



**Public Health Division**  
Partnerships for Community Health Program

# OHA Public Health Division – Partnerships for Community Health Program (PCH) and LPHA Resource Document

The purpose of this document is to share resources and opportunities for collaboration between the PCH and LPHAs.

## About the Partnerships for Community Health Program

The [Partnerships for Community Health Program](#) (PCH) is a program within the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division. PCH helps connect communities and OHA. This ensures public health programs and services respond to communities' needs and wants. Our goal is to strengthen relationships and build trust so people most impacted by health issues are heard, valued, and included in solutions. We support a diverse network of funded and unfunded community partners statewide. We work specifically with historically underserved populations.

The PCH statewide team provides [support to community-based partners](#) through:

- **Staying connected:** We use multiple methods to share information with our partners we have an [email list](#), a [Groupsite website](#) and our [OHA website](#). We share engagement opportunities, events, trainings, grants, job opportunities, and other resources.
  - **Sharing space:** We host several spaces that aim to provide community-specific support, opportunities for feedback and collaboration for community-based organizations (CBOs) doing public health work. Each [virtual meeting space](#) is different, built by the community involved.
  - **Building relationships:** Building and maintaining relationships with community-based organizations is one of the main priorities of our team. We know that it takes time to build trust and respect, and we want to show up for them. We invite them to participate on our CBO Advisory Board to guide public health system changes, connect them to other OHA programs, attend community events, and invite them to OHA events. **We also facilitate introductions between CBOs and LPHAs when community asks us to do so.**
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- **Training and technical assistance:** There are several other ways in which we work with community-based partners, including via sponsorships, trainings, and capacity building opportunities.
- **Financial support:** Via the Public Health Equity Grant, our team coordinates grant funding to over 100 CBOs for various public health projects. As part of our grant application process, we require CBOs to share how they will engage with their LPHAs. We provide LPHAs with CBO workplans, and vice versa, to encourage collaboration on these funded public health projects.

## Collaborating with LPHAs

The PCH program recognizes the valuable work our LPHA partners do! We want to increase our collaboration between state, community-based organizations, and LPHAs. In 2026, we adopted a new model to provide a specific point-of-contact for each region of the state. These contacts coordinate with the [OHA Public Health Systems Consultants](#). The support and resources we currently provide to LPHAs include:

- **Staying connected:** We can share LPHA updates and resources with our community partners via our communication channels.
- **Sharing space:** We welcome information about spaces LPHAs host, and love to attend/share those with our community partners! We also invite LPHAs to certain OHA events.
- **Building relationships:** We are happy to support the connection between OHA-connected CBOs and LPHAs. We prioritize LPHA collaboration and involvement on OHA-funded Public Health Equity Grant CBO projects, administered by our team.

Within our team, we can provide community-specific support to LPHAs. Our team currently includes strategists for the disability, Latinx, LGBTQIA2S+ and rural communities. These strategists can:

- Share ideas for relationship building and dynamics in their respective community
- Coordinate and collaborate on OHA and LPHA community specific initiatives
- Share resources, events, and information with their community specific connections
- Help meet people where they are at with equity conversations and help navigate tough conversations around equity
- **Training and technical assistance:** We welcome LPHA ideas on trainings and technical assistance types that may be beneficial to their community partners.

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