



# California Barrier Removal Fund

Please select the Health Plan you provide services through:	Health Net
Provider / Organization Name *	Garfield Health Center
Contact Person's Name *	Jamie Thai
Contact Person's Title	Chief Financial Officer
Provider TIN *	**_*****
Provider NPI *	*****
Mailing Address	 Street Address City, State
Service Location Address (where disability access changes will be made – if different from mailing address)	 Street Address City, State
Do you have another service location? (If yes, please fill out a separate application for that provider site)	Yes
Is the service location where disability access changes will be made in a designated rural area?	No
What is your designated speciality (if applicable, e.g., dental, OB/GYN, etc.) *	Garfield Health Center is designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center Look–Alike that provides high quality culturally and linguistically appropriate medical, dental, behavioral health, and enabling services.
Applicant Email Address *	*****@*****.***
Provider / Organization Website Address	<a href="http://www.*****.com">www.*****.com</a>
How did you hear about this grant opportunity?	Garfield Health Center was made aware of this grant opportunity via an email from Justin Lovell at Health Net.
Overall Organizational Budget (not the amount requested for access improvements) *	\$12,798,900.00
Application Category (Check the category/categories that best describe your request) *	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic Equipment</li> <li>• Programmatic Access</li> </ul>

## 1. Provide a brief description of your organization. \*

Garfield Health Center (GHC) is a 501(c)(3) Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look–Alike operating two clinics located in Monterey Park, CA. Founded in 2004, GHC’s mission is to provide comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care to medically underserved and vulnerable individuals and the Asian immigrant population, in the San Gabriel Valley. We provide primary medical care, dental, behavioral health, and enabling services to over 10,000 children and adults annually and have earned our reputation as a safe and secure place

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to seek care with dignity and without judgment. All of GHC's programs and services are offered on a sliding fee scale; no one is turned away without ability to pay. The diversity and expanse of our network enable us to reach those who most need our services: 98% of GHC's patients live in households at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level; 12% are uninsured; and 66% have Medicaid. The majority of patients we serve are Asian (94%).

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2. Number of CHWP / Health Net members total served by your organization in the past year: \*

4,314

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3. Total Number of CHWP / Health Net members with disabilities served by your organization in the past year (The ADA defines a person with a disability as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.): \*

854

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3a. Number of CHWP / Health Net members with disabilities served by your organization in the past year via Medicaid: \*

616

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4. BRF Project Description:

- New Addition

a) Is this a new addition or a modification of something already existing? \*

b) Describe the proposed BRF project (What you want to do and how you want to do it.)

\*Note that this will be used as an overview by CHWP / Health Net staff for publication purposes if the application is selected for funding. Please be detailed and write in complete sentences. \*

Garfield Health Center (GHC) is committed to providing equal access to quality health care services that are physically and programmatically accessible for our patients with disabilities and their companions. GHC's goal to have a sustainable and systemic impact as a safety-net primary health care provider for the most vulnerable populations in the San Gabriel Valley dictates that GHC's Atlantic Health Center (our other health center was able to secure grant funding to purchase adaptive equipment in 2018) be equipped to provide services to the entirety of our patient population, including those with different physical and mental needs and abilities. The proposed Barrier Removal Fund project will support the removal of physical and programmatic disability access barriers at our Atlantic Health Center where Health Net members are seen by installing an adjustable exam table and a wheelchair bariatric scale, as well as securing two listening devices, two noise cancelling headphones, and two weighted blankets. The proposed project is a priority for GHC in order to eliminate any disparities in the quality of care received across our patient population. The addition of adaptable medical equipment/supplies to broaden the accessibility for medical, dental, and behavioral health services will improve our ability to achieve our mission in an integrated, comprehensive, and sustainable manner while at the same time improve the overall quality of care that our patients would not otherwise have access – an improvement that will permeate other aspects of their lives, their families and surrounding communities exponentially.

