



2014 Q2 Community Benefit Grant Request Approvals

Large grant requests approved

Clatsop Community Action (Clatsop Co.)	\$50,000
Coastal Family Health Center (Clatsop & Columbia Cos.)	\$40,000
Columbia Community Mental Health (Columbia Co.)	\$70,000
Community Action Team (Clatsop, Columbia & Tillamook Cos.)	\$35,000
Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (Multnomah Co.)	\$30,000
Kairos (Jackson Co.)	\$20,000
La Clinica (Jackson Co.)	\$70,000
Outside In (Multnomah Co.)	\$50,000

Approved large grant request summaries

Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank funding will cover two-thirds the cost of a freezer truck, which will allow the food bank to assist those living in rural areas away from Astoria. The funds will provide a direct benefit to low-income families, mitigating food costs and improving their nutritional status – which will help them move out of poverty.

Coastal Family Health Center funds will cover the cost of reopening a clinic in Clatskanie that has been closed since March, which also services Rainer and the local SBHC. CareOregon is supportive because this promotes health equity goals in a rural area. CFHC will add this clinic to its FQHC, which will help make it viable and sustainable over time.

Columbia Community Mental Health is expanding its services to young children (up to age 6) facing mental health challenges. The grant will fund coalition building, providing professional staff and doing community outreach, although not the portion of the request to remodel a building owned by the Columbia County Health Department. Because CCMH will be better able to address trauma and mental health conditions in these young children, there is greater hope that they will grow up healthy and out of poverty.

Community Action Team will receive funding to improve and make safe at least 50 homes of low-income residents, who otherwise might be forced to move to a foster home or assisted living center. The agency uses mostly volunteer labor to install ramps, handrails and, in some cases, healthy-home check-ups.

Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization trains culturally-specific community health workers and hosts workshops on cultural competency. The grant also will help CareOregon better partner with and learn from IRCO about cultural competency. IRCO also will assist CareOregon’s culturally diverse population navigate our complex health system. This will promote health equity and reduce the number of immigrants falling into a cycle of poverty.

Kairos will use its funds to expand access to mental health services in southern Oregon, which will reduce health disparity and improve the overall health of those communities.

La Clinica has made a commitment to address a critical community need for greater dental care access. The grant will support greater health equity based on income, with an immediate and measureable impact on those living in Southern Oregon.

Outside In will use the funds to migrate its medical records to the Epic electronic health record system. Epic is supported by OCHIN, its community partner for health services, and has been adopted by nearly all health providers in the region. That will allow the agency to better manage care and services within its system, as well as with the many other providers who treat its clients.

Mid-sized grant request approved for funding

Helping Hands Re-Entry (Clatsop Co.)

\$20,000

The grant will fund an on-call mental health crisis therapist. The need for this position was well documented in CareOregon’s community health needs assessment.