Community Health Investment Fund FY19

Collective Impact Grants

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.

Connecting Rural Communities, $95,622
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.

Partnership for a Hunger Free Grand Isle County, $100,000
The collaboration’s shared vision is to address the high levels of hunger and food insecurity in Grand Isle County by establishing and expanding nutrition programs available to eligible residents through the integrated work of its partner organizations. Hunger Free Vermont serves as the backbone agency.

SUD- Making the Systems Work for Families, $70,000
"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.

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

ANEW Place, 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.

Boys & Girls Club, Kids Café and Healthy Habits, $40,000
Kid’s Café ensures that the immediate nutritional needs of Club members are met along with the skills necessary to prepare healthy, affordable meals for themselves in the future.

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.

Howard Center, Street Outreach Project, $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.

Kidsafe Collaborative, Children and Recovering Mothers Team (CHARM), $24,000
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.

Special Olympics Vermont, Healthy Communities, $50,000
The grant will pilot a "Healthy Community" program that will transform health care delivery for people with Intellectual Disabilities, serving as a model for statewide implementation.

Pathways Vermont, 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.

Centerpoint, Project Checkpoint, $50,000
Checkpoint is a screening and brief intervention program specifically designed & developmentally matched for young people struggling with substance use & co-occurring mental health, social, & emotional issues.

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