

We are very proud of our staff and community for adapting to our current conditions during the pandemic. It had been a huge adjustment to move our programming virtually, assist families to learn how to use different technology (and learn ourselves), and continue to adapt our services to best serve the community. Everyone has been so willing to jump in and help and go beyond their comfort zones to learn and grow.

-Quote from grantee



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Community Health Improvement Plan

2019-2020 mini-grants:
Building capacity for Trauma Informed and Equity Approaches

BACKGROUND

Washington County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) guides the County and community partners to work collaboratively in addressing important health issues. This year, CHIP provided grants to seven organizations to help them build capacity in Trauma Informed Care (TIC) and equity. Grantees included safety net clinics, school partners, and culturally specific community organizations. The average grant was \$15,000. This work was funded by the County and Health Share of Oregon and led by the CHIP Leadership Team which includes health systems, schools, and community-based organizations.

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2019-2020 GRANTS

Adelante Mujeres: Bridging the Equity Gap:
Latinx Community Health Workers

Mountain View Middle School:
Social Emotional Learning Through Nature and Service

SmileCare Everywhere/Pacific University:
SmileCare Everywhere for Migrant Farm Workers

Meals on Wheels People (MOWP):
Removing Barriers to Access through Expansion of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Practices and Service Delivery

Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon:
Peer Support for the Peer Support Workforce

Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA):
Building capacity for community driven policy, systems and environment change through Community Action Team development

Arts & Communication Magnet Academy (ACMA):
ACMA: A Community of Care

We are proud of our ability to continue to focus on moving our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) work forward in the midst of a pandemic

-Quote from grantee

Do it! Develop an idea that really gets at what makes us whole and feel like we belong, talk to others, write it up, get help, dream!

-Quote from grantee

GRANT IMPACTS

- Adelante Mujeres served 153 Produce Rx participants, and assisted 94 families that received food vouchers.
- Mountain View Middle School trained 8 teachers in outdoor learning techniques, which will reach 350 students.
- SmileCare Everywhere's mobile van partnered with Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center to screen 118 patients for COVID during the first 15 days of operation. The Hillsboro Primary Care site screened 249 patients for COVID during 20 days of operation.
- Meals on Wheels People provided employee affinity/resource group training to 100 employees.
- ACMA trained all of their teachers and most of their staff in trauma informed best practices and that work is informing a revision of their Schoolwide Student Conduct Plan.
- Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon provided individual and group support to 31 peer support specialists.
- The Oregon Health Equity Alliance were able to recruit 8 people to be part of their Community Action Team (CAT). CAT is a group of community activists that will be trained to inform city, county, and state policy (through public testimony and other advocacy efforts) as well as sit on decision making bodies.

LESSONS LEARNED

The COVID-19 pandemic slowed or stopped much grant-related work between March and early June as organizations responded to changes in service delivery and to an increased need for their other services. Despite these challenges, grantees are planning to continue building on the work initiated through their grants.

- Mountain View middle school will work with the community to develop community service projects and assist high risk students to develop outdoor leadership skills.
- Adelante Mujeres will work with their leadership & advocacy department to identify community needs, priorities, and ideas for possible solutions or interventions.
- OHEA is hopeful that they will be able to engage members in their "Health In All Policies" training.

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Stay open and flexible to unexpected outcomes and changes to your plan. Community work should move at the speed of trust and a priority one day might change the next depending on the external environment or other factors.

-Quote from grantee