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# **Community Health Endowment Awards $1.27 Million in Grants**

Grants awarded recently by the [Community Health Endowment](http://www.chelincoln.org) (CHE) will provide a number of important services in ways that are culturally sensitive and appropriate and better meet the needs of the people served. The CHE Board of Trustees approved grants totaling $534,279 for year one and $1,273,308 over three years. All grants listed begin on July 1, 2017. New grants will:

* **Provide culturally sensitive and trauma-informed mental health services including therapy, peer support and interpretation to immigrants and refugees.** (Asian Community and Cultural Center, $236,430 over three years)
* **Provide culturally sensitive parenting courses to Lincoln families from Native American or African refugee communities.** (Boys Town, $20,000 over one year)
* **Increase cancer screening rates among communities of color using culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach efforts.** (Malone Community Center, $132,105 over three years)
* **Explore the reconnection of urban Native Americans in Lincoln with trusted tribal health providers using telehealth technologies**. (Indian Center, Inc., $40,000 over one year)
* **Support families with parenting resources and short-term crisis therapy.** (Child Guidance Center, $264,649 over three years)
* **Collect and analyze data on the health of children, 0 – 8, in Lincoln and Lancaster County to identify gaps and prioritize action in targeted areas.** (Children’s Center for the Child and Community, $103,320 over two years)
* **Study the feasibility of creating a community kitchen and expanding** [**Growing Great Beginnings**](https://youtu.be/0iOT_L30OFI) **nutrition intervention to more children living in poverty.** (Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties, $20,000 over one year)
* **Support the production and increased distribution of locally produced health information.** (City of Lincoln 10HealthTV, $67,500 over three years)
* **Continue support for a mobile farmers’ market located at the Health 360 clinic with additional support for a market at Park Middle School and nutrition education at both sites.** (Community CROPS, $65,574 over three years)
* **Continue support for work to reduce childhood obesity and increase childhood fitness using collective impact and extensive partnerships.** (Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln, $234,630 over three years)
* **Expand dental care at the Health 360 clinic by adding a dental operatory.** (People’s Health Center, $72,600 over one year)
* **Continue support for helping people in poverty build economic stability through “Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin’ By World” classes** (Food Bank of Lincoln, $16,500 over one year)

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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 1998, CHE has returned more than $27 million to the community.*