

Community Health Investment Fund FY21

Collective Impact Grants

Building Bright Futures, SUD- Making the Systems Work for Families, \$100,000

“SUD - Making the Systems Work for Families” is a project geared toward creating a more integrated and coordinated system for children and families grappling with substance abuse disorder in Chittenden County. Building Bright Futures serves as the backbone agency.

Center for Health and Learning, Connecting Rural Communities, \$75,861.50

A continuation of an existing Collective Impact Planning Grant, this initiative will improve suicide prevention efforts and access to behavioral health and health care in Grand Isle County, with a focus on providing culturally competent services to members of the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi. The Vermont Suicide Prevention Center serves as the backbone agency.

United Way of Northwest Vermont, Networking Mental Health and Population Health Alliances, \$100,000

The goal of this collective impact implementation grant is to align and connect mental health strategies throughout the community to achieve our collective goal of ensuring all people in Chittenden County experience optimal mental health and well-being. The planning period was used to recruit partners, build relationships, develop a map of mutually reinforcing activities, and understand and prioritize the most pressing needs in Chittenden County. During the implementation period, we will build on this existing infrastructure to act on identified priorities, influence change, and build a sustainable network for change.

Emerging Need Grant

ANEW Place, Transitional Housing, \$12,000

Due to post-pandemic changes to the State of Vermont’s emergency housing program beginning in July, the need for affordable housing is greater than ever. The annual employment costs for our Transitional Housing Director related to Independence Place are \$24,634. This includes wages, FICA, and a medical insurance stipend. ANEW Place respectfully requests \$12,000 from the Emerging Needs grant to help fund that position.

VT Professionals of Color Network, Outreach, \$39,112.50

VHEI is seeking funding specifically for outreach and information on COVID-19 for serving our community as we wait for the under 12 age band vaccines to be released, and for education around the COVID-19 Delta variant as becomes a national public concern. While Vermont has reached 82% vaccination in the population, we are still experiencing vaccination hesitancy in the BIPOC community. In order to achieve this, VHEI is currently in need of funding to maintain its primary outreach methods, including the VHEI website (www.vermonthealthequity.org), social media platforms (Instagram and Facebook), and to maintain a staff person dedicated to the management of outreach communications.



Greater Burlington YMCA, Access to on-site professional mental health services, \$25,000

Funds will support access to emotional and mental health supports for the people we serve and for our staff; to provide on-site professional mental health services for families and children with social/emotional/behavioral challenges; and to provide resources/strategies for teachers to use in the classroom.

Pathways Vermont, Rapid Rehousing, \$15,000

Funds will be provided for Pathways' newly expanded statewide rapid re-housing services. Emergent need funding will support Pathways Vermont in addressing UVMHC's priority areas including mental health and family health by providing housing and services to Vermonters experiencing homelessness during COVID-19.

Federally Qualified Health Center Grant

Community Health Centers of Burlington, Health Access Sliding-Fee Scale and Patient Support, \$100,000

Grant funds are used to support the Patient Assistance Program, which offers a full array of support services available to all CHCB patients and community residents in need of access to care and financial assistance programs.

Annual Award

Howard Center, Chittenden Community Outreach, \$100,000

Community Outreach is a partnership between the communities of Colchester, Winooski, Essex, Williston, Shelburne and South Burlington along with the State of Vermont and Howard Center. The program embeds five mental health counselors within local police and ambulance departments to support first responders in addressing the needs of residents suffering mental health challenges and crisis. Howard Center serves as the backbone agency.

Howard Center, Street Outreach Project, \$40,000

The Street Outreach Team puts mental health clinicians "on the street" in downtown Burlington to work with individuals needing mental health services, as well as outreaching with merchants, police, and the general public.

United Way of Northwest Vermont, Strategic Investments in Health Improvement, \$100,000

Funds are used to support investment in a diverse portfolio of strategies to support the health and wellbeing of our community. These include: a foundation of strong programs; nonprofit and cross sector collaboration; community-wide volunteer mobilization; and strategic initiatives to create systems-level change.

Program Grants

ANew Place, Chart ANew Path / 4-Phase Continuum of Care, \$50,000

ANew's 4-Phase Continuum of Care provides shelter to homeless adults, providing holistic support and life-skill development to build a foundation with the tools to succeed.

Burlington Housing Authority, Housing Retention & Rapid Rehousing, \$50,000

The Housing Retention Team supports tenants at risk of losing their housing due to medical, mental health, and substance abuse issues, domestic violence or due to hoarding.



Kidsafe Collaborative, Children and Recovering Mothers Team (CHARM), \$30,000

CHARM is a multi-disciplinary coalition of health and social service providers that work to improve health and safety outcomes of babies born to pregnant women with a history of opiate dependence.

Pathways Vermont, Pathways Vermont Housing First, \$50,000

The Pathways Vermont Housing First Program provides permanent housing placement along with intensive community-based services to individuals with long histories of homelessness and institutionalization who are living with disabling conditions. The program utilizes local, preexisting housing stock.

Mercy Connections, Education & Transition Program, \$30,000

The Education & Transition Program (E&T) assists adults in transition or recovery build competence, confidence and community through courses, tutoring, coaching, support groups, and community lunch and graduations.

United Way of Northwest Vermont, Foster Grandparent Program, \$20,000

The Foster Grandparent Program is a long-standing volunteer program serving children across northwest VT. Volunteers age 55+ work with children with exceptional needs, providing the one-on-one attention, academic support, and nurturing that helps them achieve their potential in school and in life.

Lund, Lund's Early Childhood Education, \$50,000

Lund's Early Childhood Education Program provides high quality (5 STAR) therapeutic care and education to 50 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years. LECP uses the Early Multi-Tiered Systems of Support framework to mitigate the impact of toxic stress and adverse experiences on vulnerable children and build protective factors in families.

Spectrum Youth & Family Services, Riverstone Counseling Center at Spectrum Youth & Family Services, \$30,000

Riverstone Counseling Center at Spectrum Youth & Family Services provides youth-centered clinical mental health and substance abuse treatment services for adolescents, young adults and their families, including confidential screening, assessment, and treatment by dually licensed mental health and substance abuse counselors.

Total Amount Awarded in FY21: \$1,008,659.00

For more information regarding any of the Community Health Investment Fund FY21 grants, please contact Thomas Moore at 802-847-0250 or thomas.moore@uvmhealth.org.

