

Desert Healthcare District and Foundation

Annual Report

January 2023 - June 2024

Advancing community wellness in the Coachella Valley

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CEO's Statement



In my leadership role as Desert Healthcare District and Foundation Chief Executive Officer, I have the awesome responsibility – along with seven elected Board Directors – of working daily with a talented and dedicated staff in implementing policies, grant awards, and initiatives that advance wellness for all District residents. That includes you, if you live anywhere in the Coachella Valley.

During its nearly 76 years, the District's approach to expanding access to healthcare has evolved. It shifted from focusing on building and operating a Palm Springs hospital in 1948 to funding and supporting nonprofits in 1997 and beyond. However, through the decades, the commitment to residents has never wavered. It's grown to encompass the entire valley, and it keeps getting stronger.

The following report encapsulates our commitment-in-action during the past 18 months. While it is an annual report in the traditional sense, it includes additional information. Our previous report reflected the calendar year. This year, we adopted a fiscal year format (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024). To prevent excluding the achievements of the first six months of 2023, you will see them presented as highlights throughout this report.

A significant portion of the fiscal year was dedicated to engaging with and educating our community about a proposal that could alter the future of local healthcare. In September 2023, Tenet Healthcare presented a new agreement to lease and ultimately purchase Desert Regional Medical Center from the District and Foundation at the end of the 30-year lease period. More than a year and 11 community forums later, voters get the final say in November 2024. Please visit our website, dhcd.org, for new developments.

Chris Christensen, Chief Executive Officer
Desert Healthcare District and Foundation

Mission: To achieve optimal health at all stages of life for all District residents.

Board President's Statement



As someone who has served on the Board of Directors for six years, two of them as Board president, I am both excited and humbled by the work the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation does. Every day the staff works internally and collaboratively with many community partners to help establish programs and services that optimize health for all our residents.

During the past fiscal year, we launched an initiative and a Request for Proposals (RFP) that we expect will have life-changing effects. The Building Connected Communities RFP was supported by approving \$1,074,113 in awards to various programs and services designed to address the health effects of loneliness and social isolation. In 2023, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murphy declared loneliness to be a national epidemic that affects about half of U.S. adults.

The initiative we developed explores the environmental health challenges the valley experienced before and after Tropical Storm Hilary. The Board provided funds to help residents get back into their homes that were damaged during the storm. Plans soon followed to launch an environmental health summit and a \$1 million RFP in September 2024 to mitigate air quality, water quality, and other social determinants of health.

We look forward to sharing the positive outcomes of these and other outreach efforts in the future.

Evett PerezGil, Board President
Desert Healthcare District and Foundation

Vision: Equitably connecting Coachella Valley residents to health and wellness services and programs through philanthropy, health facilities, information and community education, and public policy.

Milestones

1948 – The Desert Healthcare District is founded as a local government agency to build Desert Hospital in Palm Springs to serve western Coachella Valley communities.

1967 – The Desert Healthcare Foundation is established with its own Board to support operation of the nonprofit Desert Hospital.

1997 – Ongoing financial challenges prompt the District Board to lease Desert Hospital to Tenet Healthcare for 30 years. The District shifts its focus to a robust grants program to support community health and wellness programs.

2018 – Coachella Valley voters overwhelmingly approve expanding the District's geographic boundary east of Cook Street to encompass the entire valley, more than 400,000 residents. District expansion in 2018 requires the addition of two Board seats, increasing the Board from five to seven Directors who are elected to serve a 4-year term.

2020 – The District earns certification for best practices from both the California Special Districts Association and Association of California Healthcare Districts.

2023 – The Board and staff celebrate the 75th anniversary of the District with the release of its history book

2024 – The total funding from the District that has benefited the community since 1998 reaches \$101,276,660.



Board of Directors

The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation Board of Directors consists of seven members who are elected by voters to serve four-year terms.



