racism, sexism, heterosexism, classism) at the macro social-structural level.⁸

Mentorship/Relationship-building: Projects that address social isolation and disconnection from the community by establishing at least one stable, caring relationship with an adult/older youth mentor.

Peer-led Support/Peer-led Programming: Projects that include cultural peer(s) or peers with similar cultural and lived experiences to foster an environment of inclusiveness and belonging or project activities led by youth aged 12 to 26.

Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change: Policy, systems, and environmental change is a way of modifying larger structures to make healthy choices practical and available to all community members. By changing policies, systems, and/or environments, communities can help tackle health issues by looking at them from a population level. Organizations, agencies, and stakeholders make policy decisions. Policy approaches include legislative advocacy, fiscal measures, taxation, and regulatory oversight. Systems change refers to a fundamental shift in the way problems are solved. Within an organization, systems change affects organizational purpose, function, and connections by

⁷ Internal Revenue Service. (2025) Exemption requirements – 501(c)(3) organizations. [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov). Retrieved July 16, 2025.

⁸ The Problem with the Phrase Women and Minorities: Intersectionality—an Important Theoretical Framework for Public Health. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3477987/>

addressing organizational culture, beliefs, relationships, policies, and goals. Environmental change strategies involve changing the economic, social, or physical surroundings or contexts that affect health outcomes. Environmental strategies address population health outcomes and are best used in combination with other strategies.⁹ Additional details and examples can be found in this [Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change fact sheet on the California Dialogue on Cancer website](#) and this resource for [Mobilizing Communities for Policy Change on the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America website](#).

Prevention: Activities that promote healthy behaviors, reduce risks, and build protective factors that either prevent new starts of substance use or mitigate consequences and contributing factors associated with substance misuse.

Rural: For purposes of this grant program, rural is defined as a Medical Service Study Area (MSSA) that has a population density of 250 persons or less per square mile and has no incorporated area greater than 50,000 people. To determine if the geographic area to be served by your proposed project is rural, please connect to the [California Resources and Human Services Agency website](#) to find your county and specific area.

Social Justice Youth Development: Social justice youth development expands the concept of a positive youth development framework and addresses social factors including racism, xenophobia, and other racial inequities youth face as they develop into adulthood (Ginwright & Cammarota, 2002). Social justice youth development recognizes these systemic forces and supports youth and young adults in developing the skills and knowledge to transform the systems that influence their lives, neighborhoods, and broader community.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD): Recurrent use of alcohol and/or substances causing significant problems, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

Underserved: Underserved areas may refer to communities with Healthy Places Index scores <50, designated Medically Underserved Areas, or more locally specific metrics.

Urban: For purposes of this grant program, urban is defined according to the United States Census Bureau as an identified territory with at least 2,000 housing units or a population of at least 5,000.¹⁰

Youth Civic Engagement/Leadership Opportunities for Policy, Systems, and Environmental change: Youth civic engagement related to substance use issues or drivers/root causes (i.e., trauma, systemic oppression, and marginalization). Youth voices must play a central role in determining policy focus.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Organizations must meet the following minimum requirements:

⁹ Rural Health Information Hub: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/toolkits/health-promotion/2/strategies/policy-systems-environmental>

¹⁰ U.S. Census Bureau. (2020). Urban and Rural. [Census.gov](https://www.census.gov). Retrieved July 17, 2025.

- Have an office located in California.
- Provide services in California.
- Are a 501(c)(3) community-based organization or Tribal organization¹¹ with established and trusted community relationships. Fiscal sponsorships are eligible, but fiscally sponsored projects may not have for-profit status. Also open to coalitions of organizations and collaboratives, as long as the backbone organization is an eligible applicant. Additionally, county behavioral health organizations that are the sole provider of prevention services in their respective county may apply for EYC funding.
 - School districts, schools, charter schools, and county offices of education are ineligible to apply.
- Not have an active EYC grant. EYC funded partners whose current award ends by December 2025 are eligible to apply. Fiscal sponsors are the exception and are allowed to submit for a new fiscally sponsored project that was not awarded a previous EYC grant.
- Have demonstrated experience partnering with young and young adults of color and other marginalized communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs.
- Deeply engage and reflect the proposed communities served that are disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs.¹² Applicant should have a history of working with impacted communities, including representation on the board and staff, clients served, and neighborhoods served.
- Applicant organizations and their partners must have demonstrated evidence of inclusivity and shall not discriminate based on race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status in any of its activities or operations.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

EYC funded partners will be responsible for implementing comprehensive strategies that reduce risk factors (e.g., trauma, disconnection from school/community) and enhance protective factors (e.g., cultural identity, adult/peer mentorship, community and civic engagement) associated with youth substance use prevention.

Projects are recommended to utilize evidence-based, promising, and/or community-driven practices in their prevention approach and incorporate social justice youth development in all programming. Funded partners will conduct annual listening sessions to gather feedback from youth and young adults on the impact of prevention efforts and to identify opportunities for project improvement. Additionally, funded partners are expected to actively participate in technical assistance opportunities hosted by The Center, engage in an external evaluation to assess the effectiveness of EYC, and attend one-day regional convenings, at least two over the award period. EYC funded partners will be required to submit biannual progress and financial reports.

