



**JANUARY 17, 2011** 

### GIH STATE GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE FUND PROPOSALS DUE FEBRUARY 1

The deadline to submit a proposal to the GIH State Grant Writing Assistance Fund is fast approaching. If your foundation is providing grant writing support related to funding opportunities in the Affordable Care Act – or is interested in doing so – you can apply for matching dollars through the fund. Up to \$15,000 per state will be awarded to assist government agencies applying for federal funds.

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# NEW GRANTS & PROGRAMS

■ BHHS Legacy Foundation (Phoenix, AZ) awarded more than \$3.5 million in grants to nonprofit organizations that address health issues for residents of greater Phoenix; Laughlin, Nevada; and Needles, California. Among the grantees are: AT Still University/Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health (Mesa) -\$110,000 to support dental services for special needs patients; Native American Connections, Inc. (Phoenix, AZ) – \$75,000 to assist with its **Homeless** Youth Program; John C. Lincoln Health Foundation (Phoenix, AZ) – \$50,000 for breast health screenings for the uninsured and underinsured at the new Breast Health Research Center; Wellcare Foundation (Phoenix, AZ) – \$50,000 to support core programming that provides basic medical care access to working poor moms and their children; Boys and Girls Clubs of the Colorado River (Mohave, AZ) – \$50,000 for renovations to the Mohave High School Sports Field and Complex; and Children's Museum of Phoenix (AZ) – \$35,000 to support the Children and Caregiver's Health and Wellness Learning Initiative. For more information, visit www.bhhslegacy.org.

■ Brandywine Health Foundation (Coatesville, PA) announced grants totaling \$437,500. Among the grantees are: Maternal and Child Health **Consortium of Chester County** (West Chester, PA) - \$30,000 in general operating support for the agency's Healthy Start Program at the Coatesville Center for Community Health, which serves more than 350 women each year; Bridge of Hope -\$10,000 to provide case management for homeless single mothers with behavioral health problems who are working to attain financial stability; **Coatesville Center for Community Health** – \$10,000 in general operating support for collaborative outreach efforts among seven agencies; Coatesville and

### **GIHNEWS**

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### GIH FUNDING PARTNER CIRCLE GROWS

The number of GIH Funding Partners grew in 2010 with the addition of the following grantmakers. We thank them and all of our Funding Partners for supporting our work.

- Alliance Healthcare Foundation San Diego, CA
- American Legacy Foundation Washington, DC
- Community West Foundation Cleveland, OH
- Empire Health Foundation Spokane, WA
- The Fine Foundation Pittsburgh, PA
- Ford Foundation New York, NY

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#### **2010 FUNDING PARTNERS** (continued)

- · Lloyd A. Fry Foundation Chicago, IL
- GRACE Communications **Foundation** New York, NY
- Greater Milwaukee Foundation Milwaukee, WI
- · The Leona M. and Harry B. **Helmsley Charitable Trust** New York, NY
- The Jasper Foundation Cambridge, MA
- · Gordon and Betty Moore **Foundation** Palo Alto, CA
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- · Pajaro Valley Community Health **Trust** Watsonville, CA
- The Patterson Foundation Sarasota, FL
- Piedmont Health Care Foundation Greenville, SC
- The Rockefeller Foundation New York, NY
- Salem Health and Wellness **Foundation** Salem, NI
- Westlake Health Foundation Oakbrook Terrace, IL

#### Downingtown Senior Centers -

\$10,000 in the second-year of funding to support efforts of the staff and board leadership to create the Chester County Senior Center Collaborative; and Handi-Crafters (Coatesville) - \$5,000 to support employment services for 20 low-income residents of Coatesville with a mental health diagnosis who are ineligible for public funding support despite their low-income status. Contact: Dana Heiman, 610.380,9080, ext. 102.

