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Community Health Endowment Establishes New Funding Priorities, Announces 2015-16 Funding Availability

To help make the vision of Lincoln as the healthiest community in the nation a reality, the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) will make \$2.25 million available in the 2015-16 fiscal year to improve community health. Nearly \$1.3 million will be available for new projects over the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 grant cycles with the remaining funds allocated to previously approved projects.

Based on the results of a community mapping project which will be released publically at CHE's Annual Meeting in June, the Board of Trustees set the following ***Funding Priorities and Preferences***:

Priorities

- Innovative practices that result in health care and behavioral health providers taking an active role in helping patients stay healthy outside of a clinical setting, including non-traditional collaborations between health care, behavioral health and social/human services;
- Investments in early childhood that have the greatest potential to reduce health disparities over the lifespan, with a specific focus on:
 - adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress;
 - childhood obesity; and/or
 - improved maternal health, and healthy birth and early childhood outcomes;
- Intentional linkages between housing, health, neighborhood organizations, financial institutions and economic development; and
- Prevention-focused efforts that foster healthy behaviors and lead to improved health outcomes.

Preferences

Within these priorities, CHE encourages applicants to:

- Consider the relationship of poverty to the issue being addressed and how poverty influences both the cause of, and the solution to, the identified issue.
- Utilize, whenever possible, locally-based geographic data to identify target groups and/or high-risk areas or neighborhoods.
- Utilize, whenever possible, evidence-based data or research to identify target groups, high-risk populations, and/or program delivery models.

The deadline for submission of Stage I applications is June 12, 2015. Additional information about the application process is available at www.chelincoln.org.

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