

Media Release

To: Media
CC: Mayor's Office, Lincoln City Council
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Re: Funding Awards

Community Health Endowment Announces Micro-Project Funding Awards

Following an extensive review of 39 applications, the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Endowment (CHE) is pleased to announce the funding of 15 micro-projects (one-year or one-time projects of \$10,000 or less). The 15 projects represent \$108,089 in new funding.

Medical Co-Payment Assistance Program

A co-payment assistance fund for persons who are referred to the People's Health Center as part of the Homeless Referral Program.

(Center for People in Need: \$5,000)

High Risk Case Management

On-site case management services at the President and Ambassador Apartments.

(Interfaith Housing Coalition: \$10,000)

Eat Smart, Move More

A mini-grant program to deliver peer-to-peer messages about healthy eating and physical activity at five LPS Middle Schools.

(Lincoln Public Schools: \$5,000)

BackPack Program

Fresh fruit and milk vouchers for 150 students/families in the 2005-06 BackPack Program at Clinton, Everett, and McPhee schools.

(Food Bank of Lincoln: \$5,144)

Good Nutrition from the Start

Clinical breastfeeding assistance and nutrition education to low-income mothers and infants.

(MilkWorks: \$3,000)

Elementary School Enrichment Nutrition Education Expansion

Nutrition and hand washing curricula in seven Lincoln Public Schools.

(Cooperative Extension of Lancaster County: \$3,350)

Triple Play – Successfully Treating Co-occurring Disorders

Facilitation of a community process to create a model for serving patients with mental illness, physical illness, and/or substance addictions, resulting in a large scale federal funding application.

(Centerpointe, In. and others: \$9,495)

The Heart of the Home

Kitchen construction and equipment associated with planned renovation of a new Fresh Start Home facility.

Fresh Start Home: \$10,000)

Prevention and Management of Diabetes among Adults Diagnosed with Severe Mental Illness

Exercise equipment and nutrition education for clients of the Midtown Center

(Midtown Center: \$9,400)

Forging Links

Health outreach and education to female African newcomers.

(African Community Center: \$7,700)

Community Diabetes Project – Action Now!

Placement of media in movie theatres related to prevention, identification, and management of diabetes.

(Community Diabetes Project: \$5,000)

Community Diabetes Treatment and Management Project

Provision of diabetic supplies, insulin, oral medication, and/or diabetes education to un/under-insured individuals.

(Community Diabetes Project: \$10,000)

Sustaining Community Medical Transportation

Resource development staffing to raise community support and awareness for medical transportation.

(Community Medical Transportation Task Force: \$10,000)

Foot Clinic for the Homeless

Matching funds to continue a foot clinic, including foot care and new shoes/socks, for homeless individuals.

(Union College: \$5,000)

Food and Fitness for Better Health

A pilot project to provide fruits and vegetables and increased physical fitness in the classroom environment of two LPS schools.

(Lincoln Public Schools: \$10,000)

Christi Chaves, President of the CHE Board of Trustees, recognized the funded projects, "*The Board of Trustees remains continually impressed by our community's ability to recognize and address existing and emerging health issues. We are confident that these micro-projects will fill unmet needs in our community.*"

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