#### **Greater Cincinnati Foundation**

(OH) awarded more than \$200,000 in health-related grants to support organizations serving residents of the greater Cincinnati area. Among the grantees are: Caring Partners International, Inc. -\$45,000 toward the addition of three staff members to expand the organization's capacity to meet the increasing need for the distribution of donated medical equipment and supplies: Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired - \$50,000 toward salary and associated costs for a new outreach social worker; Center for **Respite Care, Inc.** (CRC) - \$35,000 toward the establishment of 20 additional apartments for homeless individuals leaving the CRC following medical respite follow-up and hospital discharge; and SARA-IRP - \$31,000 toward the purchase and launch of the Cincinnati CHAT Web site program to inform, educate, and energize area youth with regard to the epidemic of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. For more information, visit www.gcfdn.org, click on "Grants," and select "Recent Grants."

■ The John A. Hartford Foundation

(New York, NY) recently made grant awards totaling \$2.2 million. Approximately \$1.8 million in renewal grants was awarded to five universities through the Hartford Centers of Geriatric Nursing Excellence. The grantees will focus on three core activities in academic nursing: the development of faculty with expertise in geriatrics, the creation of sustainability plans for each center, and the formation of a collaborative Hartford Center funding proposal in 2012. The grantees are: Oregon Health & Science University (Portland) – \$378,325 over two years; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Little Rock) - \$369,749 over two years; University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) - \$369,691 over two years; University of Iowa (Iowa City) - \$333,266 over two years; and University of California, San **Francisco** – \$327,908 over two years. In addition, PHI (New York, NY) will receive a challenge grant of \$400,000 over two years to expand its work to improve care for elders. This challenge

grant will provide flexible core support, in concert with other sources of funding, and targets five key activities that address the Institute of Medicine's recommendations to build the direct care workforce and improve the care of older adults. The five core activities will support health policy implementation, the development of new partnerships, the advancement of direct care workers, and efforts to promote consumer direction, and will increase training capacity through the launch of Web-based courses. Contact: Christine Ghost. 484.410.9243.

- Hogg Foundation for Mental Health (Austin, TX) announced that it is investing an additional \$1.5 million to support a three-year extension of a statewide strategy aiming to increase Spanish-language mental health services. Through the initiative, the foundation provides scholarship funds that pay tuition and fees for bilingual students entering graduate social work programs in Texas. In return, students agree to provide mental health services in Texas for a period equal to the timeframe of the scholarship. The foundation's goal is to increase linguistic diversity in the Texas mental health workforce. The foundation recently broadened the program to include languages other than Spanish, such as Vietnamese or Mandarin, that are prevalent in the community. In the initiative's first two years, the foundation awarded 82 scholarships. Contact: Merrell Foote, 512.471.9142, merrell.foote@ austin.utexas.edu.
- Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation (Oak Brook, IL) announced funding of \$120,000 to support eight food distribution networks that serve children, providing food to pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters in all 102 counties in Illinois. Matching funds were secured from community foundations and private donors for a total investment of more than \$200,000. The following food distribution networks will benefit from this funding: Central Illinois Foodbank (Springfield); Eastern Illinois Food Bank (Urbana); Greater Chicago Food

Depository; Northern Illinois Food

Bank (St. Charles): Peoria Area Food Bank; Riverbend Food Bank (Moline); St. Louis Area Food Bank (MO); and Tri-State Food Bank (Evansville, IN). Contact: Tammy Lemke, 630.571.2555, tammylemke@ilchf.org.

■ Maine Health Access Foundation (Augusta) awarded five, two-year grants totaling \$975,965 to organizations in Maine with projects and initiatives that focus on containing costs and supporting payment reform in Maine's health care system. MaineGeneral Health and Affiliates Group (Augusta) will use funding to include patients and families in transforming primary care to improve health and reduce overall health care costs as it enhances a five-year pilot to redesign both clinical care and payment systems. Medical Care Development, **Division of Health Improvement** (Augusta), with its partner the Greater Somerset Public Health Collaborative (Skowhegan), will apply funding toward developing and offering a worksite wellness product specifically designed for rural micro-businesses and individuals as an add-on to current insurance coverage. Funding to Prescription Policy Choices (Hallowell) will address efficiency and cost containment goals in the state's health plan by ensuring that the best science and data are used as health care providers, consumers, and health plans decide how prescription drugs are prescribed, accessed, and covered. Contact: Barbara Leonard, 207.620.8266, ext. 102, bleonard@mehaf.org.

