

# 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 information on how community partners can access funding opportunities.

### Funding examples

Beyond typical medical services, CCOs can pay for other items, services and programs to help their members and communities stay healthy or become healthier. **CCOs have paid for things like:**

- Internet fees, cellphone plans and other items that help community members **communicate** with doctors and potential employers.
- **Education** for children and families, like early childhood reading programs and parenting classes.
- Job skills trainings, financial counseling, ID replacements and other supports that help people find **employment** and have stable **finances**.
- **Food and nutrition** programs to help people have groceries, hot meals, fresh produce and healthy food to eat.
- Construction to build new affordable **housing**.
- **Housing improvements** that help people stay in their homes, like air conditioners, wheelchair ramps and cleaning services.
- Bus passes, car repairs and vehicles to help community members get **transportation** to work, classes, grocery stores or social service appointments.
- Improvements to parks and walking trails to encourage **physical activity** and improve the local **environment**.
- Improvement of community recreation centers and gathering spaces 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 or personal hygiene, like ear thermometers, heated blankets or light therapy lamps.

CCOs can pay for these things by taking part in different spending programs. Each program has rules and guidelines on how CCOs can spend Medicaid dollars. **Learn the basics of a few CCO spending programs on the next page.**

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

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### Terms and definitions

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

**Oregon Health Plan (OHP):** Oregon's Medicaid health insurance program that helps people with low income get access to 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, nurses, 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.

### Learn more about funding opportunities in your community

**Contacting your local CCO is the best way to learn about opportunities for funding.**

OHA staff members called innovator agents can also help you find and contact your CCO.

- **Contact your CCO directly:** Find the CCO serving your community and contact information on the [OHA CCO webpage](#).
- **Contact an OHA innovator agent:** Find the OHA innovator agent serving your community on the [OHA innovator agent webpage](#).

**Basic information on a few CCO spending programs and related funding opportunities for community partners:**

Spending program	Health-related services (HRS)	Supporting Health for All through REinvestment (SHARE)	In lieu of services (ILOS)
<b>What can the funding pay for?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Personal items and services not covered by OHP to help individuals stay healthy or become healthier, called flexible services or flexible funds.</li> <li>✓ Community programs and services focused on improving overall health and health care quality, called community benefit initiatives (CBI).</li> <li>✓ See <a href="#">examples of HRS</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Community programs that address economic stability, education, neighborhood environment and/or social and community health.</li> <li>✓ Things like construction of housing, helping members connect to social services, park and playground renovations, and educational programs.</li> <li>✓ See <a href="#">examples of SHARE</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pre-approved substitutes to covered services that increase access to care or address CCO members' needs.</li> <li>✓ Pre-approved ILOS includes things like community health worker services provided in community organizations and online classes to manage diabetes.</li> <li>✓ See a list of <a href="#">Oregon's ILOS</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>Who can the funding help?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Flexible services can be offered to CCO members only.</li> <li>✓ CBI funding can help CCO members, Open Card members, Tribal members and other people not on OHP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SHARE funding can help all community members, including CCO members, Open Card members, Tribal members and other people not on OHP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ ILOS can be offered to CCO members whose CCO offers the ILOS.</li> </ul>
<b>How much funding is available?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCOs can choose how much they spend each year and are not required to use HRS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each year, CCOs use a formula to decide how much they need to spend.</li> <li>• CCOs can choose to spend more than required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCOs offering ILOS and their contracted providers can choose the payment rate for each ILOS provided.</li> </ul>
<b>Who can access funding? How?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member (flexible) services: Members, their providers, or advocates can ask their CCO for flexible services.</li> <li>• Community programs and services: Each CCO's HRS CBI program is different, but they often use a grant application process open to community partners in their service area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each CCO's SHARE program is different, but they often use a grant application process open to clinical and community partners in their service area.</li> <li>• SHARE partners often include social service organizations, local government and health departments, the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon, the Urban Indian Health Program, school districts, or early childhood learning centers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ILOS offered by a CCO are written in the CCO's member handbook.</li> <li>• Clinical and community partners interested in providing ILOS can ask their CCO to begin offering an ILOS; CCOs are not required to offer ILOS.</li> <li>• Partners contracted with the CCO can be paid for providing ILOS to CCO members.</li> </ul>
<b>Covered services</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some services and supports for health-related social needs (HRSN), including housing, food and climate-related needs, have or will 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 <a href="#">OHA HRSN webpage</a>.</li> <li>• Community partners can be paid for providing HRSN covered services. Learn more in the <a href="#">OHA HRSN provider guide</a>.</li> </ul>			

**Find and contact the CCO serving your community:** [OHA CCO webpage](#).

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