

# *Sustainable Funding for CHW Programs*

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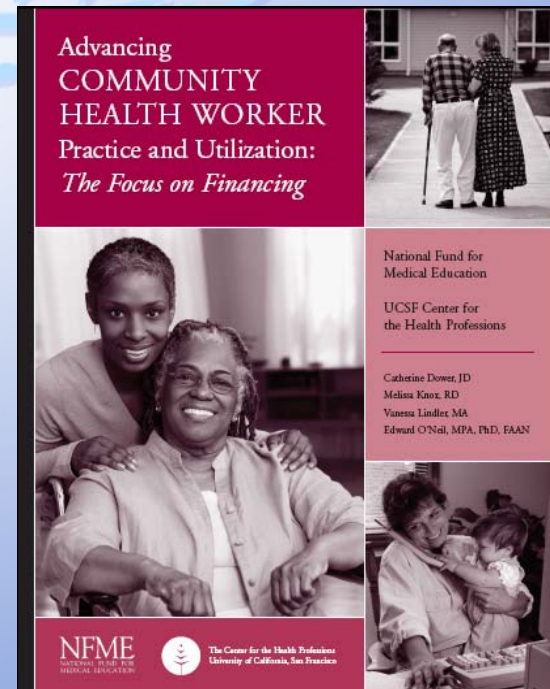
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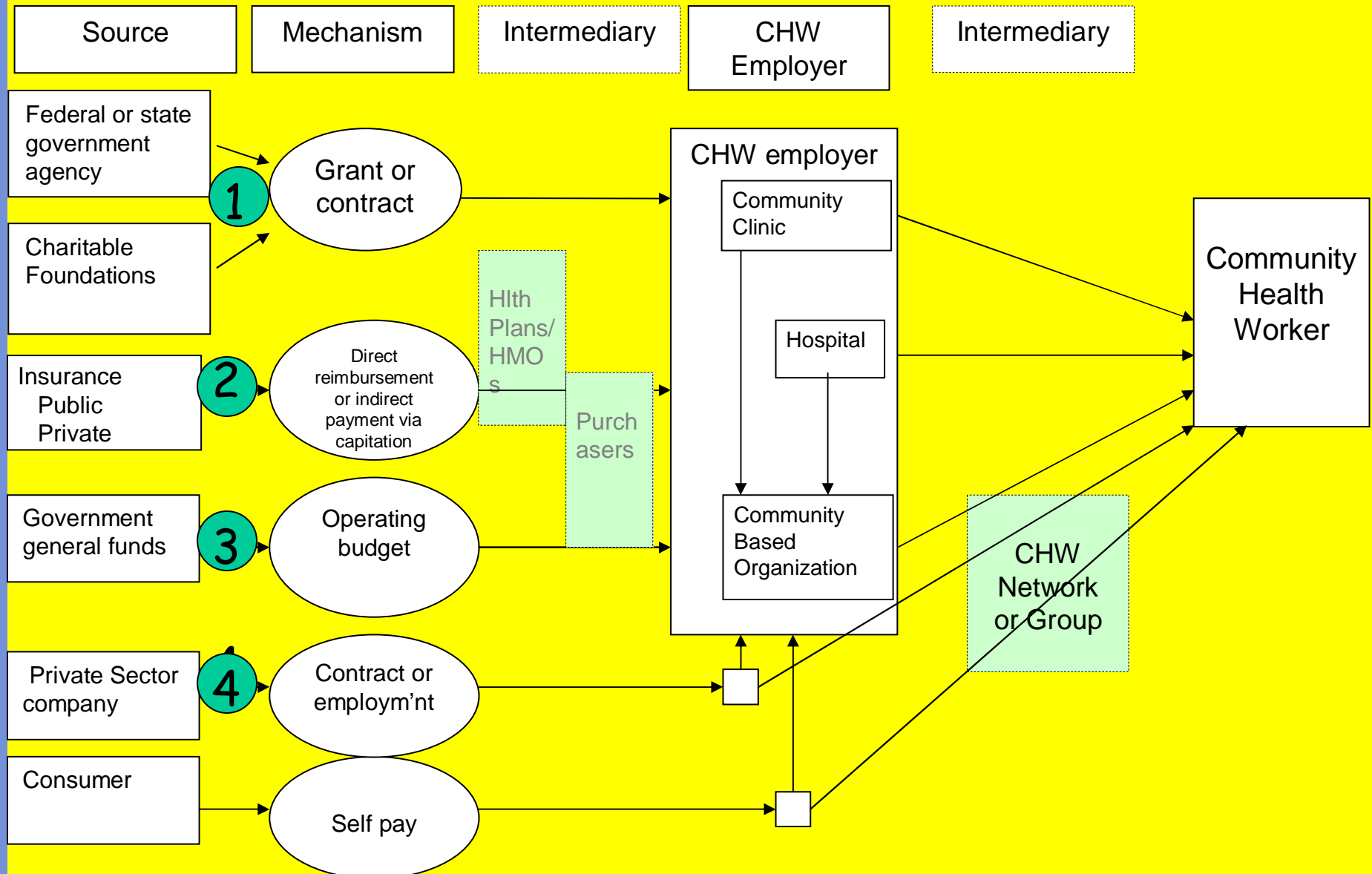
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# *Advancing Community Health Worker Practice and Utilization: The Focus on Financing*