Success will be measured by progress towards programmatic and policy, systems, and environmental change goals and objectives contained in an approved work plan, which must include processes for monitoring and evaluation of youth engagement, prevention activities, policy, systems, and

¹¹ Tribal organizations may be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a 638, or an urban clinic.

¹² The impact of the war on drugs and other racial inequities (e.g., school-to-prison pipeline, juvenile and criminal justice involvement) is well established. A number of online resources are available including: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2374804/>, <http://www.drugpolicy.org/issues/race-and-drug-war>.

environmental change, and participant outcomes through quantitative and qualitative methods. Additional indicators of success include participants' increased knowledge of SUD and its prevention, reduced stigma around substance use services, and evidence of community-level policy, systems, and environmental changes related to substance use issues or their root causes.

STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Proposals are **required** to include youth civic engagement and at least one other strategy, including mentorship and/or a peer-led support program. Applicants should review the EYC Logic Model, which details the inputs, activities, outputs, outcomes, and long-term impacts of the program to ensure their proposed activities align with the program’s focus on youth-led policy, systems, and environmental change for SUD prevention. The logic model can be found [here](#). The chart below offers definitions and examples of strategies for implementing EYC.

EYC Strategies for Implementation		
EYC Required Component	Option 1	Option 2
Youth civic engagement for policy, systems, and environmental change	Mentorship/relationship building	Peer-led support and leadership program
Definition	Definition	Definition
Policy, systems, and environmental change is a way of modifying larger structures to make healthy choices practical and available to all community members. For EYC, this includes youth civic engagement related to substance use issues or their drivers/root causes (i.e., trauma, systemic oppression, and marginalization). Youth voices must play a central role in determining policy focus.	Projects that address social isolation and disconnection from community by establishing at least one stable, caring relationship with an adult/older youth mentor.	Projects that include cultural peer(s) or peers with similar cultural and lived experiences to foster an environment of inclusiveness and belonging or project activities led by youth aged 12 to 26.
Example	Example	Example
Latinx 14-16-year-olds organize a campaign to address cannabis access and/or advertisement/marketing in a city.	Adult credible messengers provide one-on-one developmental support to youth actively on probation.	Student-led leadership development programming for 2S/LGBTQIA+ high school-age students of color that creates a safe space and supports the mental well-being of 2S/LGBTQIA+ youth.

All proposed projects should include substance use prevention, education, services, supports, and social justice youth programming activities. This includes outreach, education, and training activities aimed at preventing substance use. Additionally, proposed projects should have the ability to navigate youth to a higher level of substance use prevention care or behavioral health care if needed.

Throughout the project period, awarded organizations that are new to policy, systems, and environmental change will have access to training and technical assistance.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FROM THE FIELD

Below are examples of frameworks and elements that applicants should review to inform the development of their application and project model.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) offers information on public health strategies to improve behavioral health outcomes for individuals with SUD and at-risk of developing SUD. The SAMHSA resource, [Risk and Protective Factors Exist in Multiple Contexts](#), explains that effective prevention relies on reducing risk factors and strengthening protective factors, and introduces the Strategic Prevention Framework. Applicants should consider the following in their application:

- How risk factors will be addressed across various contexts (e.g., relationships, community, and society).
- How early intervention and prevention strategies are tailored to the target population and their risk level.

For more information, visit SAMHSA at www.samhsa.gov and SAMHSA's Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center www.samhsa.gov/ebp-resource-center.

As presented in the [Prevention Institute's "California's Prop 64 Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Fund" brief](#), common features of successful initiatives that contribute to impact, outcomes, and sustainability stem from community-rooted organizations with experience in youth leadership, organizing, and advocacy. These initiatives focus on racial and health equity, centering both individual and community healing, strengthening community environments, and the deliberate creation of space for local youth-led approaches.

In alignment with the [Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative's Roadmap for California Prop 64 Expenditures](#), applicants should consider the following in their application:

- Integrate relationship and engagement-centered assessment, interventions, and healing into organizational culture, programs, and services.
- Recruit and retain well-trained staff who reflect the diversity and lived experience of the children and youth, their families and caregivers, and communities served. Provide continuity of care between staff and those they serve whenever possible.
- Implement relationship and engagement-centered trauma screening and assessment practices that are anchored in relationships and trust; assess resilience and well-being in addition to trauma history, and ensure they are coordinated across agencies and providers to develop a specific care plan.
- Implement evidence-based, promising and/or community-driven practices that help individuals and communities engage, cope with adversity, heal trauma, and thrive.