Evett PerezGil
President
Zone 4



Carmina Zavala
PsyD, MA
Vice-President
Zone 3



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Secretary
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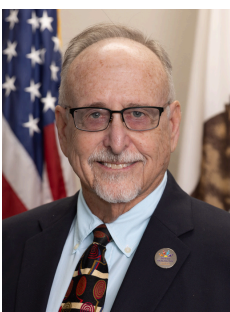
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Zone 7



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Director
Zone 2



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MD
Director
Zone 1



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Staff



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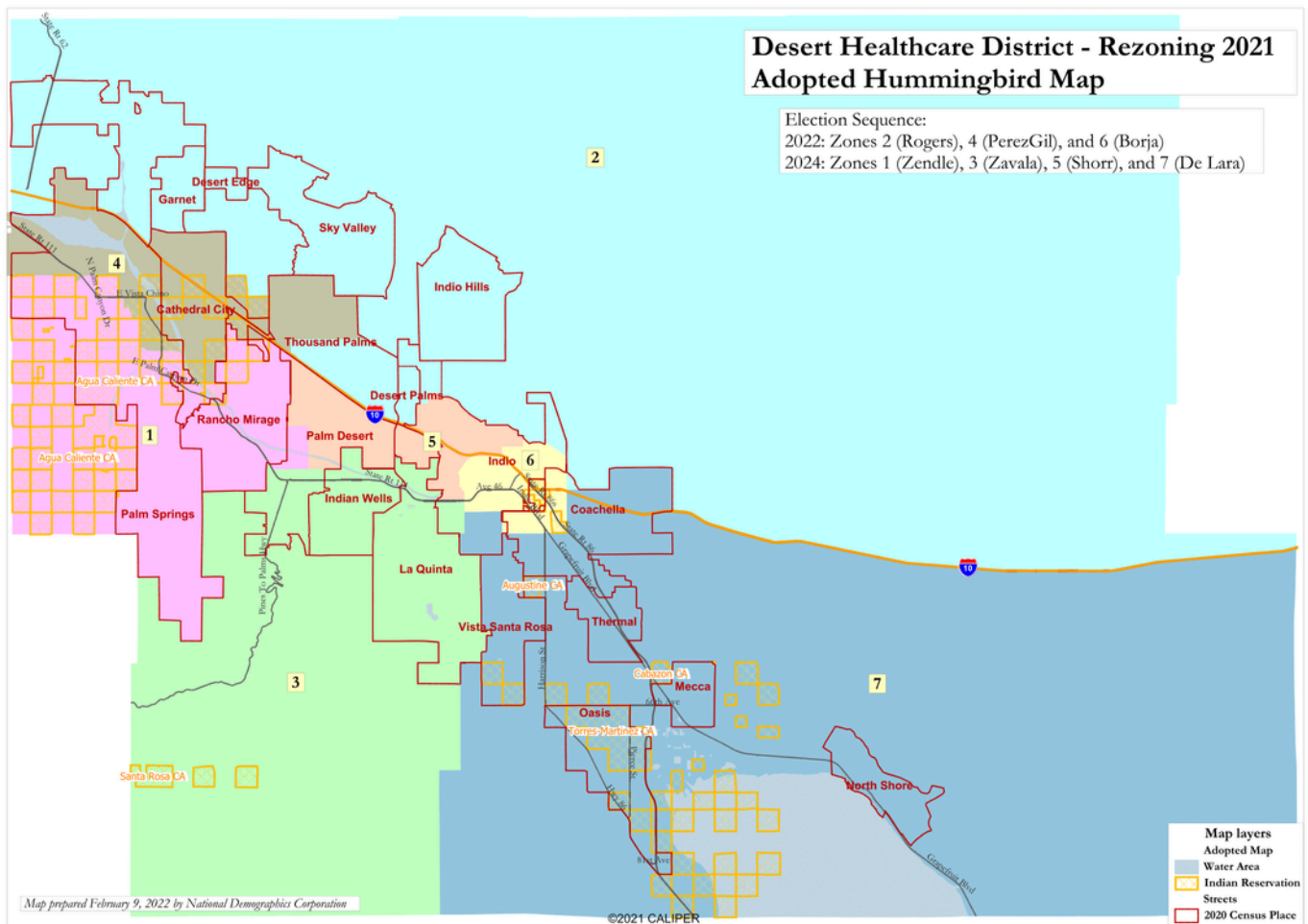


Consuelo Márquez,
Communications Assistant

To learn more about our staff, visit
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District Zones

The Desert Healthcare District is composed of seven geographic zones covering the Coachella Valley. Each zone consists of about 60,000 residents, from which a Director is elected to serve a four-year term on the agency's Board.