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c) How will this modification improve access for CHWP / Health Net members with disabilities or their companions with disabilities? \*

Given GHC's commitment to serving the most vulnerable populations of its surrounding community –including those with disabilities – and the fact that “individuals with disabilities are less likely to utilize primary preventive healthcare services than the general population [...while] they are at greater risk for secondary conditions and as likely as the general population to engage in health risk behaviors” (Kroll, et al, 2006), the addition of adaptive equipment/supplies is necessary to ensure that GHC can effectively meet the needs of patients with disabilities. Studies show that the lack of such equipment/supplies can directly affect access and the quality of care given to patients with disabilities (Ibid), with logic dictating that the inverse be true and that the addition of such equipment will directly improve access and the quality of care for one of GHC's most vulnerable sectors.

Specifically, the addition of a barrier-free adjustable exam table and bariatric wheelchairs will improve the quality of care and accessibility to our services for the majority of GHC's patients diagnosed as overweight or obese, as

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well as other clients with varied diagnoses and abilities. The exam table and bariatric wheelchair scale are necessary for attending to the evolving needs of our patients, and eliminating disparities between patient quality of care based on abilities and diagnoses. The addition of two listening devices and ear covers will improve the quality of care for our patients who are hard of hearing. For our patients with auditory, visual, or tactile distractions, GHC will be able to make available noise canceling headphones. In order to ensure dental services are more accessible to members with intellectual and developmental disabilities, GHC will utilize the noise cancelling headphones and provide weighted blankets to help patients feel more at ease by helping alleviate anxiety and fear associated with dental treatments. These modifications directly eliminate disparities within GHC’s program.

**5. BRF Project Budget: Reminder: Funding cannot be used for staff salaries. Staff/personnel costs should be reflected in your total program budget, but funds cannot be requested for those costs through this grant application.** \$8,578.90

**a) How much money are you asking for from NCIL? \***

**b) Please provide a detailed budget, including costs for all items, equipment, construction, and materials related to the BRF project.**

One (1) barrier-free adjustable exam table (Ritter 223). This table features a barrier-free power height with 18” to 37” seat adjustment, power backs, 450 lb weight capacity, foot control, stirrups, pelvic tilt, and drawer heater, as well as a hidden paper roll holder, electrical receptacle, and an easily-cleaned stitched upholstery exam table top. Total: \$5,274

One (1) bariatric wheelchair scale (Ohaus FHD-133II). This scale has a nonskid, rubber platform and ramp. The large platform accommodates walk-on patients, wheelchairs, or straight-legged chairs. This 1,000 lb capacity scale can be mounted flush with the floor and the remote digital weight display includes a 0.7" (18mm) high LCD readout with keypad tare and is suitable for desk or wall mount. \$2,295

Two (2) listening devices and ear covers (William Talker Ultra with Ear buds and Headphones Model # PKTD1-EH). \$300

Two (2) noise cancelling headphones (Bose Quiet Comfort) \$300

Two (2) weighted blankets (Mosaic hospital grade weighted anti-microbial blankets with cover) \$409.90

**c) Is the amount you’re requesting enough to cover the entire cost of the project? \*** Yes

**d) If not, will you request funds from other sources? \*** No

**e) If so, what are those sources?**

**6. Please provide any additional information that will help BRF Committee reviewers understand your application.**

The needs for the proposed project were determined by internal analysis and community health data, and will focus on improving outcomes for the patients with disabilities at GHC. GHC’s request will positively impact Health Net members with disabilities as they will have improved access and receive higher rates of comprehensive care. If GHC were to receive funding Health Net for this project, it would be a win-win for both organizations. This would be an additional opportunity for Health Net to be recognized by the Chinese community. Health Net is not well known in this population; the Chinese community as a whole is very loyal and appreciative. Should GHC be selected for funding, GHC would recognize Health Net’s and the National Council on Independent Living contribution by press releases and prominent signage in the exam rooms/dental operatory stations stating that services in part were made possible by a generous grant from Health Net (written in Chinese, Spanish, and English).

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