Additionally, in alignment with the ["California Cannabis Tax Revenues: A Windfall for Law Enforcement or an Opportunity for Healing Communities?"](#) report, applicants should consider the following recommendations in their application and work plan:

- Research if your local city or county has a cannabis tax yet and, if so, how it is spending its cannabis tax revenue.
- Share the information collected under the previous point with fellow advocates and news media.
- Educate local officials on the racialized history of the war on drugs and share with them examples of how state agencies and communities are prioritizing cannabis revenues for the most impacted neighborhoods.
- Bring forward proposals to your local officials for how to tax cannabis businesses and invest these revenues in your communities based on your local needs.
- In the absence of action on the part of local officials, think about the ways to educate the public on the use of a local ballot measure to propose an alternative for capturing and spending these funds.¹³

EXAMPLES OF POTENTIALLY FUNDED ACTIVITIES

All selected activities must be related to youth of color and 2S/LGBTQIA+ youth ages 12 to 26 living in communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs. Proposals are required to address youth SUD prevention by implementing youth civic engagement and at least one other strategy, including mentorship/relationship building and/or peer-led support/peer-led programming. Examples include:

- Culturally rooted, healing-centered youth civic engagement that addresses policies and systems that allow for an oversaturation of cannabis businesses in low-income communities.
- Providing youth mentoring and coaching, as well as skill-, knowledge-, and leadership-building programs.
- Innovative projects that utilize technology in youth peer support or mentoring and/or remote service delivery for youth and young adults.
- Art-based, youth-driven projects that strengthen the public's will to support non-punitive, public health approaches to youth substance use intervention.
- Culturally rooted, healing-centered mentoring programs that utilize circle keeping practices for youth of color and other marginalized youth to develop a communications campaign to build community awareness around youth substance use and misuse prevention and intervention.
- Policy-focused campaign development activities that reduce targeted marketing of substances toward youth of color or other marginalized youth in communities impacted by the war on drugs.
- Youth-led participatory action research projects focused on developing and implementing stigma-reduction strategies for peers.
- Credible messenger street outreach programs led by formerly incarcerated or other system-impacted young adults to re-engage system-impacted youth of color in positive, healing-centered mentoring programs.
- Peer-based mentoring groups for youth and young adults currently experiencing homelessness, led by young adults who have experienced homelessness themselves.
- Development of a cross-sector coalition that analyzes a community's policies and practices that continue to criminalize youth of color.
- Participation in the regulatory process and advocate for protective practices in accessing, distributing, marketing, and use of substances in communities (e.g., buffer zones, retail restrictions, health claims).

¹³ Getting it Right From the Start, Model Ordinances: <https://gettingitrightfromthestart.org/our-model-ordinances>.

- Encouraging the incorporation of equity principles in the licensing and distribution of taxation benefits for communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs.
- Establishment of a youth-led, cross-cultural coalition to address the disproportionate rates of school suspension and expulsion, reducing disparities in all suspensions/expulsion using interventions like culturally rooted, healing-centered and restorative practices as an alternative.
- Policy-focused campaigns led by transgender college students of color to increase a college district's investment in support services for 2S/LGBTQIA+ students.

Other innovative efforts to expand youth SUD prevention and education in California's racial, ethnic, and cultural communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs. While focused on youth, this funding is also a chance to reimagine opportunities and ways of healing for both youth and the community.

3 PROJECT FUNDING INFORMATION

Applicants are required to adhere to the budget guidelines included in the Budget Template. Applicants must submit their proposed budgets in the template format. Applications that do not conform to this template will not be considered. All items budgeted must be inclusive of all costs, including taxes and fees, in United States dollars.

Applicants are required to submit a detailed cost budget and budget justification to establish the cost reasonableness.

Responsive payment schedule: Understanding that a significant infusion of resources upfront may be a challenge for program implementation, DHCS and The Center will offer flexible and phased payments. Payments will be issued to awarded partners based on the achievement of a set of agreed-upon deliverables as defined in the grant.

Each grant will be divided into a minimum of four payments: (1) 35% of the total award amount upon execution of grant agreement and fulfilling insurance requirements, (2) 35% of the total award amount upon approval of Progress Reports 1 and 2 and Financial Reports 1 and 2, (3) 25% upon approval of Progress Reports 3 and 4 and Financial Reports 3 and 4, and (4) a final payment of 5% of the award total upon approval of the Progress Report 5 and 6 (inclusive of Cumulative Report) and Financial Reports 5 and 6. If an EYC funded partner achieves all required deliverables by the end of the grant, the entire grant amount can be paid.

TOTAL AWARD AMOUNTS

Up to \$1,000,000.00* for three years can be requested by 501(c)(3) community-based organizations, Tribal organizations (including 638s and urban clinics), collaboratives/coalitions, and county behavioral health organizations.

**Up to 20% of direct costs may be requested as indirect costs.*

Refer to the table below to determine the maximum funding amount, based on applicant's current fiscal year operating budget, that can be requested from this funding opportunity. If the implementing organization's current fiscal year operating budget is at or below \$50,000.00, the implementing organization is required to apply under a fiscal sponsor. If the implementing organization is applying

under a fiscal sponsor, the operating budget of the fiscally sponsored project/implementing organization will determine the maximum funding amount. Please note that applicants may apply for *less* than the maximum amount presented in the chart.

Current Fiscal Year Operating Budget	Maximum total amount requested from EYC Standard Track Cohort 7
\$0.00-\$100,000.00*	\$150,000.00
\$100,000.01 - \$200,000.00	\$300,000.00
\$200,000.01 - \$300,000.00	\$450,000.00
\$300,000.01 - \$400,000.00	\$600,000.00
\$400,000.01 - \$500,000.00	\$750,000.00
\$500,000.01 - \$600,000.00	\$900,000.00
\$600,000.01 and above	\$1,000,000.00

*Please note that if your organization’s current fiscal year operating budget is at or below \$50,000.00, you are required to apply under a fiscal sponsor.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Grants will cover activities for the following time period: January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028.

