



**JUNE 16, 2014** 

## NEW GRANTS & PROGRAMS

■ Greater Rochester Health Foundation (NY) announced a new funding opportunity in 2014 for its ninecounty service area. Community Health **Grants** range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 and are intended to support a variety of short-term, health-benefiting activities or organizations whose primary mission is health services and/or health promotion. These grants will have a rapid decision and award process. Applicants will be notified of a decision within two weeks of application submission. If a grant is approved, funds will become available this year and organizations will have up to a year to complete their project or activity. Applications for the first cycle of grants will be accepted until July 15, 2014, and for the second cycle until September 15, 2014. The foundation will be awarding approximately \$75,000 to \$150,000 in small grants for each of these two grant cycles. For more information, visit www.thegrhf.org and click on "Current Opportunities" under the "How to Apply" tab.

■ Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City (MO) awarded \$663,219 in grants to 12 local organizations that address health issues for residents.

Among the grantees are: The Whole Person, Inc. – \$71,636 to support four mental health professionals who will provide counseling and independent living skills to individuals with disabilities; Children's Center for the Visually Impaired – \$75,000 to partially support speech language, occupational, and

physical therapist positions in the Infant/Toddler Therapy Program, which is a comprehensive, individualized educational and therapy program for blind or visually impaired infants from birth to age three and their families; Redemptorist Social Services Center, **Inc.** – \$70,000 to provide multifaceted medical assistance to the medically fragile, including the elderly, the underserved, and the medically indigent; Lazarus Ministries of Grand Avenue **Temple** – \$65,000 to support a safety net health care clinic and supportive services for uninsured and underserved homeless individuals; and Community Housing of Wyandotte County, Inc. -\$24,000 to support a communitydriven, multisector, and multipronged urban farm that will serve as a hub for community mobilization, physical activity, healthy food access, nutrition education, and food preparation. Contact: Jennifer Sykes, 816.241.7006.

■ Healthcare Georgia Foundation

(Atlanta) announced \$274,050 in grants to 15 organizations that represent a continuation of work already under way to connect people, programs, and resources across Georgia to improve health and health care. Among the grantees are: Emory University (Atlanta, GA) -\$50,000 to develop professional-quality video modules to train Board of Health members in Georgia to effectively fulfill their critical roles in public health governance; Foothills Area Health Education Center (Gainesville, GA), Georgia Rural Health Association (Sandersville), and Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center (Statesboro, GA) -\$20,000 each to support participation in HealthTecdl to produce five distance

## **GIHNEWS**

### 2015 GIH ANNUAL CONFERENCE CALL FOR SESSIONS

Take part in the 2015 GIH annual conference *Pathways to Health*, and submit proposals for breakout sessions, site visits, and film screenings. The conference will be a time to weave together the various threads of philanthropy's work, and we seek proposals that explore the many different routes grantmakers can take to promote health and wellness. Submit proposals at https://callforsessions. fluidreview.com by **July 25, 2014**.

The GIH annual conference will be held March 4-6 in Austin, Texas.

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2015 TERRANCE KEENAN AWARD

GIH invites you to nominate individuals for the 2015 Terrance Keenan Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy. The award honors outstanding grantmakers whose work demonstrates responsiveness to communities and is distinguished by leadership, innovation, and achievement. Submit nominations by September 5, 2014. For more information, visit www.gih.org.

The award will be presented at the 2015 GIH annual conference.

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learning programs designed to strengthen Georgia's health care workforce and to sustain internal distance learning capabilities; **Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth** (Waycross) – \$10,000 to plan, design, and evaluate two additional HealthTec<sup>dl</sup> webinar programs focused on telehealth education; and **Georgia Charitable Care Network** (Atlanta) – \$10,000 to plan, design, and evaluate three additional HealthTec<sup>dl</sup> webinar programs focused on safety net clinic leadership and operation issues. Contact: Toni Almasy, 404.688.9005.

