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Community Health Endowment Awards More Than \$300,000 in Fall 2015 Grant Cycle

Improving dental care for low-income patients, providing more opportunity for physical activity to low-income youth and supporting women of color, refugees and immigrants in their efforts to breastfeed are just three of the eight projects approved for funding by the [Community Health Endowment](#) (CHE).

At its most recent meeting, the CHE Board of Trustees approved grants totaling \$188,499 for year one and \$313,499 over three years. Added to previous commitments, these awards bring the total committed in fiscal year 2015-16 to \$1.1 million.

New grants are:

- **Acquire digital imaging equipment to better meet the needs of low income dental patients.** (Clinic With a Heart, \$11,143 over one year)
- **Provide youth in central Lincoln with opportunities for physical activity, mentoring, healthy snacks, and connection to medical/dental services.** (The Bay Lincoln, \$20,000 over one year)
- **Improve safety and energy efficiency at a transitional living residence for adult homeless women.** (Fresh Start, up to \$15,000 over one year)
- **Expand the physical space of the Boys & Girls Club at Park Middle School, resulting in increased membership and additional programming.** (Boys & Girls Club of Lincoln/Lancaster County, \$100,000 over two years)
- **Educate community members about barriers for people living in poverty and support under-resourced individuals in their efforts to achieve stability through the Bridges Out of Poverty program.** (Food Bank of Lincoln, \$24,000 over one year)
- **Support Streets Alive! 2016, a community celebration of healthy active living scheduled for September 2016 in the Clinton, Hartley and East Campus neighborhoods.** (Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln, \$10,000 over one year)
- **Educate the community about the positive health impacts of breastfeeding and support outreach to minority communities by Community Breastfeeding Educators.** (Lincoln Community Breastfeeding Initiative, \$13,356 over one year)
- **Provide no-cost tax preparation to low-income individuals, assuring that individuals and families receive tax credits for which they qualify and strengthening their financial stability.** (UNL Center for Civic Engagement on behalf of the Lincoln Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Coalition, \$120,000 over three years)

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The Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) is a municipal endowment dedicated to making Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation. To achieve this vision, CHE invests in health-related projects and programs and convenes the community around important health issues. Since its inception in 1999, CHE has returned more than \$23 million to the community.