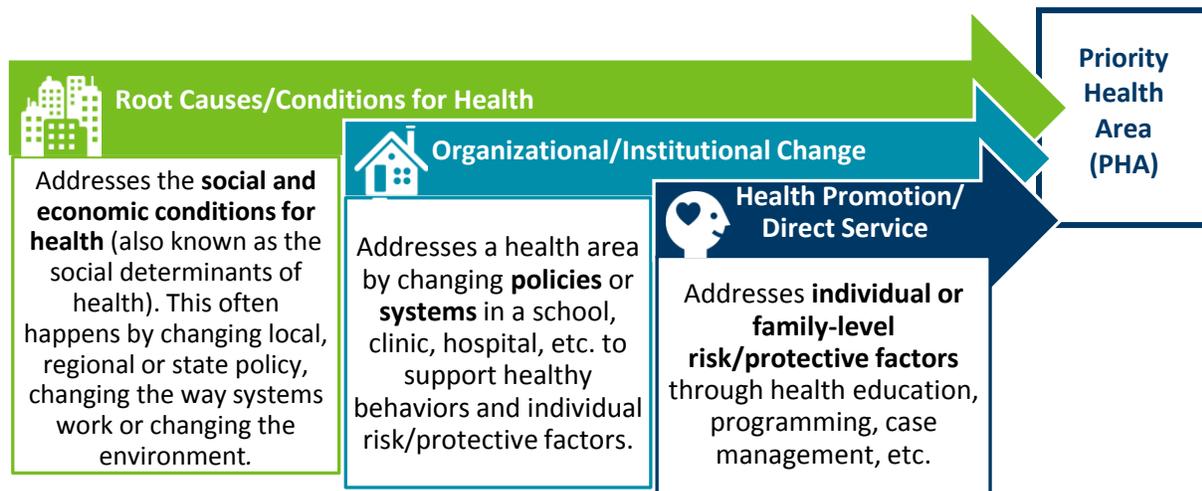


EHDI Levels of Change

ELIMINATING HEALTH DISPARITIES INITIATIVE | SKILL-BUILDING SESSION

In response to community and stakeholder feedback and based on the community-driven EHDI philosophy, funding is meant to be flexible and responsive to community needs. A key recommendation that emerged from a 2015 EHDI community input process was to encourage grantees to broaden program activities to address the social and economic conditions for health, also known as the social determinants of health. Community partners recommended that the EHDI program allow grantees to expand beyond providing programs that target individual-level changes (such as awareness, knowledge, behavior or skill) to focus on broader social determinants of health, such as changing policies, systems or environments that address the root causes of inequities. This recommendation is consistent with the MDH philosophy that we must work at multiple levels of change – including addressing the social determinants of health – in order to ultimately achieve health equity.



Projects addressing any of the levels of change listed above will be given equal weight in the selection process; applicants will not be given priority consideration for pursuing more than one level of change, although applicants may choose to do so. Please keep in mind that the amount of funding requested by an applicant should be appropriate for the number and extent of the levels of change pursued in a proposal. For example, a project working on health promotion/direct service and root causes/conditions for health may potentially request a higher award amount (toward the top of the estimated award range) than an applicant working on health promotion/direct service alone.