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211 San Diego Awarded Major Grant to Improve Care in Region

\$100K grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation will allow 211 San Diego to help San Diegans in need

San Diego – 211 San Diego has been awarded a grant from a major foundation to knock down barriers to care and improve the delivery of health and social services throughout the region.

The S. Mark Taper Foundation awarded 211 San Diego a \$100,000 grant to help San Diegans who continue to be impacted by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This support of 211 San Diego is so critical because it will allow us to innovate, and prioritize the real and ever-changing needs of the community we serve,” said 211 San Diego President & CEO William York. “We appreciate the S. Mark Taper Foundation’s commitment to 211 San Diego, our mission, and the community we serve.”

The grant will specifically allow 211 to improve how care is delivered through systems-level solutions; advance and adapt technology to be more inclusive; advocate for those facing digital or service barriers; and develop new programming where the community needs it most.

For more than two years, 211 San Diego has played a leading role in the region’s response to the COVID-19 and Monkeypox emergencies, helping to connect people with testing and vaccination. Every day, 211 helps residents struggling with the after-effects of the pandemic, including families facing hunger, mental health challenges and those at risk of homelessness.

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About 211 San Diego:

Launched in 2005, 211 San Diego serves as a lifeline connecting San Diegans to more than 6,000 community, health and disaster support services, 24-hours a day in more than 200 languages, through a simple three-digit number, and searchable online database. 211’s nationally recognized Community Information Exchange (CIE) program improves the lives and health of San Diegans through improved care coordination by community providers. For more information about 211 San Diego, visit www.211sandiego.org or follow on Facebook (@211sandiego), Instagram (211SD), or on Twitter (@211SD).

About S. Mark Taper Foundation:

The S. Mark Taper Foundation, founded in 1989, is a Los Angeles-based private family foundation dedicated to enhancing the quality of people’s lives by supporting nonprofit organizations and their work in communities. For more information, visit smtfoundation.org.