



San Diego Promise Zone

Healthy Communities Working Group

Thursday, January 21, 2021 | 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Via Zoom

Working Group Goal: To increase access to healthcare and healthy food in the Promise Zone

In Attendance

Barrio Botany, City of San Diego Planning Department, City of San Diego Economic Development Department, Corona Enterprises, Health Net, Kate Sessions Commitment, Kitchens for Good, Logan Heights Community Development Corporation, MANA de San Diego, Mongol Tribe, National Conflict Resolution Center, Project New Village, San Diego for Every Child, Sonia's Healthy Corner, Urban Corps of San Diego County

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Introductions

COVID-19 Vaccine Discussion

- Priority: Help disseminate accurate information, streamline resources, and identify consistent talking points to support an equitable response to vaccine distribution
- Strategies: Working group members suggested leveraging existing community-driven outreach (i.e., promotoras) to promote the dissemination of equitable information
- Resources:
 - County of San Diego: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus.html>
 - MANA De San Diego: <https://www.manasd.org/corona-virus/>
 - Latino Health Coalition: <https://www.chicanofederation.org/sdlatinohealth>

2021 Goals & Objectives

- 2020 Focus Areas: Improving food security, supporting nutrition incentive programs, and promoting urban agriculture in the Promise Zone
- 2021 Focus Areas: Working group members discussed, in addition to 2020's focus areas – collaborate with health agencies/service providers and support active transportation and active living efforts
- Feedback: Working group members provided feedback on these focus areas that will be further discussed and integrated into this group's planning documents. Feedback included...
 - Suggestions of community agriculture / garden projects to prioritize (ex. Project New Village's home growers' program and Kitchens for Good's garden)
 - Suggestions for potential health agencies to partner with to improve health equity
 - Suggestions to prioritize identifying and promoting solutions for gaps in healthcare

Grants Goals & Discussions

- 2020 Grants Process: Grants would be introduced via working group meetings and a grant alignment was pursued if there was enough interest
- 2021 Grants Process: In addition to 2020's grant process, we will improve our grants communications and collaboration – (1) all meeting agendas will include upcoming grants on the back page (see below); (2) anyone interested in grants will be added to the Promise Zone Grants Newsletter (new)

UPCOMING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES			
Opportunity	Funding Agency	Description	Due
Schwemm Foundation Grant	Private, Schwemm Family Foundation	Funds a 12-month environmental conservation project. <i>Per Program Funding: \$8,000</i>	Feb. 28
COVID-19 Health Equity Pilot Projects Grant	State, CA Dept. of Public Health <i>Portal ID: 5065</i>	Funds work to close racial, ethnic, and other disparities related to COVID-19. <i>Award Range: \$50,000 – \$300,000</i>	Mar. 2
GusNIP Grant	Federal, USDA <i>CFDA #: 10.331</i>	Funds programs which promote fruit and vegetable consumption. <i>Award Range: \$0 – \$500,000</i>	Mar. 16
Beginning Farmer & Rancher Grant	Federal, USDA <i>CFDA #: 10.311</i>	Funds farmer education, training, outreach, and mentorship programs. <i>Award Range: \$50,000 – \$600,000</i>	Mar. 25
Community Food Projects Grant	Federal, USDA <i>CFDA #: 10.225</i>	Funds food and/or planning projects to improve community food security. <i>Award Range: \$0 – \$400,000</i>	May 4
<i>Interested in any of these opportunities? Email Haley Wintsch, HWintsch@sanidiego.gov</i>			

City General Plan Environmental Justice Element | Vickie White, City of San Diego Planning Dept.

- Previous General Plan: Environmental justice was an element spread throughout the plan
- Updated General Plan: Prompted by Senate Bill 1000 and new state guidelines, there will be an entire section dedicated to environmental justice
- Purpose: To address unique or compounded health risks in disadvantaged communities
- Project Timeline: Expected completion in mid- to late 2022
- Resources:
 - City of San Diego General Plan: <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/genplan>
 - Environmental Justice Community Survey (Open Until February 28th): <https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/environmental-justice-survey>
 - Contact Information: Vickie White, VWhite@sanidiego.gov or magarcia@sanidiego.gov

Partner Announcements

OBJECTIVE 1: INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Kate Sessions Commitment</u>: Invites community organizations to identify places to plant 20 donated fruit and nut trees (ex. gardens, houses of worship, front- and backyards). Contact Anne Fege at anne@katestrees.org • <u>San Diego Unified School District</u>: Free meal and meal bag programs (Link) • <u>Kitchens for Good</u>: Started a garden that is interested in fruit and nut trees; currently seeking partners to deliver hot meals to homes. Contact Alice Kellog alice@kitchensforgood.org • <u>Project New Village</u>: Establishing a network of ~10 trained home growers; currently getting a produce delivery truck • <u>Sonia's Healthy Corner</u>: Working in nutrition education and can help partners work on educational programming for their projects 	
OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Health Net</u>: Covered California open enrollment ends this month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Understanding Your Health Insurance & Benefits Information Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jan. 28 @ 6 – 7 PM (Spanish): http://bit.ly/EntenderCobertura012821 ▪ Jan. 29 @ 12 – 1 PM (Spanish): http://bit.ly/EntenderCobertura012821 ▪ Jan. 29 @ 12 – 1 PM (English): https://bit.ly/UnderstandingHealthCare012921 • <u>MANA De San Diego</u>: Disseminating COVID-19 information and offering free community information sessions • <u>San Diego for Every Child</u>: Conducting outreach and advocating for the prioritization of vaccinations for essential workers, especially childcare providers 	
OBJECTIVE 3: SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & ACTIVE LIVING	
N/A	
OTHER	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>National Conflict Resolution Center</u>: Their Resident Leadership Academy (RLA) beautified the Boys & Girls Club on 65th & Imperial with a California native garden mural. Join them at the Youth Creative Arts Celebration on Saturday, January 23rd, 2021 (Zoom Meeting ID 970 7105 3728) • <u>San Diego Promise Zone</u>: We will be recruiting new AmeriCorps VISTAs soon (2 in April and 2 in June). Contact Xiomalys Crespo, XCrespo@sandiego.gov 	

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 1:00- 2:30 PM

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