UNALLOWED ACTIVITIES

The following activities will not be funded under this funding opportunity:

- Debt retirement
- Operational deficits
- Partisan activities
- Lobbying or lobbying activities
- Religious organizations for explicit religious activities
- Activities that exclusively benefit the members of sectarian or religious organizations
- Purchase of vehicles
- Purchase, construction, or permanent improvement (other than minor remodeling of any building, other facility, or land
- Purchase of properties
- Clinical services such as counseling, therapy, and substance use treatment
- Directly or indirectly, purchase, prescribe, or provide cannabis or treatment using cannabis

GEOGRAPHIC CONSIDERATIONS

Funding will be distributed in low-income urban and rural areas throughout California.

Up to 85% of this funding will be set aside to support urban programs and organizations, and up to 15% will be set aside to support rural programs and organizations.

Urban: For purposes of this grant program, urban is defined according to the United States Census Bureau as an identified territory with at least 2,000 housing units or a population of at least 5,000.¹⁴

Rural: For purposes of this grant program, rural is defined as a Medical Service Study Area (MSSA) that has a population density of 250 persons or less per square mile and has no incorporated area greater than 50,000 people. To determine if the geographic area to be served by your proposed project is rural, please connect to the [California Resources and Human Services Agency website](#) to find your county and specific area.

Underserved: Underserved areas may refer to communities with Healthy Places Index scores <50, designated Medically Underserved Areas, or more locally specific metrics.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

EYC funded partners will be required to submit regular progress reports responding to the performance measures identified in their grant agreement and work plan, as well as financial reports describing actual expenditures of grant funding. Potential performance measures include numbers and types of outreach and education activities conducted; number and demographics of the people reached; evidence of effectiveness of activities; increase in information available to community youth; and progress of policy, systems, and environmental change outcomes. There will be technical assistance available to assist selected organizations with data collection and reporting requirements.

Performance measures may be revised as needed to address current situations and high-priority challenges. Required deliverables will follow the timeline below. Deliverables are subject to change.

Report	Period	Due Date
Progress Report 1	1/1/2026 - 6/30/2026	7/31/2026
Financial Report 1 and Detailed Expenditure Listing	1/1/2026 - 6/30/2026	7/31/2026
Progress Report 2	7/1/2026 - 12/31/2026	1/30/2027
Financial Report 2 and Detailed Expenditure Listing	7/1/2026 - 12/31/2026	1/30/2027
Progress Report 3	1/1/2027 - 6/30/2027	7/31/2027
Financial Report 3 and Detailed Expenditure Listing	1/1/2027 - 6/30/2027	7/31/2027
Progress Report 4	7/1/2027 - 12/31/2027	1/29/2028
Financial Report 4 and Detailed Expenditure Listing	7/1/2027 - 12/31/2027	1/29/2028
Progress Report 5	1/1/2028 - 6/30/2028	7/30/2028
Financial Report 5 and Detailed Expenditure Listing	1/1/2028 - 6/30/2028	7/30/2028
Progress Report 6 and Cumulative Final Report	7/1/2028 - 12/31/2028	1/21/2029
Financial Report 6 and Detailed Expenditure Listing	7/1/2028 - 12/31/2028	1/21/2029

¹⁴ U.S. Census Bureau. (2020). Urban and Rural. [Census.gov](#). Retrieved July 17, 2025.

EXTERNAL EVALUATION

In addition to the required reporting outlined above, funded partners may be requested to cooperate in an external evaluation of the EYC program, which is focused on the statewide initiative as a whole and is not an evaluation of individual funded projects. The purpose of the evaluation is to determine the extent to which EYC programming met its intended outcomes and inform planning, implementation, and sustainability of the program.

Evaluation activities are anticipated to include select funded partners administering a youth survey and participating in a virtual youth focus group. Some partners may be asked to participate in a virtual staff focus group or interview to speak in depth about program outcomes. The evaluation team may host a two-hour interactive, virtual learning event for select partners. DHCS, The Center, and an external evaluator will provide guidance and technical assistance for all external evaluation activities.

If selected to participate, funded partners may adjust their budgets to allocate appropriate funds for program stipends to encourage youth engagement in the external evaluation. Funded partners are also expected to support planning logistics (e.g., scheduling, selecting youth participants) in coordination with DHCS, The Center staff, and the external evaluation consultants.

YOUTH LISTENING SESSIONS

EYC funded partners are required to host a minimum of one youth listening session with their constituency each year of project implementation to hear directly from impacted youth on project outcomes and implementation.

Youth listening sessions are designated times for youth to provide feedback on project strategies and implementation. This unique activity, centered around youth voices, differs from regular programming. For some, a youth listening session may be called a healing circle or focus group. These sessions should include a series of questions that seek feedback and input from youth on specific aspects of the project, including, but not limited to, project planning, project activities, policies to change, prevention campaigns, project materials or youth engagement.

Applicants are required to include a minimum of one youth listening session each year in their proposed activities and budget.