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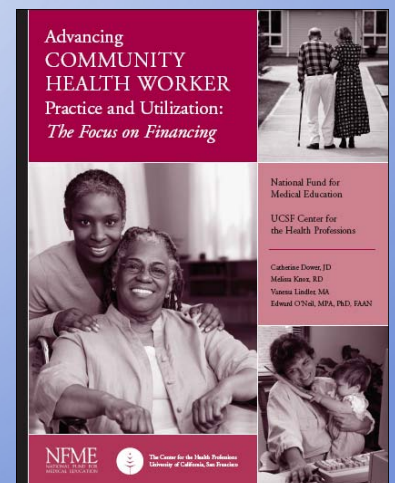


# CHW Potential Funding Flow Chart



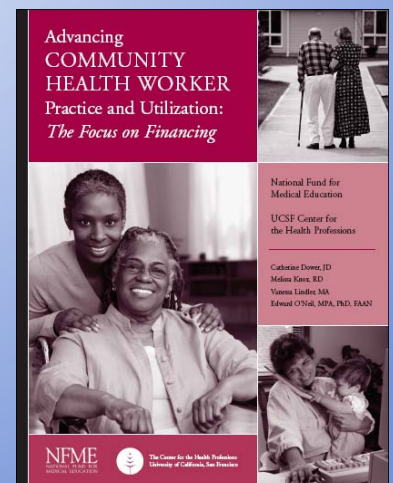
# 1. Foundations and Government Agencies

- Mechanisms: Grants and contracts
- Most common arrangement
- Pros: known entity; required evaluations
- Cons: short term; categorical
- Examples
  - Latino Health Access, CA
  - Community Health Access Project, OH



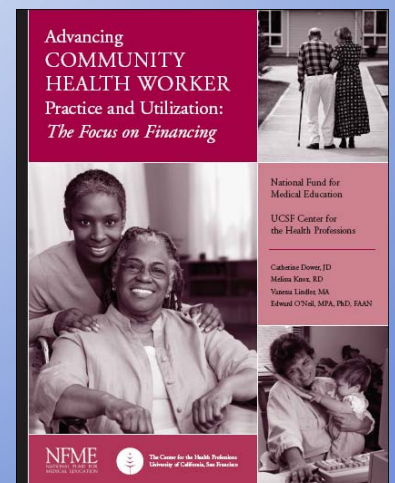
## 2. Medicaid

- Mechanisms: Reimbursement; capitation
- Relatively rare arrangements
- Pros: stability
- Cons: long, challenging negotiations; incomplete coverage; reporting requirements & bureaucracy
- Examples
  - Alaska (direct)
  - Health Plus, NY (mgd care contract)
  - NM Community Access Project



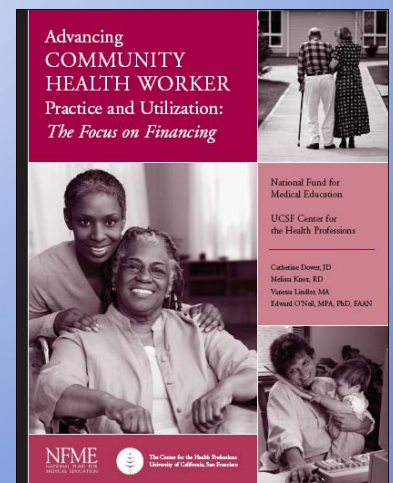
# 3. Government General Funds

- Mechanisms: Federal, state or local general fund budget
- Very rare arrangement
- Pros: Very stable
- Cons: political tradeoffs, long timeline, limited evaluations, requires strong leadership
- Examples
  - Indian Health Services
  - Fort Worth, Texas



# *4. Businesses: Hospitals, managed care organizations, employers*

- Mechanisms: Operating budgets
- Unknown popularity; probably rare
- Pros: relatively stable, evaluations required as part of business
- Cons: proprietary info, dependent on strength of business
- Example
  - Christus Spohn Health System, TX



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