- The Leona M. and Harry B. **Helmsley Trust** (New York, NY) awarded a two-year, \$475,000 grant to **Taking Control of Your Diabetes** (Del Mar, CA) to support outreach efforts. The grant will fund the inclusion of a dedicated type 1 diabetes track at 16 Taking Control of Your Diabetes conferences through 2016. The track will feature information that addresses the educational and support needs of adults and people over 65 years of age who are living with type 1 diabetes. Funding will also help build the organization's fundraising efforts aimed at sustaining the type 1 diabetes track in future conferences beyond the funding period. For more information, visit www.helmsleytrust.org.
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Princeton, NI) awarded a \$1.9 million grant to the University of California, San Diego and the University of California, Irvine to support the Health Data Exploration project. Funding will support the development of a network of researchers, scientists, companies, and others that will catalyze the use of personal health data for the public good. The project's recent report, Personal Data for the Public Good, found that many people who track health-related data are interested in sharing that data with researchers in medicine and public health, but want to be assured that adequate privacy controls are in place. The network will bring together companies that collect and store personal health data, captured through the use of wearable devices, smartphone apps, and social media, with researchers who mine these data for patterns and

- trends and other strategic partners. Through a set of research projects using personal health data, the network will identify policies and best practices for using these new forms of data to produce transformative knowledge about health. As the network explores ways to address the challenges associated with collecting personal health data, it will update existing policies and procedures for managing risks and privacy as well. The network is seeking researchers and companies to participate. For more information, visit http://hdexplore.calit2.net.
- Lucile Packard Foundation for **Children's Health** (Palo Alto, CA) awarded three grants totaling \$380,000 to help coordinate care for children with special health care needs (CSHCN). An 18-month, \$245,000 grant will support the foundation's efforts to engage up to three grantees to continue their work and offer support to as many as three new communities wanting to develop local systems of care coordination for CSHCN, to foster cross-agency collaboration within communities to serve CSHCN, and to create a multicommunity learning collaborative to improve systems of care coordination. Boston **University School of Public Health** (MA) received a \$70,000, one-year grant to provide the first comprehensive review of financing and reimbursing for care coordination for CSHCN and to reduce perceived barrier payment for essential services. Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (Washington, DC) received a one-year, \$65,000 grant to benchmark ways families currently participate in the development of policy and operation of programs in states and California counties serving children, especially CSHCN. Contact: Barbara Feder Ostrov, 650.721.6044, barbara. federostrov@lpfch.org.
- Partners HealthCare (Boston MA) and Neighborhood Health Plan (Boston MA), in partnership with the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers (Boston, MA), have announced \$6 million in grants through their join initiative, Partnership for Community Health. Funding encompasses the second round of Excellence and Innovation grants for community

health centers (CHCs). The 35 CHC grant recipients represent the next phase of the partnership's 15-year grant program, which will provide up to \$90 million for Massachusetts CHCs. Fenway Community Health Center (Boston, MA) will use its \$472,396 individual grant to engage patients and improve the capture of patient-reported information during patient visits. Using iPads, patients will be prompted to answer questions about their concerns and changes in health status since their last visit. When the medical provider arrives in the exam room, the patient and provider will discuss the information together. The data are then "pushed" directly into the patient's electronic medical record. For a complete list of grantees and additional information, visit www.partners.org/About/Media-Center and select "In the Community."