IN-PERSON CONVENINGS

EYC funded partners are required to participate in two regional in-person convenings. These convenings are designed to provide valuable training and technical assistance, foster peer-to-peer learning, and create opportunities for collaboration with other funded partners. Attendance at convenings is essential for sharing evidence-based and promising practices for SUD prevention and outreach. Applicants must include travel expenses for the two regional convenings in their proposed budgets. If DHCS determines that in-person convenings will not take place per public health guidance or other reasons, EYC funded partners can work with The Center to modify their budgets and reallocate associated costs to other programmatic line items.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

There will be insurance requirements under these grants, the costs of which can be built into the project budget. Once funds have been awarded, communication will be sent to awarded organizations to upload the insurance documents and demonstrate compliance with all insurance requirements. Payment will not be released until insurance compliance requirements are met. The Center recognizes that the terms and coverage conditions for insurance requirements are technical in nature. If you need additional support to answer these questions, you can contact elevateyouthca@shfcenter.org. Refer to **Appendix A** for more information.

4 SELECTION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

DHCS will award approximately \$46.98 million for EYC Round 7 Standard Track. Eligible EYC grant applications undergo a competitive review process. Applicants who submit the most complete and responsive applications, demonstrating a strong combination of relevant credentials and experience, organizational capacity, cost-effectiveness, and potential for positive outcomes, will be selected. Successful applications should clearly articulate how their staffing, project strategies, and approaches will deliver comprehensive, culturally responsive, and linguistically appropriate youth SUD prevention, education, and early intervention services, tailored to the needs of the communities they serve.

DHCS will fund the highest-ranked applications. If there are no applications proposing to serve diverse geographies and the focus populations across the state among the highest-ranked applications, DHCS may fund applications with a lower ranking to reach diverse geographies and focus populations. In addition to the application score, additional factors (such as the specific population served and geographic diversity) may also be considered to select the most favorable mix of funded partners across the state.

If the applicant is currently receiving funds or has been funded by DHCS and/or The Center, the organization must be in good standing to be considered for an award.

DHCS holds the final decision-making authority in selecting funded projects.

The following criteria will be used in the application review:

Organization/Fiscally Sponsored Program Description. 5 points

- The applicant clearly describes the organization's vision/mission, goals, primary services or programs, population(s) served, and geographic area.
- The description clearly describes how the organization's vision/mission, goals, and core activities align with the goals of EYC.

Population Description. 5 points

- The proposed population aligns with EYC's priority population: youth of color and 2S/LGBTQIA+ youth ages 12 to 26 living in communities disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs.
- The applicant demonstrates a strong track record working with youth ages 12 to 26.

Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services. 5 points

- The applicant clearly describes its experience providing services that are rooted in the culture(s) and language(s) of the proposed population. The applicant demonstrates an understanding of the proposed population's needs.

- The applicant demonstrates experience/familiarity with culturally rooted healing practices and utilizing a stigma-reducing approach.
- The applicant clearly describes how culturally and linguistically relevant services will be provided to the proposed population, including specific examples and methods, if awarded.

Qualifications of Project Team. 5 points

- The applicant identifies the key staff and subcontractors, if applicable, that will be involved in the project.
- The applicant clearly describes their roles, qualifications, and strong experience providing services to the proposed population, including familiarity with relevant culture(s) and language(s).

Social Justice Youth Development Track Record. 15 points

- The applicant demonstrates strong experience and/or capacity to engage youth in civic participation, advocacy, and community-driven action.
- The applicant demonstrates strong experience and/or capacity to implement peer-led support, leadership development, and/or mentorship/relationship-building programs.
- The applicant demonstrates strong experience and/or capacity for youth-led programming that centers youth voice and decision-making.

Substance Use Disorder Prevention Track Record. 15 points

- The applicant clearly describes its experience implementing programs to prevent youth substance use, reduce risk factors, and increase protective factors.

Project Activities (inclusive of work plan). 30 points

- Proposed activities address substance use prevention and its root causes.
- The applicant clearly describes how youth will be engaged in identifying a policy goal.
- The applicant clearly describes how youth will be trained in civic engagement for policy, systems, and environmental change.

Project Monitoring and Reporting Process. 10 points

- In the work plan, the applicant clearly describes the methods for tracking progress towards the identified project objectives.

Budget and Budget Justification. 10 points

- The applicant allocated funds for staffing at appropriate levels.
- The applicant allocated funds for program stipends for youth participation, including incentives to complete the external evaluation youth survey.
- The applicant is not requesting indirect costs that are more than 20% of the direct costs.
- The applicant allocated funds for at least one listening session per year.
- The applicant included travel costs for two one-day in-person regional convenings.
- If applicant plans to re-grant/subcontract the funds, they describe the use of funds and if the subrecipients are secured or pending.

Additional application requirements.

- The applicant has executive support for the proposed project, as evidenced by a signed letter of support from the senior administrator, affirming:
 - A willingness to commit staff time and resources to the proposed activities.

- The ability to submit biannually data and financial progress reports on a specific set of measures.
- Participation in activities of the external evaluation for the EYC program.
- Participation at in-person regional convenings.

5 POST-AWARD GRANT MANAGEMENT

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email. Awarded entities may be requested to adjust submitted budgets. Not all applicants will receive the total amount requested. EYC reserves the right to make final determinations about award size, including whether to award full or partial coverage of the applicant’s proposed expenses. EYC may require an awarded partner to submit revisions to the budget and the work plan. The contents of the awarded partner’s application will become contractual obligations, subject to negotiation.