To find additional data, explore our interactive Hummingbird Map at the link below or scan the QR code:
<https://ndcresearch.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=61572b864004444899d50944a03412e2>

Strategic Plan

The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation (DHCD/F) Board and staff recently revisited our five-year strategic plan, which the Board of Directors adopted in October 2021. After thoughtful review, the plan was revised to elevate Goal 6. Along with Goals 2 and 3, it is now a high-priority goal.

Goal 1	Proactively increase the financial resources DHCD/F can apply to support community needs
Goal 2*	Proactively expand community access to primary and specialty care services
Goal 3*	Proactively expand community access to behavioral and mental health services*
Goal 4	Proactively measure and evaluate the impact of DHCD/F-funded programs and services on the health of community residents
Goal 5	Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the economic stability of the District residents
Goal 6*	Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the environment in the District's service area
Goal 7	Be responsive to and supportive of selected community initiatives that enhance the general education of the District's residents

*These Goals have been identified as high-priority goals.

District Finances

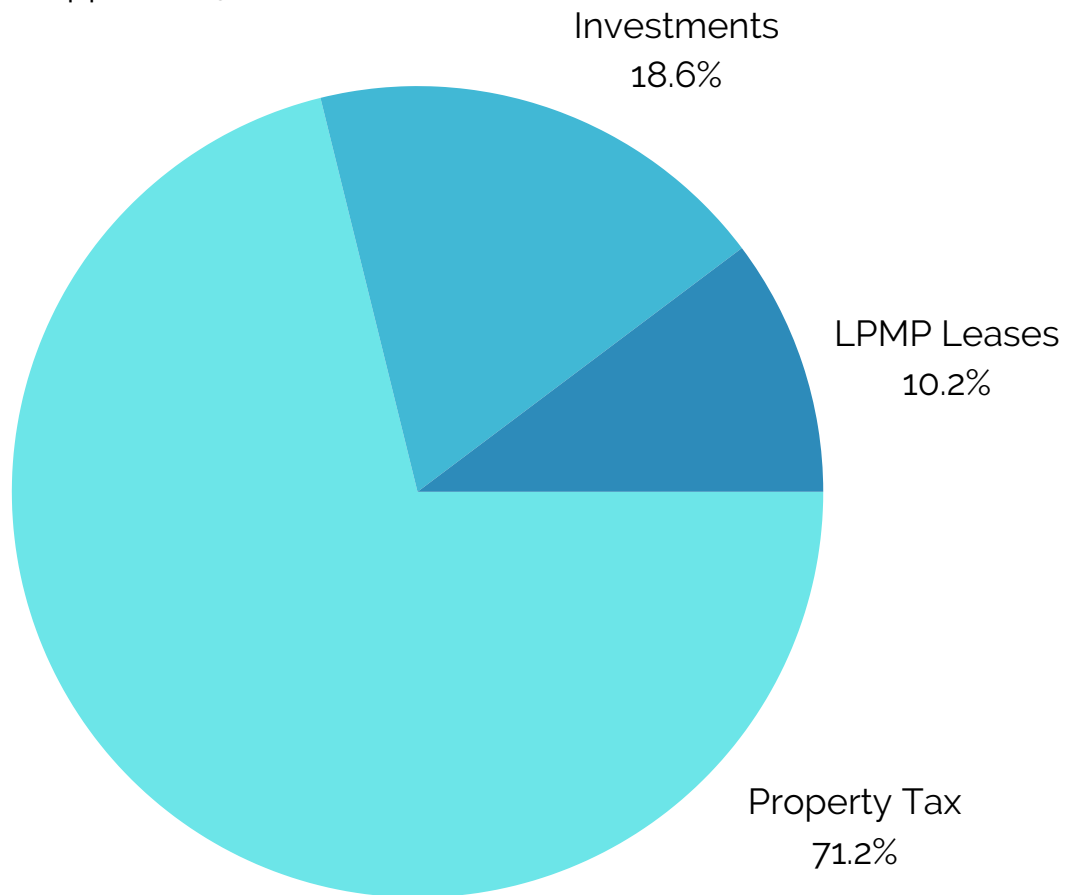
The Desert Healthcare District received approximately **\$15.6 million** during the July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, fiscal year from three sources: local property tax allocation from Riverside County based on property owners within the District; returns from the District's investment portfolio; and revenues from leasing space at the Las Palmas Medical Plaza at 555 Tachevah in Palm Springs, California.