#### ■ The Pew Charitable Trusts

(Philadelphia, PA) announced that it will provide \$7.34 million over the next three years to 45 Philadelphia-area organizations that serve some of the region's most vulnerable adults, including those struggling with homelessness, mental health issues, and extended periods of unemployment. Among the grantees are: Public Health Management **Corporation** (Philadelphia) – \$215,000 for continued support of comprehensive health care for chronically homeless adults in Philadelphia; Action AIDS (Philadelphia) - \$210,000 for continued support to provide behavioral health services to individuals with HIV/AIDS; Women Against Abuse (Philadelphia) -\$194,000 for continued support to provide behavioral health services to victims of domestic violence living in its Philadelphia shelter; Penn Foundation, **Inc.** (Sellersville) – \$180,000 for support to provide comprehensive psychiatric rehabilitation services to adults with mental illness; Federation of Neighborhood Centers (Philadelphia) -\$150,000 to provide job training and physical and mental health supports to low-income individuals in Philadelphia; and Metropolitan Area Neighborhood **Nutrition Alliance (MANNA)** (Philadelphia) – \$149,000 to provide nutrition counseling and meals for people with chronic or serious illness.





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### The California Wellness Foundation

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The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF) is a private, independent foundation established in 1992 as a result of Health Net's conversion from nonprofit to for-profit status. TCWF's mission is to improve the health of the people of California by making grants for health promotion, wellness education, and disease prevention. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded 7,338 grants totaling more than \$890 million.

**Program Information:** TCWF pursues the following goals through grantmaking: to address health needs of traditionally underserved populations; to support and strengthen nonprofits that seek to improve the health of underserved populations; to recognize and encourage leaders who work to increase health and wellness within their communities; and to inform policymakers and opinion leaders about important wellness and health care issues.

For the past 13 years, the foundation has prioritized eight issues for funding: diversity in the health professions, environmental health, healthy aging, mental health, teenage pregnancy prevention, violence prevention, women's health, and work and health. It also responds to timely issues and special projects outside the funding priorities. The foundation is in the process of completing a strategic plan for the next grants program, to be announced later in the year.

#### ➤ Financial Information:

Total Assets: \$939.8 million (FY 2013)

Amount Dedicated to Health-Related Grants: \$38.2 million (FY 2013)

#### Special Initiatives and/or Representative Health and Human Services Grants:

- Health Access Foundation Despite the passage and implementation of the Affordable Care Act, an estimated 3 to 4 million individuals will be left without health care coverage. This grant supports a new collaborative effort among six California organizations to undertake policy development, organizing, and advocacy efforts to advance the goal of providing a medical home for those who will remain uninsured (\$450,000 over 18 months).
- Advancement Project This grant subsidizes the expansion
  of training to nonprofits statewide on using the data and mapping tools of the Healthy City program. Organizations are
  trained to use participatory research tools, create maps that
  illustrate community conditions and health inequities, and
  engage residents to use data for communications and advocacy
  to improve health (\$100,000 over two years).
- Case Youth Shelter (CYS) Through core operating support, TCWF helps sustain crisis shelter-based services for

homeless and runaway youth, ages 12 to 17, in and near southern Los Angeles County. These young people often come to the agency to escape physical, sexual, or emotional abuse, and/or parental drug use, neglect, or rejection. CYS provides basic needs; academic tutoring; and one-on-one, teen group, and family counseling, with family reunification as a primary goal. (\$100,000 over two years).

- University of California at Riverside, School of Medicine – Funding supports FastStart, an intensive summer residential program that provides academic and social support services for minority students pursuing careers in the health professions. The program provides bridge academic enrichment and support services to help students from disadvantaged backgrounds complete their bachelor's degrees (\$50,000 for one year).
- Cornerstone Project This grant supports the Reinvent Stockton Re-entry Project, which works to reduce recidivism among formerly incarcerated young adults in Stockton. The program has a temporary employment agency, which hires formerly incarcerated individuals who gain workforce experience and life skills training. A number of local businesses have successfully contracted with the agency, making it a model program (\$200,000 over two years).

Challenge for the Future: "As the foundation looks to the future, we will be streamlining our program focus areas to better leverage our knowledge and resources. While some areas will change, three things remain the same: the foundation will continue to allocate its resources to the most underserved communities; most of our grantmaking will continue to be in response to needs identified by our community partners; and the majority of funds will be earmarked for general operating support. We will continue to be

and wellness for underserved youth and families."