Upon approval of a budget that aligns with the awarded amount, a subcontract agreement will be provided. The Center will provide a list of combined insurance requirements from DHCS and The Center. The first payment under this agreement is contingent on the execution of the subcontract agreement and receipt of all insurance compliance documents. Successful applicants are expected to comply with all grant requirements. These include, but are not limited to, provisions regarding insurance and indemnification, HIPAA mandates, and fiscal requirements.

Nothing in this Request for Application (RFA) and its associated documents shall be construed as committing EYC to issue an award. Any funds allocated after the RFA are subject to funding received from DHCS. EYC may seek clarifications or recommend adjustments to applications or budgets as a condition of the award. There is no appeal process. Modification of grant terms and conditions will be considered only under exceptional circumstances.

6 APPLICATION TIMELINE

The timeline below is subject to change to best meet programmatic needs and funder requirements.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

September 26, 2025, at 1 p.m. (Pacific Time)

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS:

September-October 2025

APPROXIMATE AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT:

December 2025

APPROXIMATE DATE GRANTS ISSUED:

January 1, 2026

NOTE: All funding will be backdated to January 1, 2026, even if grant agreements are signed after January 1, 2026.

To be considered, organizations must submit applications online by **1:00 p.m. Pacific Time** on the deadline date of **September 26, 2025**.

Proposals received after the due date/time will not be reviewed. Submission before the deadline date is highly advised in case you experience technical difficulties with submitting your application through the portal. We may not be able to respond to your requests for help on the deadline date.

PROPOSERS' WEBINAR

We have scheduled two proposers' webinars to review the EYC funding opportunity and the application process and to answer questions. Participation in a webinar is strongly recommended. The content of each webinar will be repeated and the same. Please review the application materials prior to registering for a webinar. Additionally, we will host office hours to provide additional support on the application.

RFA Review Webinars

Wednesday, September 3, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[Register on Zoom.](#)

Thursday, September 11, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

[Register on Zoom.](#)

Office Hours

Friday, September 5, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

[Register on Zoom.](#)

Friday, September 12, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

[Register on Zoom.](#)

Tuesday, September 23, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

[Register on Zoom.](#)

Note: A confirmation e-mail with the link to join the webinar will be sent immediately after registration. If you do not receive it, please check your spam/junk folder.

IMPORTANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

To help us process your application, please follow these submission guidelines:

- We encourage you to submit your application before the deadline date in case you need help with any of the RFA components.
- Applications are due no later than 1 p.m. Pacific Time on September 26, 2025.
- Submit the application via our online portal through [this link.](#) You will use the link that you will receive via e-mail to continue working on your saved application.
- When working on your application in the portal, use Microsoft Edge, formerly known as Internet Explorer, as the browser when working on a PC, and Safari as the browser when working on a Mac.
- Respond to all required fields (marked with an *).
- Upload all attachments listed under "Application Checklist" below.

- On the portal, you may click “Save & Finish Later.” You will receive an e-mail with a link to return to your in-progress application.
- Click “Save & Finish Later” at any time you will not be working in your application for a few minutes.
- You may submit your application only once. Be sure your application is complete and accurate, including required documents, before submitting it. Revised applications will not be accepted.
- If you are unable to submit your application online or need help, please contact us at elevateyouthca@shfcenter.org with the subject line: Application Online Help.

**Send questions and inquiries related to this funding opportunity
to elevateyouthca@shfcenter.org with the subject line:
Elevate Youth California RFA Question**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Initiate the funding application [online](#). The link is posted on the [EYC website](#).
- **Required Application Attachments**
 - Proposed budget and budget justification completed with Form 1: Proposed Budget Template (template available in the online portal)
 - Applicant organization’s W-9
 - Form 2: Work plan completed with the required template (template available in the online portal)
 - Support letter signed by the applicant’s administrator/executive. If the applicant has a fiscal sponsor, a signed support letter from both the fiscal sponsor and the fiscally sponsored project/implementing organization should be attached, along with the fiscally sponsored agreement/Memorandum of Understanding.
 - Applicant’s last filed Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) and current fiscal year operating budget. If an applicant has a fiscal sponsor, submit the current fiscal year operating budget for the fiscally sponsored project/implementing organization.

Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applications received after the above deadline will not be considered.

If you are unable to submit your application online or need help, please contact us at elevateyouthca@shfcenter.org with the subject line: Application Online Help.

APPLICATION FOR REFERENCE ONLY

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION USING THE ONLINE PORTAL

If you are unable to submit your application online or need help, please contact us at elevateyouthca@shfcenter.org with the subject line: Application Online Help.

EYC Grant Application

Organization and Contact Info

This section is to be completed by the qualifying organization; please use the legal name as registered with the IRS. Qualifying organizations are defined as organizations that have its 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax-

exempt status, be a Tribal organization (including 638s and urban clinics) or be a county behavioral health organization that is the sole provider of prevention services in their respective county.

Organization name:

Street Address:

City

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

County:

Phone:

Website/URL (optional):

Applicant Organization Tax ID #:

What is the organization's annual budget amount?

Applicant is eligible to request a maximum funding amount of \$_____ (Auto-populated based on the current fiscal year operating budget).

