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Community Health Endowment Awards \$960,000 in Grants

Many children from Lincoln's low-income families will have more opportunities for quality early childhood education and health, nutrition and fitness programming thanks to the [Community Health Endowment's](#) (CHE) most recently awarded grants. The CHE Board of Trustees approved grants totaling \$707,137 for year one and \$960,929 over three years. New grants will:

- **Construct Head Start early childhood classrooms at the Health 360 clinic at 2301 O Street.** (Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties, \$235,000 over one year)
- **Help renovate the 98-year-old Willard Community Center in southwest Lincoln to provide quality early childhood education, before and after school programs, educational enrichment, recreational opportunities and health/neighborhood activities.** (Willard Community Center, \$100,000 over one year)
- **Support health and fitness in low-income neighborhoods in central Lincoln through construction of a health and wellness center.** (City Impact, \$40,000 over one year)
- **Establish a running/fitness program for youth and adults with a focus on neighborhoods served by the F Street Community Center.** (Lincoln Parks and Recreation, \$13,360 over one year)
- **Support a mobile farmers' market located at the Health 360 clinic to serve low-income clinic patients and residents of nearby neighborhoods.** (Community CROPS, \$25,055 over one year)
- **Provide fresh fruit to students using public school food markets at selected Lincoln Public School sites.** (Food Bank of Lincoln, \$30,000 over three years)
- **Pilot peer-based mental health support for students in selected high schools and provide staff training to reduce student mental illness, drug/alcohol abuse, self-harm and suicide.** (Mental Health Association of Nebraska, \$71,862 over three years)
- **Ensure legal representation for low-income patients of the Health 360 clinic and People's Health Center who are facing legal issues that may negatively impact their health.** (Legal Aid of Nebraska, \$150,000 over three years)
- **Develop and pilot a community-based Mobile Grief Response Team to support businesses, schools and organizations following a death in their community.** (Mourning Hope, \$8,000 over one year)
- **Develop a community-based Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program to support victims of sexual assault.** (Family Violence Council, \$35,000 over two years)
- **Extend equine-assisted psychotherapy for women in treatment for addiction and train a local clinician to provide ongoing equine-assisted therapy.** (St. Monica's, \$40,000 over one year)
- **Provide service coordination at no cost to low-income, high-risk elders to enable them to age in their homes.** (Tabitha, \$212,652 over two 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 1998, CHE has returned more than \$24.5 million to the community.