Property Tax = \$11.1 million

Investments = \$2.9 million

LPMP Leases = \$1.6 million

Total: Approx. \$15.6 million



History of Grantmaking

After Tenet Healthcare Corporation, a for-profit healthcare chain, took over responsibility for the daily operations, management and budget for Desert Hospital in 1997, it renamed the facility Desert Regional Medical Center. Desert Hospital District suddenly found itself out of a job, though it would continue to retain an oversight role with two seats on a separate five-seat hospital oversight board.

But the District quickly reinvented itself and developed a new mission. Instead of focusing its attention exclusively on the hospital, as it had done for the preceding half century, the District turned its attention — and its budget — to providing grants to support the many nonprofit organizations that collectively comprise the Coachella Valley's health and wellness safety net. The District changed its name to Desert Healthcare District to reflect its new mission.

The Desert Hospital Foundation, its nonprofit fundraising arm, changed its name and its mission, too. Instead of organizing golf tournaments and other fundraising events to pay for new equipment or to support hospital expansion projects, such as the construction of a maternity ward or a trauma center, the Foundation renamed itself Desert Healthcare Foundation and began looking for health and wellness initiatives it could support with grant funds as well.

Since 1998, Desert Healthcare District and Foundation has issued about **\$90 million** in grants to improve the health and wellness of residents living within the District's borders. Most of these grants have been provided to nonprofit organizations that collectively comprise the Coachella Valley's health and wellness safety net. District and Foundation grants strengthen these nonprofit organizations and enable them to provide more services to more people than they would otherwise be able to provide.

"No one organization can succeed in this work. DCHD and a growing base of community partners stand with us every day in guiding children and families' journeys to more streamlined, coordinated services that truly [are] making a collective impact."
– Tracy Fitzsimmons, Olive Crest

Grants Program

Creating Community Impact with Results-Based Accountability

In July 2023, the Desert Healthcare District adopted Results-Based Accountability (RBA), a framework aimed at improving outcomes by systematically identifying problems, setting goals, and implementing specific, measurable actions to address complex social issues. RBA emphasizes accountability, data-driven decision-making, and collaboration among stakeholders to ensure programs lead to measurable improvements. We apply RBA by focusing on desired outcomes and working backward to identify necessary actions.

The framework revolves around three key questions: how much was done, how well it was done, and whether anyone is better off as a result. By measuring both the quantity and quality of services, RBA ensures that funded programs create a meaningful impact, leveraging data to guide and inform our efforts and achieve desired results.

Turn the Curve Thinking

The RBA "Turn the Curve" thinking guides our decisions on priorities and funding while fostering continuous improvement for greater organizational impact and enhancing the health of Coachella Valley residents. Through targeted funding, we have supported programs that have led to a significant increase in services and improved health outcomes for Coachella Valley residents.

The District's online dashboards capture the program-level impact of the community-based organizations we fund and serve as a tool for monitoring, sharing, and utilizing data for effective progress. Visit our Results-Based Accountability webpage to access our data dashboards and see how the District is making an impact in our community: <https://dhcd.org/Results-Based-Accountability>.

"The entire DHCD team engages to help us operate at our best. Recently, they encouraged us to shift some of our outcomes to focus on after-care. It was hugely helpful for us to be able to collaborate on a vital part of measuring our success."
– Walter Mueller, Olive Crest

Grant Awards

Grantees Awarded

(July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

Total amount awarded (including Social Services Fund): **\$4,827,296**

- ABC Recovery Center
- Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, Inc.
- Angel View INC
- Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America St. Louis Chapter
- Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties
- Boys & Girls Club Of Coachella Valley
- Braille Institute of America
- Coachella Valley Volunteers In Medicine
- The Joslyn Center
- CSUSB Philanthropic Foundation
- Desert Access and Mobility, Inc.
- DAP Health
- Desert Arc
- Desert Cancer Foundation
- DPMG Health
- El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center
- Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley, Inc.
- Martha's Village & Kitchen
- Olive Crest
- Ronnie's House for Hope
- Step Up On Second Street Inc
- The Pink Journey Foundation
- Theresa A. Mike Scholarship Foundation
- Variety Childrens Charities Of The Desert Tent 66
- Vision To Learn
- Vision y Compromiso
- Voices for Children
- Well In The Desert
- Word of Life Fellowship Center
- Youth Leadership Institute