Organization Status – Does the organization have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status with the IRS? Circle One:

Yes No Unsure

Does the applicant organization have an annual financial audit? Circle One: Yes No

Legal Entity: Please select the closest legal entity from the options below. This should match what the organization wrote in question 3 on the W-9

Director/CEO Contact Information

The Director/CEO should be associated with the qualifying organization from the section directly above.

Director/CEO Contact First Name:

Director/CEO Contact Last Name:

Director/CEO Contact Title:

Director E-mail Address:

Director Office phone:

Director/CEO Contact Office Phone Extension:

Application Contact:

Application Contact E-mail Address:

Application Contact Phone:

Is the project sponsored by the applicant organization? Circle One: Yes No

A fiscal sponsor is an organization that applies on behalf of an entity or group that does not have legal standing with the IRS.

Fiscally Sponsored Entity Information, if applicable

Name of fiscally sponsored project:

Street Address:

City:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

County:

Phone:

Website/URL (optional):

What is the sponsored organization's annual budget amount?

Primary Project Contact Information

If you are entering an additional contact and the project has fiscal sponsor please enter a contact affiliated with the fiscally sponsored organization.

First Name:
 Last Name:
 Title:
 Email:
 Phone:
 Phone Extension:

Project Information

Project Name (20 words maximum):

Brief Purpose of Project

Briefly describe the proposed services and who will be served. The description must start with "To." (100 words or less)

Amount Requested: \$_____

Start Date: January 1, 2026
 End Date: December 31, 2028

Proposed Implementation Strategy (select at least two)

- Youth Civic Engagement for Policy, System or Environmental Change (required)
- Mentorship/Relationship Building
- Peer-led Support and Leadership Program

Project Geography

For the county or counties that the organization benefits, indicate your best estimate of the percentage of the project work that would take place there (best estimate). (Total must add up to 100.)

Alameda	Kings	Placer	Sierra
Alpine	Lake	Plumas	Siskiyou
Amador	Lassen	Riverside	Solano
Butte	Los Angeles	Sacramento	Sonoma
Calaveras	Madera	San Benito	Stanislaus
Colusa	Marin	San Bernardino	Sutter
Contra Costa	Mariposa	San Diego	Tehama
Del Norte	Mendocino	San Francisco	Tuolumne
El Dorado	Merced	San Joaquin	Trinity
Fresno	Modoc	San Luis Obispo	Tulare
Glenn	Mono	San Mateo	Ventura
Humboldt	Monterey	Santa Barbara	Yolo
Imperial	Napa	Santa Clara	Yuba
Inyo	Nevada	Santa Cruz	
Kern	Orange	Shasta	

Urban/Rural

Indicate whether the proposed project benefits people living in an urban or rural area, or both.

Region where services will be implemented (see definition in RFA):

- Urban
- Rural
- Both Urban and Rural

Race and Ethnicity

For the racial and ethnic populations that will be affected, provide your best estimate of the percentage of the total people of each population [able to choose multiple; Total must add up to 100]

- American Indian and Alaska Native [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Asian-American [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Black or African American [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Hispanic or Latino [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Middle Eastern or North African [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Pacific Islander [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- White [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Multi-racial/Multi-ethnic: [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Another race ethnicity or origin not on the list: [Provide specific population(s)_____]

Age Group

All selected activities must be related to youth 12-26 years old. For the age groups that will be affected, provide your best estimate of the percentage in each age group. (Total must add up to 100.)

- Under 5 ____% 5-9 ____% 10-14 ____% 15-19 ____%
- 20-24 ____% 25-26 ____% 27-54 ____% 55+ ____%

Additional Area of Focus

- Foster Youth
- 2S/LGBTQIA+ Youth
- Youth with Disabilities
- Youth Experiencing homelessness/housing insecurity
- Immigrant Youth and Youth from mixed immigration status families
- Youth/Young Adult who are in county jail, state prison or juvenile detention, on state parole, on county probation, or under post release community supervision
- Youth with mental health disorder needs
- Youth with SUD needs
- Youth with limited English proficiency
- Youth from low-wage families
- Uninsured and youth formerly enrolled in Medi-Cal
- Other: _____

Racial/Ethnic Make-up of Board and Staff

For the racial and ethnic populations that make up the board and staff of the applying organization, provide your best estimate of the percentage of the total people of each population [able to choose multiple; Total must add up to 100]

- American Indian and Alaska Native [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Asian-American [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Black or African American [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Hispanic or Latino [Provide specific population(s) ____]

- Middle Eastern or North African [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Pacific Islander [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- White [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Multi-racial/Multi-ethnic: [Provide specific population(s) ____]
- Another race ethnicity or origin not on the list: [Provide specific population(s)_____]