#### ■ Missouri Foundation for Health (St. Louis) awarded more than \$4 million to 38 nonprofit organizations with programs in health care workforce enhancement, chronic disease management, mental health and substance abuse, organizational improvement, and tobacco prevention and cessation. Among the grantees are: Missouri State **University** (Springfield) – \$487,681 to develop programs to increase its family nurse practitioner faculty and enrollment and to enhance students' understanding of the health care needs of the underserved; CoxHealth (Springfield) -\$200,000 to help the health system hire new staff and develop a patient-centered

medical home model for patient care in rural clinics; Community Counseling Center (Cape Girardeau) - \$196,903 to provide seniors with depression screening, referrals, and mobile services by psychiatrists, licensed clinical social workers, and nurse practitioners; Westminster College (Fulton) -\$134,659 to support smoking cessation programming and education, as well as advocacy for smoke-free communities; and Memory Care Home Solutions (St. Louis) -\$19,258 to improve program evaluation and data collection. Contact: Julie Johnson, 314.345.5580, jjohnson@mffh.org.

■ The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust's (Winston-Salem, NC) Health Care Division awarded 48 grants totaling more than \$7 million to North Carolina-based organizations that will use funds to address a variety of health issues. Hyde County Health Department (Swan Quarter), which received \$330,675, is one of five grantees awarded funding to facilitate community change. A total of 17 programs received funding for mental health and substance abuse services, including: Halifax Regional Medical Center, Inc. (Roanoke Rapids) - \$554,331; Easter Seals United Cerebral Palsy North **Carolina, Inc.** (Raleigh) – \$385,000; and Kinston Community Health **Center, Inc.** – \$368,808. Ten organizations will use funding to support diabetes care and self-management programs. These organizations include: Native American Interfaith Ministries, **Inc.** (Pembroke) – \$344,000; Crossworks, Inc. (Rocky Mount) -\$165,000; and Jackson County Department of Public Health (Sylva) -\$176,000. In addition, 12 organizations will apply funding to improve access to primary medical care. These include: Metropolitan Community Health Services, Inc. (Washington) -\$330,000; Surry County Health Department (Dobson) - \$220,414; and Graham Children's Health Services of **Toe River, Inc.** (Burnsville) – \$197,725. Contact: Allen Smart, 336.397.5500, allen@kbr.org.

■ Riverside Community Health Foundation (CA) awarded more than

\$1.1 million in grants to local nonprofits dedicated to improving the health of Riverside residents. Among the grantees are: Parkview Community Hospital **Medical Center** – \$497,866 to provide funds for the implementation of an electronic health records system; Loma Linda University Children's Hospital - \$250,000 to enhance successful outcomes for neonates through the provision of equipment designed to decrease the levels of stress encountered by infants in intensive care; Inland **Agency** – \$100,000 to fund Pink Ribbon Place, which will provide breast cancer screening and treatment for eligible women age 49 and younger; and **Project K.I.N.D.** - \$69,546 to provide access to quality health care for underserved children, address acute illness, reduce public health risks, manage pain, and assist in returning a child to school as soon as possible. Contact: Ninfa Delgado, 951.788.3471, Ninfa@rchf.org.

- Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina (Columbia) has awarded 22 grants totaling \$51,000 to nonprofit and faith-based organizations across South Carolina. Among the grantees are: Catholic Charities of the **Diocese of Charleston Coastal Deanery** – \$3,000 to provide dental care to uninsured and underinsured adults living in poverty; Darlington Free **Medical Clinic** – \$3,000 to provide medicine and medical supplies to the uninsured; Friendship Medical Clinic and Pharmacy (Conway) - \$3,000 to purchase medications for low-income patients; Good Shepherd Free Medical Clinic of Laurens County (Clinton) -\$3,000 to provide medication and testing supplies to chronically or severely ill low-income patients; Sumpter Free Health Clinic - \$3,000 for free diabetic supplies and prescription medications for the poor and uninsured; and EmmanuWheel (Lexington) - \$500 to support the building of wheelchair ramps for low-income individuals in need. Contact: Brooke Bailey, 803.254.0230, ext. 18, bbailey@ sistersofcharitysc.com.
- **St. David's Foundation** (Austin, TX) announced awards totaling \$2.48 mil-

lion to three central Texas-based education organizations to help provide innovative educational opportunities in the health care arena for local students. Austin Community College's (TX) Round Rock campus will receive approximately \$2 million for the newly named St. David's Health Sciences Building, which holds classes for the college's nursing program, as well as other health care professions. A \$250,000 award will help create a state-of-the-art videoconference facility for nursing students at Concordia University Texas (Austin), enabling students to attend virtual guest lectures by the country's top health care professors and seasoned health care practitioners. The foundation also awarded \$200,000 to Capital IDEA (Austin and Round Rock) to provide funding for recipients pursuing nursing degrees. In addition to these educational grants, the foundation is also awarding \$11.7 million in grants to nonprofits working toward improving access to health care for low-income residents of central Texas. Contact: Lisa Trahan, 512.879.6612, ltrahan@ stdavidsfoundation.org.

#### ■ Tufts Health Plan Foundation

(Watertown, MA) awarded nearly \$760,000 to 23 nonprofit organizations based in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The majority of the grants will support the foundation's Healthy Aging initiative, designed to help meet the challenges of an aging society. Programs that received new funding include those that address chronic disease management, exercise and nutrition, improved mobility and reduction of falls, access to resources and support for caregivers, and access to programs in the community to combat depression and social isolation. Among the grantees are: Southwest Boston Senior Services/Ethos (MA) -\$63,000 for Vibrant Aging at Home and in the Community; Franklin **County Home Care Corporation** (Turner Falls, MA) - \$58,884 for Taking Steps to Healthy Aging; VNA & Hospice of Cooley Dickinson (Northampton, MA) – \$50,000 to support Strength in Numbers Falls Prevention Education for Seniors; and YMCA of Greater Boston (MA) -\$50,000 for Get Fit Stay Fit for Life.

Contact: Patti Embry-Tautenan, 617.972.1090.

- United Methodist Health Ministry Fund (Hutchinson, KS) awarded more than \$500,000 to eight community collaboratives across Kansas through its 2010 Fit for Kansas Kids program. **Douglas County Child Development** Association (Lawrence), in partnership with the Success by 6 Coalition of Douglas County (Lawrence), will spearhead an effort to make wholesome, locally grown foods more available to young children and their families; a \$100,000 grant has been awarded to implement Families, Farmers, & **Educators United for Healthy Child** Development. A grant of \$99,956 will go to a coalition led by the **University** of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita to encourage pregnant women to engage in adequate physical activity. A grant of \$77,630 will support upgrades at the Jerry Hamm Early Learning Center in Coffeyville to establish a community site for physical activity and nutrition activities for young children and their families. Contact: Virginia Elliott, 620,662,8586.
- Winter Park Health Foundation (FL) has approved two grants totaling \$200,000 to support local organizations that are working to keep up with the increasing need for food and other basic services. A \$100,000 grant to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida (Orlando) will be used to expand the Pantry Plus Program in Eatonville, Maitland, and Winter Park. The award will support distribution of an estimated 6,000 family food boxes over six months, which equates to about 120,000 meals. A portion of the grant will also help the agency launch The Genesis Project designed to identify, recruit, and foster the growth of new pantries. Heart of Florida United Way (Orlando) will use \$100,000 for its Basic Needs Campaign, which enables local residents to get financial help meeting emergency needs such as rent or housing, utilities, food, and other essentials. Contact: Lynn Phillips Carolan, 407.644.2300, lcarolan@wphf.org.

# SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation (Boston) released the report Closing the Gap on Racial and Ethnic Health Care Disparities: Lessons from the 2005-2008 Grantees, which highlights the impact and outcomes of funding to nine organizations through the foundation's Closing the Gap on Health Care **Disparities.** The report features stories of change from policy, organizational, provider, and client perspectives, and explains the successes and challenges in implementing the grant-supported programs. The report also outlines lessons learned and best practices that may be useful to providers, policymakers, and funders when initiating similar efforts. Contact: Jennifer Chow, 617.246.3509, jennifer.chow@ bcbsma.com.
- Colorado Health Foundation (Denver) recently featured a guest entry authored by Emily Art, program associate for Grantmakers In Health (GIH), in Health Relay, the foundation's blog. Ms. Art's message focused on policy efforts that can help schools improve food choices, and presented perspectives of education experts that were shared at GIH's strategy session Back to Basics: Promoting Healthy School Food, which convened in Denver last fall. The panelists promoted farmto-school programs and the inclusion of nutrition in statewide curricula as possible methods for improving nutrition in schools. To read the entry, visit http://coloradohealth. typepad.com/health\_relay and select December 1, 2010.
- The Commonwealth Fund (New York, NY) released an issue brief that addresses the impact of the Affordable Care Act on the baby boomer population. Realizing Health Reform's Potential: Adults Ages 50–64 and the Affordable Care Act of 2010 asserts that the legislation will help more than 18 million men and women ages 50 to 64 gain access to affordable health

insurance. This group holds the highest long-term unemployment rates among U.S. adults within the working-age population. Beginning in 2014, 3.3 million of those currently uninsured and with incomes under \$29,000 for a family of four will gain Medicaid coverage; 3.5 million with incomes up to \$88,000 for a family of four will be able to gain subsidized private coverage through the new health insurance exchanges; and 1.4 million in higher income brackets will gain new coverage with consumer protections. The brief also states that an estimated 9.7 million older adults who are insured but have relatively high out-of-pocket costs will also realize improved coverage. The brief is available on the publications section of the fund's Web site. www.commonwealthfund.org.

■ Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation (Wellesley, MA) released Dishing Out Healthy School Meals, a study it commissioned with the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University to identify and profile best practices in school food service. The study, which examined school districts within Harvard Pilgrim Health Care's service area in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine, identified both common and unique elements of three diverse school districts that have improved meals despite being challenged by balancing costs, nutrition, and student participation. Out of nearly 70 school districts surveyed, Chicopee Public Schools (Massachusetts), the Laconia School District (New Hampshire), and Maine School Administrative District 3 based in Unity, Maine, emerged as having made significant improvements in their ability to provide kids with healthy, appealing meals by following five steps: cooking more and relying less on prepackaged foods, serving fresh fruits and vegetables, making changes in competitive or à la carte foods and offering healthier choices in vending machines, sourcing healthy foods, and connecting food to the environment and good health. Contact: Lily Lynch, 617.509.7407, lily\_lynch@ harvardpilgrim.org.

### OTHER NEWS

Community Catalyst (Boston, MA) announced the creation of the Affordable Care Act Implementation **Fund**, which will provide support to state-based health advocates to ensure effective and consumer-focused implementation of health reform. This month the fund, administered by Community Catalyst, will invite grant applications from advocacy organizations in eligible states. Grants will support work toward specific policy outcomes utilizing public education, policy and legal advocacy, communications, coalition building, and grassroots organizing and mobilization. Issue focus areas may include exchanges, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, private insurance reforms, health equity, or other related issues. Grants will range from \$75,000 to \$250,000 per year; grantees will be required to obtain matching funds. Additional invitations will be issued as more funds become available and as understanding of needs and opportunities develops. The fund's creation follows the recent report Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Strategies for Successful State Implementation of the Affordable Care Act, which provides a roadmap for implementation, and outlines the critical roles state advocates. national organizations, and funders will play. The report was funded by The California Endowment (Los Angeles, CA) and developed in collaboration with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Families USA, the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families, Health Care for America Now, and Trust for America's Health. For more information, go to http://www.communitycatalyst.org/ projects/ACA\_Fund/ or contact Karen Quigley at kquigley@ communitycatalyst.org.