Grant Highlights

(January 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023)

Total amount awarded (including Social Services Fund): **\$3,282,719**

Total grants awarded

Some organizations received multiple grants

Full grants 13

Mini grants 6

Social Services Fund grants 1

Grantees (January - June 2023)

- Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, Inc.
- California CareForce
- Pegasus Riding Academy
- Organización en California de Lideres Campesinas
- SoCal Adaptive Sports
- HARP-PS
- Reynaldo J Carreon M.D. Foundation
- ABC Recovery Center
- Galilee Center
- Youth Leadership Institute
- El Sol NEC
- Visión y Compromiso
- Alianza Coachella Valley
- TODEC Legal Center
- PS Test Inc.
- Lift To Rise
- Rotary Club of Palm Desert Foundation
- DAP Health

"The Desert Healthcare District's investment enabled us to treat our clients fully as our largest donor to the Cost of Caring Fund." – Maureen Girouard, ABC Recovery Center

Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative

The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation established the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative (CVEC) to unify community and faith-based organizations, government agencies, and local farm owners in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. CVEC coordinates efforts to optimize resources and reduce service overlap in outreach. In December 2023, following the nationwide lifting of the COVID-19 emergency response, the Collaborative transitioned from a weekly response model to an as-needed basis, adapting to ongoing community health needs.

COVID-19 Testing Update:

6,000 at-home COVID-19 tests from RUHS Department of Public Health were distributed at outreach events and CVEC partner organizations.

To date, a total of **350 COVID-19 testing clinics** resulting in roughly **23,592 COVID-19 tests** have been provided at events organized by the CVEC and its partners.

15,032 COVID-19 at-home tests were also provided at various outreach events.

COVID-19 Vaccination Update:

To date, a total of **478 COVID-19 vaccination clinics** have resulted in **49,646 COVID-19 vaccines** provided to District residents in vaccination clinics hosted by the CVEC in partnership with the RUHS-Department of Public Health, CV Pharmacy, and Borrego Health.

Total Vaccine Doses Administered

- 2,357 Flu vaccines
- 68 RSV vaccines
- 21 Shingles vaccines
- 13 Pneumonia vaccines



CVEC Highlights

(January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023)

- **10,983** community members reached
- Goods distributed:
 - **6,100** educational goodie bags
 - **30,000** masks
 - **2,625** hand sanitizer bottles
 - **750** packs of disinfecting wipes
- **33** COVID-19 testing clinics
 - **155** COVID-19 in-person tests
- **3,332** COVID-19 at-home tests distributed
- **59** vaccination clinics
 - **955** COVID-19 vaccines
 - **250** Flu vaccines

Funded Partners

- Alianza Coachella Valley
- Galilee Center
- El Sol NEC
- TODEC
- Vision y Compromiso
- Youth Leadership Institute

Initiatives & Programs

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Looking At Our Environmental and Community Needs

The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation partnered with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Health Assessment and Research for Communities (HARC), and Alianza Coachella Valley to develop an Air Quality Academy for community residents and install air monitors at the community level to gather hyper-local air quality data.

The DHCD received a \$27,000 grant award through SCAQMD from the US EPA and matched the grant funds with an additional \$27,000 totaling \$54,000, of which \$40,000 was awarded to Alianza Coachella Valley, a local community-based organization with a long proven track record of environmental health advocacy and programming in the eastern Coachella Valley.

