

## Community Health Investment Fund FY22

### Collective Impact Grants

#### **VT Professionals of Color Network, Improving BIPOC Mental Health, Planning Year Grant, \$40,000**

Identify, bring clarity to, and address mental health disparities by elevating local stories, measuring and sharing important data, and unifying institutions, community organizations, and local leaders under a common goal to improve BIPOC mental health in the State of Vermont.

#### **United Way of Northwest Vermont, Advancing & Aligning Prevention: Reducing Substance Misuse Among Youth & Young Adults, Planning Year Grant, \$40,000**

Develop a comprehensive, aligned strategy for preventing substance misuse and promoting health and well-being for youth and young adults. The Regional Prevention Network provides the forum, partners, and engagement needed for a successful collective impact approach, and the planning grant will provide the capacity that the Network needs to create a regional inventory of current resources and services, and to identify strengths and gaps at each level of the Vermont Prevention Model. By the end of the planning year, the Network (and its partners and funders) will have a complete map of prevention needs and opportunities, as well as a solid plan and budget for implementing mutually reinforcing strategies

#### **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

#### **Turning Point of Chittenden County, Bridge Funding, \$50,000**

Bridge funding provided to support the following:

- Add recovery coaches and coaching hours both at the center and in outreach to individuals coping with substance use disorder in the emergency housing system
- Associate Director (10% FTE)
- Recovery Coach Coordinator (30% FTE)
- Development Coordinator (10% FTE)
- Recovery Coaches (25 certified) per diem
- Operating, Building costs

#### **Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform, Prevention of Fentanyl Overdose Deaths, \$45,350.00**

Prevention of fentanyl overdose deaths among high-risk individuals transitioning from incarceration or under corrections supervision in the community.



**The New American Indigenous Migrant Health (NAIMH) Initiative, \$82,000**

Vermont is home to over 8,000 New Americans, refugees, asylees from over 38 countries, and an estimated 2,000 annual migrant workers. Due to societal inequities, this marginalized population is often unseen, unheard, and deprioritized by healthcare systems. The New American Indigenous Migrant Health (NAIMH) Initiative is being built at the request of UVM Medical Center community partners in alignment with the priorities set forth by the 2022 UVMCC Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). The initiative will address healthcare provider education, improve community health literacy, optimize resource allocation and utilization, increase access and coordination of high-quality healthcare delivery to Vermont's NAIM population at UVMCC.

## 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

**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

**Janet S. Mundt Family Room, Family Strengthening Workers at the Building Strong Families Clinic, \$50,000**

The Family Strengthening Workers (FSW) at the Building Strong Families clinic provide culturally relevant support to immigrant families in Chittenden County. With FSWs coming from the immigrant communities they serve, they are able to act as liaisons to medical and other social service providers.

**The Dream Program, Dream Program, \$25,000**

DREAM's mission is to help close the opportunity gap for youth in low-income housing. Through inequitable and racialized systems, there is a growing socio-economic gap in resources, education and access to adult mentors for youth in low-income households.

**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.

## Program Grant – *One Time*

This initiative will improve Vermont's system of continuum of care for recovery from substance use disorder (SUD) by increasing recovery residence's (RR) capacity in Chittenden County and connect the needed services across all sectors. Utilizing a Collective Impact approach with an established comprehensive group of community partnerships that include treatment, health & well-being, housing, employment, education, basic needs, transportation and more, VFOR's leadership team will operate four recovery residences (2 for men and 2 for women) at Fort Ethan Allen in Essex as well as four transitional apartments for a total of 32 beds, increasing from the current three homes (2 for men and 1 for women) and two transitional apartments totaling 22 beds, expanding by 45%. This initiative will further establish the importance of community collaboration and the effectiveness of the collective impact approach to for social change.

**Total Amount Awarded in FY22: \$1,042,350.00**

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