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. **Organization Description.** Provide a brief overview of your organization (the entity that is carrying out the project) including: a) when it was established, b) its mission c) whom you serve, d) types of programs you operate and e) geographic area the organization provides services currently. If applying as a coalition, information about the coalition should be provided. (200 words maximum)
2. **Population Description.** Describe the population that will be served by the proposed project. Include any relevant information available on their geographic setting or neighborhood as well as demographic characteristics (such as gender and race/ethnicity), socioeconomic status, etc. Include track record working with youth ages 12-26 . (200 words maximum)
3. **Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services.** Describe your organization’s experience providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services to the youth to be served. Include 1) any experience or familiarity with culturally rooted healing practices and utilizing a stigma reducing approach and 2) your organization’s plan to provide culturally and linguistically relevant services with the proposed activities. (200 word maximum)
4. **Qualifications of Project Team.** Describe the qualifications of the project leaders and key staff on the project. Explain how these staff members will carry out the proposed activities and support the requirements of this funding opportunity (including reporting requirements). If additional staff are needed, please tell us the positions that will need to be hired. If consultants, subcontractors, or partners will support the proposed activities, please include a brief description of their qualifications to support the program and their roles. (300 words maximum)
5. **Social Justice Youth Development Track Record:** Describe your organization’s experience with utilizing social justice youth development and implementing the key strategies outlined in this opportunity (civic engagement for policy, systems, and environmental change; mentorship/relationship building; peer-led support and leadership program). Describe if your organization has conducted youth-led activities and programs and if not, describe how your organization plans to implement youth-led activities. (300 words maximum)
6. **Substance Use Disorder Prevention Track Record:** Describe your organization’s experience implementing programs to prevent youth substance use, reduce risk factors, and increase protective factors. If needed, refer to the RFA for the definition of prevention and logic model as it relates to the prevention work your organization has implemented. (300 words maximum)
7. **Project Activities:** Describe in detail the main activities of your proposed project, including how you will incorporate the EYC implementation strategies. Include your plan to engage youth in identifying the policy goal (s) for the civic engagement strategy and how youth will be trained in civic engagement to lead policy, systems, and environmental change. If needed, refer to the RFA for the definition of prevention and the EYC logic model. (300 words maximum)

ATTACHMENTS

- Form 1: Proposed Three-year Project Budget and Budget Justification (required) –Form 1 is located in the Attachments section of the online application form, fill it in and upload it. Be sure to complete a budget for each year. Each budget will roll up to the total budget spreadsheet.
- Applicant organization’s signed W-9 (required). Please upload under the attachments section of the application.
- Form 2: Work plan (required) – Form 2 is located in the Attachments section of the online application form, fill it in and upload it. Please upload under the attachments section of the application.
- Support Letter (required) signed by the applicant organization’s executive, or if you are applying as a coalition, support letter signed by each coalition member stating their role in the project and signed by that organization’s executive. If the application has a fiscal sponsor, a signed support letter from both the fiscal sponsor and implementing organization should be attached, along with the fiscally sponsored agreement. The support letter should affirm the applicant’s ability to submit quarterly data and financial progress reports, participation in external evaluation activities and participation at two in-person convenings. Please upload under the attachments section of the application.
- Applicant’s last filed Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) **and** current fiscal year operating budget. If an applicant has a fiscal sponsor, submit the fiscal year operating budget for the fiscally sponsored project/implementing organization.

7 APPENDIX A – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

All evidence of required insurance coverage must be submitted to The Center prior to the release of payment. Awarded organizations will receive an e-mail from “The Center@Sierra Health Foundation” via TrustLayer requesting the same insurance documents as indicated below. A link will be provided for organizations to review and upload the required insurance documents. Please pay special attention to the “Additional Requirements” section for exact instructions and specific language that must be included. Submission of insurance documents within 60 days of receiving notification from TrustLayer is highly recommended.

Commercial General Liability

- Each Occurrence must be greater or equal to \$1,000,000
 - o Coverage Trigger: Occurrence must be present
 - o Insurance is written on an occurrence basis using ISO form CG 0001 or equivalent
- General Aggregate must be greater or equal to \$2,000,000
- Products/Completed Operations Aggregate must be greater or equal to \$2,000,000
- Personal and Advertising Injury must be present
- Primary and Non-Contributory Endorsement must be present
- Additional Insured Endorsement must be present
 - o With Completed Operations language
 - o Using a combination of ISO forms CG2010 10/04 and CG 2037 10/04 or equivalent

Automobile Liability

- Combined Single Limit (each accident) must be greater or equal to \$1,000,000

- Coverage Applies to: Owned Autos Only must be present
- Coverage Applies to: Hired Autos Only must be present
- Coverage Applies to: Non-Owned Autos Only must be present
- Additional Insured Endorsement must be present
 - o Using ISO form CA 2048 or equivalent

Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability

- Statutory Limits must be present
- Employer's Liability Each Accident must be greater or equal to \$1,000,000
- Employer's Liability Disease – each employee must be greater or equal to \$1,000,000
- Employer's Liability Disease – policy limit must be greater or equal to \$1,000,000
- Waiver of Subrogation Endorsement must be present

Professional Liability

- Each Claim must be greater or equal to \$1,000,000
- Aggregate must be greater or equal to \$2,000,000

Additional Requirements

- Certificate Holder must read: Sierra Health Foundation 1321 Garden Highway Sacramento, CA 95833
- A.M. Best rating of at least A-:VI
- Description of Operations must read: The Center, Sierra Health Foundation, The State of California, their respective officers, directors, agents, representatives, constituent entities, affiliates, volunteers, officials, parents, subsidiaries, and employees shall be added as Insureds ("additional Insureds") under each commercial general liability and automobile insurance policy. Agreement number 25-50196 must be present.