15 community members participated in three educational modules within Air Quality Academy, which covered the following topics:

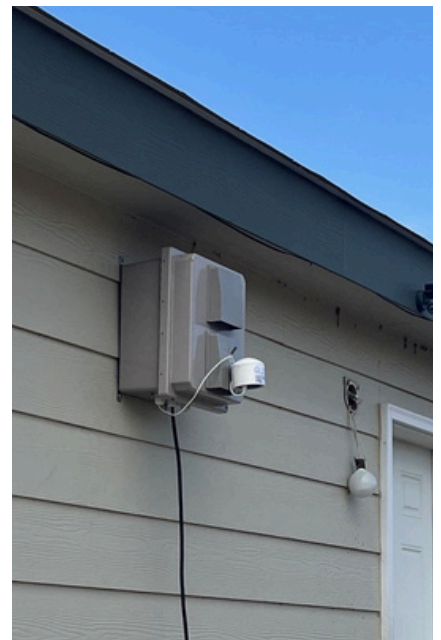
Outdoor Air Quality Basics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Types of air pollution Air pollution monitoring• Health effects of outdoor air pollution Air Quality Index (AQI)• How to use new blended AQI maps and hourly forecasted AQI
Outdoor Air Quality Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regulatory framework• AB 617 efforts in this community
Indoor Air Quality Basics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sources of indoor air pollution• Health effects of indoor air pollution• Strategies to mitigate indoor air pollution

15 Purple Air monitors were installed in the homes of the 15 community members that participated in the Air Quality Academy. The sensors are active and on the PurpleAir.com website.

Initiatives & Programs

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

View some of the photographs taken during the Air Quality Academy installation efforts below.



Initiatives & Programs

ConnectIE

An Essential Tool for Communities

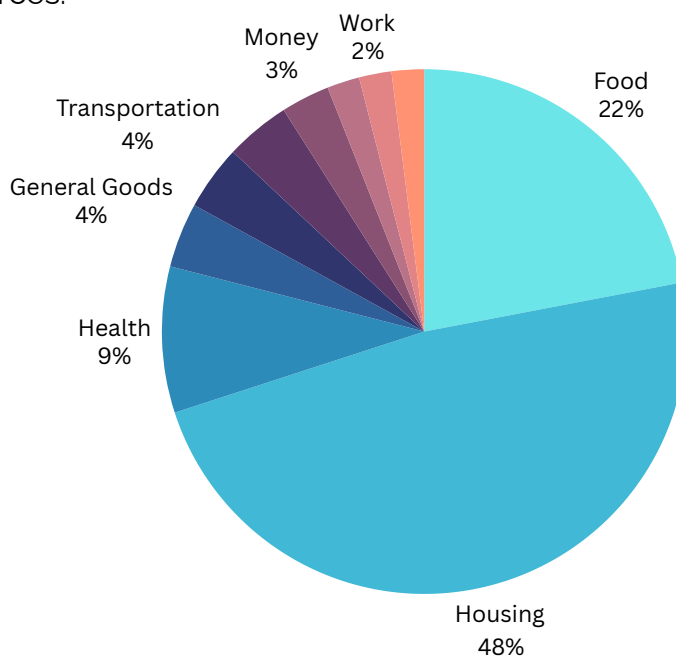
ConnectIE is a free, easy-to-use website and database of free and low-cost health and community resources with closed-loop bi-directional referral capabilities. ConnectIE is a tool for agencies to manage client relationships and a system for healthcare providers to facilitate cross-sector sharing of information to streamline and improve outcomes for people needing assistance. It is also a place where people can "opt in" to participate in a network for accessing resources.

Training & Onboarding for Coachella Valley Nonprofits

- 37 Community Presentations
- 13 Community-Based Organizations Onboarded
- 60 Social Media Posts
- 13,778 Searches in the Coachella Valley
- 549 Referrals

Most common searched resources:

48% - Housing
22% - Food
9% - Health
4% - General goods
4% - Transportation
4% - Care
3% - Money
2% - Education
2% - Work
2% - Legal



Access the website below:



<https://www.connectie.org/>
or scan QR code

Initiatives & Programs

Medical Mobile Clinics

Increasing Access to Healthcare

Since the deployment of the first District-owned medical mobile clinic, DPMG Health has established partnerships with faith-based organizations, all three school districts, community-based organizations, and cities to increase access to quality medical care. Additionally, the Desert Healthcare District continues to support other mobile medical clinics throughout the Coachella Valley.

From January 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023, a total of **2,258 patients were seen** through the deployment of the medical mobile clinic.

Services provided include:

Primary care, wound care, sports physicals, vaccines, OB/GYN, pharmacology.

