

## Health in All Policies

On November 26, 2019, the Santa Cruz City Council demonstrated their commitment to community well-being by voting unanimously to adopt the Health in All Policies (HiAP) policy and implementation recommendations. City leaders recognized that community well-being is not simply influenced by individual choices but by the interactions of many factors including the decisions by and policies of local government.




The HiAP program identified 8 interconnected conditions that are necessary for health and wellbeing throughout the community which are tracked through a set of community wellbeing outcome metrics.



HiAP is a collaborative approach to improving the wellbeing of all people by prioritizing equity, sustainability, and public health in decision-making across sectors and policy areas. The goal of HiAP is to ensure that all decision-makers are informed and consider these pillars during the policy development process and, from FY25 forward, in budgeting for capital investments.

Guided by a HiAP City Council Committee, the City adopts a HiAP workplan each year and staff report annually on the progress. The HiAP program has been incorporated into the Accomplishments and Goals section of each Department Summary in the Budget document. Accomplishments and Goals that support the objective of HiAP are labeled with icons to identify easily and clearly which pillar they support. The Capital Investment Program section of the Budget also presents a map of the “opportunity zones” of Santa Cruz- where equity needs are the greatest- and the locations of CIP mapped projects to demonstrate the degree to which capital investments are concentrated in those areas. For FY 2025, 36% of these projects are in the City’s opportunity zones.

Legend: Item has the following icon(s) if it promotes [HiAP](#) goal of-

-  Equity
-  Sustainability
-  Public Health

For more information, go to <https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/city-manager/health-in-all-policies>.