Judy Belk

President and CEO

committed to increasing access to

health care, strengthening the safety net,

and supporting efforts that improve health

helping the uninsured gain coverage,

Contact: Elizabeth Lowe, 215.575.4812, elowe@pewtrusts.org.

- Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust (Winston-Salem, NC) announced grants of more than \$450,000 to support the expansion of North Carolina's health insurance options and to continue helping financially disadvantaged residents identify and secure health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. The funding includes \$25,000 to help lowincome Latino residents of Chatham and surrounding counties with health insurance enrollment; \$82,500 to Enroll America (Washington, DC) to continue outreach efforts in Spanish-speaking communities around the state; and \$346,500 to the North Carolina Justice Center (Raleigh) to continue education efforts in rural communities about the need for Medicaid expansion. The trust also awarded grants to Halifax Regional Medical Center (Roanoke Rapids, NC) and the Halifax County Public Health System (NC) to combat childhood obesity as part of its Healthy Places NC efforts. The \$664,509 grant to the Halifax County Public Health System will support implementation of the Coordinated Approach to Child **Health** program in 15 elementary schools serving low-income children. The \$622,250 grant to Halifax Regional Medical Center will support Roanoke Valley Community Health Initiative's Get Fit, Stay Fit Roanoke Valley campaign to encourage healthy eating and physical activity among Halifax County and Northampton County children and their families. Contact: Nora Ferrell, 336.397.5515.
- Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina (Columbia) awarded \$101,690 to support 50 organizations that meet the immediate needs of the poor in South Carolina. Among the grantees are: Catawba Care (Rock Hill) \$5,000 to support services to uninsured, underinsured, and/or low-income patients; Columbia Oral Health Clinic \$5,000 to provide state-of-the-art preventive dental services for uninsured HIV/AIDS patients; Abbeville Free Medical Clinic \$3,000 to provide free health care services for low-income, uninsured individuals: CareFIRST

- Carolina Foundation (Hartsville) -\$3,000 to serve patients in desperate emergency need of specialty care like mammograms, pathology testing, specialty obstetrics/gynecology, eye exams, emergency dental assistance, specialty provider consultations, and emergency medications; Catholic Counseling Services (Columbia) – \$3,000 to provide psychological services to indigent and uninsured individuals; Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Charleston – \$2,500 to offer professional eye exams, follow-up care, education, and eyewear free of charge to low-income individuals with no vision insurance; Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County (Hartsville) -\$3,000 to support medical services for low-income adults who are uninsured; and Friendship Medical Clinic and **Pharmacy** (Conway) – \$3,000 to provide medications and diabetic supplies to low-income adults who are uninsured. For more information, visit www.sistersofcharitysc.com.
- **Special Hope Foundation** (Palo Alto, CA) awarded two grants totaling \$95,877 for projects that address the needs of persons with disabilities. Funding to Westchester Institute for Human Development (Valhalla, NY) will support its Family Medicine Resident Rotation project. A three-year, \$55,877 grant will help support the development, implementation, and evaluation of training on developmental medicine for the institute's medical school residents. The training will include an elective rotation in its adult medical outpatient clinic, an annual workshop for first-year residents, and two developmental medicine grand rounds per year at its Family Medicine Residency Program. Starr Center on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at Brandeis University (Waltham, MA) will use a \$40,000 planning grant to design a nurse practitioner model for delivering primary and coordinated care to adults with disabilities. Project collaborators include CLASS, Inc. (Lawrence, MA), University of Massachusetts at Lowell School of Nursing, and several sate agencies. For more information, visit www.special hope.org and select "Grant Information."
- Williamsburg Health Foundation (VA) approved approximately \$3 million in grants. The largest single grant for \$590,000 is designated to promote health in Williamsburg-James City County Schools through the **School** Health Initiative Program (SHIP). SHIP activities have included a 5k Run the Dog event involving 400 students and their families, a chef consulting in local school cafeterias, and wellness integration and movement in the classroom. The foundation also awarded \$290,000 to the Greater Williamsburg Child Assessment Center (VA) to improve behavioral health care for children and adolescents. Additional foundation funding includes more than \$1.5 million to local health care organizations, including local clinics and medication access programs, to serve the uninsured or underinsured in the Greater Williamsburg area. Contact: Jeanne

# SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

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AIDS United (Washington, DC) has released a report on outcomes from its Technical Summit on Women, HIV and Violence held in February 2014. The summit was intended to complement the work of the President's Federal Interagency Working Group on the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women and Girls, and Gender-Related Health Disparities, which recommended actions for federal agencies to increase interventions to link women living with HIV and affected by violence to much-needed services and care; ensure retention in care; provide support; and encourage broader prevention efforts and research. The summit's report findings urge a two-pronged strategy to develop best practices to serve women at risk for and living with HIV who have experienced violence, a strategic advocacy plan for better coordination and resourcing of best practices at federal and state levels; and scaling best practices in localities, which will require dissemination of key evidence, mentoring, and

the sharing of successful strategies. Contact: Rob Banaszak, 202.408.4848, ext. 214, rbanaszak@aidsunited.org.

**■** Connecticut Health Foundation (CT Health) (Hartford) published the issue brief Health Inequities in Connecticut and the Vital Role of the Safety Net, which analyzed findings from the Connecticut Health Care Survey. Funded by the Connecticut Health Funders Collaborative, the survey is a population-based assessment of the health and health care of Connecticut residents with a focus on patient perceptions and experiences. Membership in the collaborative comprises Aetna Foundation (Hartford), Children's Fund of Connecticut (Farmington), Foundation for Community Health (Sharon), The Patrick and Catherine Weldon **Donaghue Medical Research** Foundation (West Hartford), and Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut (Meriden), as well as CT Health. The report found that in Connecticut, blacks and Hispanics are more likely than whites to be in poor or fair health; more likely to lack health insurance, but also more likely to benefit from subsidized public insurance programs; and somewhat less likely to have a usual source of care. The smaller disparity occurs largely because clinics and health centers are major sources of care for these groups. In addition, CT Health created a social media toolkit for easy dissemination of the brief and accompanying infographics. For more information, visit www.cthealth.org and click on "Blog" under the "News and Publications" tab.

• Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) (St. Louis) funded a study that addresses inequities in health care access for St. Louis' African-American population. The results were outlined in For the Sake of All: A Report on the Health and Well-Being of African Americans in St. Louis, which asserts that billions of dollars are lost in health care costs due to disparate access to resources. Researchers from Washington University (St. Louis, MO) and St. Louis University offer solutions and issue a call to action to members of the community and other

stakeholders. The full report is available at www.forthesakeofall.org.

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#### **ON-LINE**

■ The Atlantic Philanthropies (New York, NY) and Foundation Center (Washington, DC) have partnered to launch Improving Access to Palliative Care, a collection of more than 80 resources with valuable information on obstacles to access to palliative care. The documents were collected from organizations worldwide and represent the field-based work and perspectives of grantmakers, practitioners, and nonprofits. In addition to identifying barriers to palliative care, some of the resources offer recommendations for improvements. The repository is accessible via Foundation Center's IssueLab platform, www.issuelab.org.

### **MEETINGS**

■ The Colorado Health Foundation (Denver) will host Health Transformed: The Power of Engagement, a conference focused on exploring the theories, policies, and economics influencing the future of health and health care. The symposium, scheduled for July 23-25, 2014, in Keystone, Colorado, will include sessions on how technology and transparency are changing consumer and patient expectations and engagement with the marketplace and providers. The symposium will also cover how communities and sectors outside health care are revolutionizing approaches to health care. Because the symposium is sold out, the foundation is offering an opportunity for individuals to participate on-line. For more information and to view a copy of the symposium agenda, visit www.coloradohealth.org/ healthsymposium.