Partners include:

- ABC Recovery
- Birth Choice of the Desert
- City of Desert Hot Springs
- City of Palm Springs R.I.S.E. (Resilience, Inclusion, Support for Ending homelessness)
- Coachella Valley Housing Coalition
- Coachella Valley Unified School District
- Desert Care Network
- Desert Recreation District
- Desert Sands Unified School District
- Galilee Center
- Growing Coachella Valley
- Jovenes AA Recovery Center
- Palm Springs Unified School District
- San Bernardino Catholic Diocese
- Well in the Desert
- DPMG Medical Residency Program



Initiatives & Programs

U.S. Aging Grant

During the COVID-19 pandemic, research highlighted the need to reach vulnerable populations, particularly older adults and individuals with special needs, to ensure they had equitable access to COVID-19 and flu information and vaccines. In response, DHCD staff pursued funding opportunities to target these groups and successfully secured a \$341,648 grant from US Aging.

The grant enabled DHCD partners Vision y Compromiso, CV Pharmacy, and El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center to collaborate with senior-serving facilities such as senior centers and retirement communities, along with faith-based organizations and organizations serving individuals with special needs.

See the infographic on page 18 for more information.



Photographs are from vaccination clinics during the U.S. Aging grant

US AGING GRANT VACCINATION REPORT



Performance Period

8/1/23 to 4/15/24

Funded Partners

- Vision y Compromiso
- El Sol NEC
- CV Pharmacy

Community Partners

- Rite-Aid Pharmacy
- DAP Health
- DPMG Health
- Innercare
- Mizzell Center
- Coachella Senior Center
- Growing CV
- Joslyn Center
- San Bernardino Catholic Diocese
- CV Housing Coalition
- La Quinta Wellness Center
- CA Farmworker Foundation
- Desert Hot Springs Senior Center
- Desert Recreation District

- Vaccination clinics were hosted at all Coachella Valley senior centers, including retirement communities, and independent living facilities. In addition, vaccination clinics were also hosted at local churches and a kiosk at the Palm Desert Shopping Mall.
- Outreach and education activities conducted by Promotoras were also held throughout the Coachella Valley at senior centers, community centers, and community events to disseminate educational resources and raise awareness about upcoming vaccination clinics.

Number of
vaccination clinics

24

Number of in-home
vaccination clinics

10

Number of outreach
& education activities

834

Total Number of Vaccines
Administered

1,066

Influenza

922

COVID-19

60

RSV

23

Shingles

Number of Individuals Reached
Through Outreach & Education



16,861

Number of supportive
services units provided:

- Referrals
- Application assistance
- Translation services
- Free vaccine program enrollment

6,512

Initiatives & Programs

Loneliness & Social Isolation Epidemic

Building Connected Communities

In response to the 2023 Surgeon General Report on isolation and loneliness, the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation explored these issues in the Coachella Valley. We held an interactive community data walk to engage local organizations, service providers, and residents in discussing relevant data. Participants analyzed the information, shared insights, and collaborated to identify challenges and opportunities for community improvement. This dialogue deepened the District and Foundation's understanding of isolation and loneliness and informed us for our release of a Request for Proposal (RFP): Building Connected Communities.

Through this RFP, we awarded grants totaling \$1,074,113 to eight organizations across the Coachella Valley. These funded projects are focused on combating isolation and loneliness by recruiting, retaining, and training community navigators to enhance social connectedness within the community. Each grant covers a two-year period.

Building Connected Communities Grantees:



"The DHCD's Building Connected Communities grant enables CV-CARES to build strong networks of support, reduce social isolation, and enhance the well-being of Coachella Valley residents by fostering meaningful community connections."

-- Alexander Fajardo, El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center

Initiatives & Programs

Scholarships & Workforce Development Support

Investing in Future Generations

In addition to community health and wellness, the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation invests in future generations' education through scholarship funds and workforce development.

The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation provided grant funding for the following organizations that support students who are pursuing healthcare and mental health-related careers:

- OneFuture Coachella Valley
- Reynaldo J Carreon MD Foundation
- Rotary Club of Palm Desert Foundation
- Theresa A. Mike Scholarship Foundation

Number of scholarships awarded by our grantees:

- 3 --- Scholarships Awarded Jan. 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023
- 86 --- Scholarships Awarded Jan. 1, 2023 - June 30, 2023

Awards & Honors



October 2023 - The District and Foundation is a recipient of the Community Anchor Award at Lift to Rise's inaugural Community Investment Awards.



