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### **Community Health Endowment Awards Nearly \$2 Million from Resiliency Fund**

In 2020, the Board of Trustees of the [Community Health Endowment](#) of Lincoln (CHE) established a Resiliency Fund to support the community's efforts to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fund focuses its funding on health equity, human connection, and embracing opportunity.

At its most recent meeting, the CHE Board of Trustees approved grants totaling nearly \$2 million. All grants listed begin on July 1, 2021. This round of grants from the Resiliency Fund will focus efforts on vulnerable populations as determined by [CHE's Place Matters Report](#). Projects will address under- and un-employment caused by the pandemic, substance abuse treatment and support, youth programming in high poverty areas, child victims of abuse, and more.

An additional \$2.5 million from the Resiliency Fund will be awarded in in 2021-22.

CHE funds will:

- **Create an outdoor learning space that will serve 165 children at Educare and provide added educational and human connection offerings to the neighboring Belmont Child Care Center.** (Educare of Lincoln, \$35,000 over one year)
- **Hire a Youth Sports Director to provide individual and team sports opportunities to children, youth, and families at Lincoln's cultural centers.** (Cultural Centers of Lincoln c/of The Malone Center, \$300,000 over three years)
- **Purchase 20 GrandPad devices to provide low-income, isolated seniors with a user-friendly technology option to create human connection with friends/family.** (Dreamweaver Foundation, \$10,000 over one year)
- **Support construction of the South Street Project and provide primary care, dental care, and wellness services for low-income, high-risk individuals with substance use and mental health disorders.** (CenterPointe, \$720,000 over one year)
- **Assist in providing a growing number of meals to low-income and homeless individuals in the Belmont neighborhood, with a focus on opportunities for workforce development and healthy food.** (Barnabas Community, \$98,997 over three years)
- **Fund a 1.0 FTE Peer Employment Specialist to address under- and un-employment caused by the COVID-pandemic among individuals with mental illness or substance use disorders.** (Mental Health Association of Nebraska, \$151,763 over three years)

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- **Provide leadership development, quality child and family wellness programming, and collaborative neighborhood initiatives with a focus on improving health inequities in the Belmont neighborhood.** (Belmont Community Center, \$110,750 over three years)
- **Provide bilingual, in-person breastfeeding and lactation consultation at El Centro de las Americas with a goal to increase breastfeeding rates among Hispanic women in Lincoln.** (MilkWorks, \$6,632 over one year)
- **Update technology equipment for expanded leadership and educational offerings, with a focus on community connection, under-represented voices, and leadership development.** (Leadership Lincoln, \$13,900 over one year )
- **Fund facility improvements that allow clients in residential substance abuse treatment the opportunity for human connection with their support systems and families.** (The Bridge Behavioral Health, \$45,674 over one year)
- **Support facility renovation and the purchase of two vans to provide Native American women with residential substance use treatment.** (St. Monica's, \$225,000 over one year)
- **Fund scouting programs and increased human connection at five elementary schools (Belmont, Clinton, Elliott, Pershing, and Everett).** (Cornhusker Council Boy Scouts of America, \$15,620 over one year)
- **Enhance the provision of trauma-informed medical care to an expected increase in the number of child victims of abuse resulting from COVID-19 pandemic conditions.** (Child Advocacy Center, \$140,806 over three years)
- **Fund a strategic plan for the Karen Society with a focus on stronger collaborations/partnerships with local human service agencies, increased presence in the community, financial sustainability, and enhanced services to Lincoln's community of Burmese refugees.** (Karen Society of Nebraska, \$5,000 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 \$33 million to the community.*