### **AWARDS**

■ The Colorado Trust (Denver) has announced Together Colorado as the

recipient of its 2014 John R. Moran, Jr. Grantee Leadership Award, named in honor of the former long-time president and CEO of the trust for his devotion to improving the health and well-being of people across the state. The \$25,000 annual award is conferred to a current grantee for exemplary leadership. This year's award will be used to support the ongoing work of Together Colorado, a nonpartisan, multiracial, multifaith organization that unlocks the power of people through community organizing. Founded in 1978, Together Colorado's membership consists of schools, congregations, and youth and neighborhood groups. The organization works to train and equip faith leaders and volunteer community leaders to join together to resolve community issues, including health care, gun violence prevention, public safety, immigration, education, and economic justice. Contact: Maggie Frasure, 303.539.3127, maggie@ coloradotrust.org.

#### **PEOPLE**

■ California HealthCare Foundation

(CHCF) (Oakland) has announced appointments to three senior leadership positions. Marian Mulkey, current director of CHCF's Health Reform and Public Programs (HRPP) initiative, will become chief learning officer, with responsibility for advancing organizational learning and evaluation. Since 2010 Ms. Mulkey has led CHCF's work in analyzing the Affordable Care Act and informing policymakers, state and local government, and private stakeholders on ways to implement the legislation. Prior to joining CHCF, she was as an independent health policy consultant. Christopher Perrone will replace Ms. Mulkey as HRPP director. Previously Mr. Perrone was deputy director of HRPP and acting director of the Better Chronic Disease Care program. Prior to joining CHCF, Mr. Perrone was director of planning for the Massachusetts Division of Medical Assistance. Kelly Pfeifer has been appointed director of the Better Chronic Disease Care program, which focuses on improving clinical outcomes and quality

of life for Californians with chronic diseases. Previously Dr. Pfeifer was chief medical officer of the San Francisco Health Plan. Contact: Sally Mudd, 510.587.3135, smudd@chcf.org.

- Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansans (Topeka) announced the appointment of four new trustees to three-year terms. Beverly **"Bebo" Lowery-Born** is the former CFO for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas, from which she retired in 2013. Previously Ms. Lowery-Born served as the company's vice president for finance. **Krista Posti** is president and CEO of the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas. She is the former vice president of Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center, where she worked for 23 years. Martie Ross is principal at Pershing Yoakley & Associates, a health care consulting firm, where she advises doctors and hospitals nationally on health care regulations. Prior to her current position, Ms. Ross worked as a partner for several firms, including Spencer Fane Britt & Browne, Lathrop & Gage, and Fouston Siefkin. Don Sherman works for Westar Energy as vice president of community relations and strategic partnerships. He was a successful entrepreneur for 20 years, establishing Wichita's largest private security and investigative firm and
- founding the city's first and only African-American-owned radio station group in Kansas. For more information, visit www.sunflowrfoundation.org.
- Tufts Health Plan (Watertown, MA) has announced the appointment of Nora Moreno Cargie to executive director of Tufts Health Plan Foundation. Ms. Cargie will also serve as vice president of corporate citizenship for Tufts Health Plan. As executive director of the foundation, Ms. Cargie will lead all activities to further its position as a leader in education, coalition building, and policy work to advance healthy aging in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In the newly created vice president role, Ms. Cargie will lead the strategy and implementation of Tufts Health Plan's corporate citizenship efforts. She will coordinate the foundation's grantmaking with the health plan's business practices, products, and services and with community engagement strategies, including corporate sponsorships and employee volunteerism. Prior to joining the foundation, Ms. Cargie served as director of global corporate citizenship for The Boeing Company, where she led corporate citizenship efforts at Boeing's Chicago office using philanthropy, volunteerism, and other strategies to address community issues and concerns. Contact: 617.972.1090, Sonya\_ Hagopian@tufts-health.com.

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