January 2024 - The District and Foundation Board recognizes the essential contributions of members of the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative. For four years, these community partners and promotoras worked alongside the District and Foundation staff in implementing a valley-wide response to COVID-19. *Collaborative members also receive certificates from U.S. Congressman Raul Ruiz and California Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia.*



January 2024 - As presenting sponsor of the Palm Springs Health Run & Wellness Festival, the District and Foundation recognizes and celebrates Desert Physicians Medical Group Health (DPMG) and OneFuture Coachella Valley as outstanding community partners.



May 2024 - Desert Arc expresses appreciation for the District and Foundation's funding support, allowing the organization to purchase 63 Automated External Defibrillators to ensure its clients have the lifesaving tool when needed. U.S. Congressman Raul Ruiz presents a certificate of appreciation.



June 2024 - Chief Program Officer Donna Craig is recognized for dedicated service to the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation and her 20th anniversary of employment. In addition to expressions of appreciation from the CEO and Board Directors, Craig's contributions are commemorated in certificates from U.S. Congressman Raul Ruiz and California Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia.

Look Ahead

In alignment with our Strategic Plan Goal No. 6, environmental health is expected to be an ongoing conversation in fiscal year 2024-2025 with programmatic and financial support from the District and Foundation.

September 2024 brings the launch of a **\$1 million Request for Proposals** (RFP), “Mitigating Air Quality-Related Health Conditions: Prevention, Diagnosis, and Management.” Residents were informed about the proposal during 11 community forums and other educational efforts. The RFP aims to raise awareness and support collaborative efforts that address the negative health effects of various environmental factors, such as air quality, water quality, and access to shelter, which are linked to social determinants of health in the region. It aligns with the District and Foundation Strategic Plan Goal No. 6.

Planning for a communitywide summit, which began after Tropical Storm Hilary in August 2023, will culminate in September 2024 with the inaugural **Healthy Desert, Healthy You environmental health summit**. With the support of many community partners, the District and Foundation Board and staff will present more than 50 speakers in panel discussions over two days that explore local environmental health challenges. More than 300 stakeholders are expected to attend.

In November, the District and Foundation's leadership is expected to significantly change following Election Day. **Four Board seats** are up for re-election. Directors Les Zendle (zone 1) and Carmina Zavala (zone 3) are not seeking re-election, while Directors Arthur Shorr (zone 5) and Leticia DeLara (zone 7) intend to serve again. Only the zone 7 seat is unchallenged.

Voters also will decide whether to support a ballot measure that authorizes the District and Foundation to enter into a **new 30-year lease-purchase agreement** for Desert Regional Medical Center with Tenet Healthcare. The lease period would begin in 2027 and end with the transfer of hospital ownership to Tenet in 2057. The Election Day outcome likely will reshape the District and Foundation's future direction and priorities.

The District and Foundation Board and staff will continue to identify and address the health and wellness needs of 400,000+ residents — especially the underserved — across the Coachella Valley.

Community Support

How to support the District and Foundation

The Desert Healthcare District and Foundation provides two opportunities for the public to support advancing community wellness in the Coachella Valley as described below:

Social Services Fund

Each year, the Desert Healthcare Foundation provides funding to Coachella Valley hospitals and cancer centers to assist uninsured and underinsured patients with emergent healthcare needs and services determined by hospital case management counselors. These services include food vouchers, gas vouchers, transportation home from a facility, and limited prescriptions.

Wellness Park

The Palm Springs park features exercise equipment, recreational seating, and numerous healing, fragrant plants for Desert Regional Medical Center patients, community residents and visitors to enjoy. It also provides naming opportunities to honor a loved one by purchasing a bench, tree, or other park features.



Learn more:

<https://www.dhcd.org/Wellness-Park>
(or scan the QR code)

Contact Us



Thank you for continuing to show your support for the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation as we continue to work toward advancing community health and wellness in the Coachella valley. Your interest and participation are integral to fulfilling our mission.

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