Community Health Investment Fund FY16

Federally Qualified Health Center Grant

Community Health Centers of Burlington, Medical Sliding Fee, $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.

Program Grants

Burlington Housing Authority, Housing Retention Team, $40,000
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.

Burlington School District, Tooth Tutor Program, $5,000
The Tooth Tutor program provides access to cleaning, treatment for caries, and other routine dental needs, and for students K-12, as well as oral health education to students and families.

Champlain Valley Head Start, CVHS Tooth Tutor Program, $10,694
CVHS’s Tooth Tutor program supports low-income families in establishing dental homes for their children, keeps children up to date on oral health care and supports families in understanding preventative oral health.

Howard Center, Street Outreach Team, $50,000
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.

Hunger Free Vermont, Breakfast after the Bell Challenge, $23,625
The Breakfast after the Bell Challenge aims to increase participation in School Breakfast Programs, and build awareness about the importance of a nutritious breakfast in enabling children to reach their full potential.

Kidsafe Collaborative, Children and Recovering Mothers Team (CHARM), $19,000
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.

United Way of Chittenden County, Neighbor Rides, $33,000
The Neighbor Rides program integrates volunteer drivers into the current human services transportation system in order to improve efficiency and increase capacity and access for seniors and persons with disabilities.

United Way of Chittenden County, $100,000
Funds support a variety of programming that align with one or more of the five community needs identified in the UVM Medical Center’s 2013 community health needs assessment: Access to Food and Nutrition, Dental Health, Mental Health, Removing Barriers to Care, and Seniors.
Vermont Department of Health, Public Health Dental Hygienist, $50,000
The goal of this public health dental hygienist (PHDH) is to promote early preventive oral health for families enrolled in the Women and Infant (WIC) program. The PHDH works directly with families, promoting evidenced based best practices with medical and dental health care providers, and by supporting health department Office of Oral Health programs (like the Tooth Tutor School-linked sealant program) at the local level.

Vermont Works for Women, Fresh Food Program, $45,000
FRESH Food is a social enterprise program with a dual mission to equip women and youth who have barriers to employment with the skills to succeed and to simultaneously address childhood hunger. FRESH Food provides approximately 250 meals each day to fourteen childcare programs in our area.

Visiting Nurse Association, Family Room, $37,556
Funds support for the continuum of early intervention programming which helps at-risk moms develop and sustain nurturing relationships with their children. Programs include Early Months; Crawlers, Waddlers and Toddlers; and Strong Families.

Visiting Nurse Association, Adult Day, $23,800
The VNA Adult Day Program provides physical, social, and rehabilitative support for vulnerable adults five days each week with hours and locations convenient for working families of participants.

Emerging Need Grant

Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, Coordinated Entry, $10,000
The VNA Adult Day Program provides physical, social, and rehabilitative support for vulnerable adults five days each week with hours and locations convenient for working families of participants.

Collective Impact Grants

The Caring Collaborative, $31,000
The vision of the Caring Collaborative is that all children in our community have access to services and supports necessary to thrive and obtain their maximum potential living within caring, stable and resilient families. The Caring Collaborative believes that the right place to meet the needs of both children and families is within the child care setting.

Chittenden Opiate Burden Reduction Alliance, $100,000
The Chittenden Opiate Burden Reduction Alliance (COBRA) vision for change is to reduce the burden of opiate use disorders in Chittenden County using a Collective Impact approach that will improve public health and public safety outcomes. The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission serves as the backbone agency.

Changing the Culture of Medical Decision-Making & End-of-Life Planning, $100,000
The collaborative will mobilize a broad-based, street level campaign that normalizes conversations about death and dying, and provides opportunities for citizens to consider, discuss, and document the kinds of treatments that they would, and would not want at the end-of-life.

For more information on any of these programs, please contact Julie Cole at julie.cole@uvmhealth.org or at 802-847-8929.