#### PEOPLE

#### ■ Mary Black Foundation

(Spartanburg, SC) announced its new officers for 2011: Doris Tidwell, former principal of Park Hills Elementary

School, will serve as board chair. Jimmy A. Littlefield, recently retired superintendant of Spartanburg County School District One, will be vice chair. D. Byrd Miller, III, CFO of William Barnet & Son, LLC, will be treasurer. William Coker and Ruth Cate will join the foundation's executive committee. The foundation also announced the election of **A. Tony Fisher** to a four-year term as a trustee. Mr. Fisher currently serves as the City of Spartanburg's director of public safety. In addition, H. Walter Barre, II retired from the board on December 31. Mr. Barre has been associated with the foundation since its inception, including serving three years as chair. Contact: Cate Brandt Ryba, 864.573.9500.

# Foundation (Woodland Hills)

■ The California Wellness

announced the impending retirement of President and CEO Gary L. Yates. Mr. Yates has served in that capacity since July 1995; his retirement will take effect December 2011. Mr. Yates joined the foundation staff in 1992 after more than 20 years of experience in education, public health, and health care. Immediately prior to his association with the foundation, he was associate director of the division of adolescent medicine at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. In addition to serving as a member of the foundation's board of directors, Mr. Yates is also assistant clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine and a licensed marriage and family therapist. For more information, visit www.calwellness.org/news.

■ **DentaQues**t (Boston, MA) announced the addition of Claudine Swartz as vice president of government relations and Jay Anderson, D.M.D., M.H.S.A. as director of practice improvement for the DentaQuest Institute. Previously Ms. Schwartz served as assistant vice president for policy at the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems in Washington, DC. Additionally, she has held key government affairs positions at the University of California Health System and Sempra Energy. Prior to joining the DentaQuest Institute, Dr. Anderson served as chief

dental officer at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration. In his new role, Dr. Anderson will lead the institute's work to support oral health professionals as they work to improve patient care. Contact: Justin Ordman, 617.933.5281, jordman@ solomonmccown.com.

■ The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati (OH) elected James E. **Schwab** as its new director, president, and CEO. Mr. Schwab, who previously announced his retirement as the Cincinnati market president for U.S. Bank, has held positions with several Cincinnati-based companies, including Great American Holding Company, Xtec, American Financial Corporation, and Corporex. He is chairman of the board of TriHealth and serves on the board of the Health Improvement Collaborative. He also serves as trustee of The University of Cincinnati Foundation (OH); Hoxworth Blood Center; The Children's Home; and the Research and Education Committee of the Cincinnati Children's Research Foundation (OH). In addition, Mr.

Schwab has led both the United Way and Fine Art Fund campaigns. He will follow Donald Hoffman, the foundation's first president, who announced his retirement last year. Contact: Megan Licursi, 513.404.2545, megan@licursi.net.

■ Public Welfare Foundation

(Washington, DC) announced that Mary E. McClymont will serve as the foundation's president. Ms. McClymont most recently served as executive director of Global Rights, an international human rights organization that promotes and protects the rights of vulnerable populations. Prior employment includes working as president and CEO of InterAction, as well as holding positions with the Ford Foundation (New York, NY) and the Peace and Social Justice Program. Ms. McClymont has also worked as the national director

for legalization of the Migration and

Refugee Services division of the United

attorney in the Civil Rights Division of

the U.S. Department of Justice.

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