

Data Exchange Framework Initiative Updates

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CDII has allocated up to \$47 million for DSA Signatory Grants that provide support to DSA Signatories to subsidize their efforts to implement the DxF. The program includes two grant options for Signatories: QHIO Onboarding Grants and Technical Assistance (TA) Grants.

Overview:

The DSA Signatory Grant Program is designed to subsidize DSA Signatories investments to achieve the DSA requirements. CDII has created two types of DSA grants. These are Technical Assistance (TA) Grant and Qualified Health Information Organization (QHIO) Onboarding Grant.

The TA Grant is a flexible, “build-your-own-solution” pathway where Signatories identify a range of technical and operational activities and manage the entire process of applying for and managing funds directly.

QHIO Grant is a pre-set, “assisted” pathway in which Signatories receive support to identify a technology solution that could fulfill their DSA requirements (i.e., a QHIO) and support securing and managing funding for that solution.

What are eligible uses of funding? TA Grants must be able to achieve one (or more) of the following Outcomes:	What are the eligible uses of funding? QHIO Onboarding Grants must be used to achieve the following Outcome: Onboarding to a QHIO
1. Identifying and contracting with a technical solution that will help achieve Signatories DSA requirements.	Signatories select a QHIO from the CDII list.
2. Implementing a technology solution that supports real- time data exchange.	The California Association of Health Information Exchanges (CAHIE), a CDII contractor.
3. Adjusting, upgrading, or adopting an Electronic Record system.	QHIOs receives and manages grant funds.
4. Creating and completing training for new operational and clinical workflows. Signatories identify the resources needed to achieve the Outcome and complete the Grant application and received and manage grant funds.	

Applicants must select whether to apply for a TA Grant or a QHIO Grant. While the two grants offer the same level of funding, each grant opportunity offers different levels of flexibility and support. Applicants should consider the infrastructure necessary for their organization to reach DSA compliance, as well as their current capacity for applying for grants and managing funds.

Download the [DSA Signatory Grants Application Guidance Document](#) to learn more.

The [DxF Grant Portal External Link](#) is now accepting Round 1 applications for the DSA Signatory Grant.

Stay tuned for more info coming in the following months.