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Community Health Endowment Awards More Than \$500,000 in Grants

Grants awarded recently by the [Community Health Endowment](http://www.chelincoln.org) (CHE) will connect at-risk and high-need people in Lincoln to resources and services that help them live healthier lives. The CHE Board of Trustees approved grants totaling \$319,080 in year one and \$586,372 over three years. All grants listed begin on January 1, 2018. New grants will:

- **Provide children from low-income families in Early Head Start at the Health 360 campus with a nature-based classroom to increase physical activity and reduce stress.** (Dimensions Education Research Foundation, \$20,000 over one year)
- **Provide mentoring for at least 60 highly vulnerable middle-school youth at Park Middle School who are most at risk for adverse childhood experiences.** (Boys and Girls Club of Lincoln-Lancaster County, \$86,200 over three years)
- **Develop a coordinated approach to addressing postpartum depression with a focus on awareness, screening, group support, and connection to mental health services.**(MilkWorks, \$18,000 over one year)
- **Increase the supply of and demand for healthy foods at small food retailers located in areas with lowest access to healthy foods as identified in CHE's Place Matters Community Mapping Project.** (Nebraska Extension, up to \$232,136 over three years)
- **Convene community partners around increasing the availability of healthy food, especially for children, in low access areas.** (\$15,000 over one year)
- **Study the refugee experience in Lincoln's health and human service system to identify gaps in service and areas for intervention.** (Center for People in Need, \$32,499 over one year)
- **Support direct assistance, referral, and community outreach to low-income residents of Lincoln navigating the public benefits, child welfare, and health care systems.** (Nebraska Appleseed, \$14,542 over one year)
- **Connect mental health peer support specialists with community members referred by the Lincoln Police Department and other agencies.** (Mental Health Association of Nebraska, \$63,000 over one year)
- **Support the 2018 Streets Alive! festival, a community celebration of healthy, active living.** (Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln, \$10,000 over one year)
- **Train and equip at least 1,000 Lincolniters in life-saving bleeding and hemorrhage control techniques through the nationally-recognized Stop the Bleed program.** (Bryan Health, \$94,995 over two years)

At its most recent meeting, CHE also welcomed two members to the Board of Trustees: Janice Walker, retired State Court Administrator and community volunteer, and Eric Buchanan, Director of Strategic Partnerships at the Buffett Early Childhood Fund. Newly elected officers are Michael Molvar, D.D.S., chair; Kathy Campbell, vice chair, DiAnna Schimek, secretary, and Thomas Sullivan, treasurer.

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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 \$28 million to the community.