

## 2014-Quarter 3 Grant Recipients

### *Large Grants*

**Central City Concern (Multnomah County) \$82,000**

In support of two employment programs of this nonprofit organization that provides health and social support services for low-income and homeless persons. The Community Volunteer Corps and the Employment Access Center will help CCC clients take steps from homelessness to permanent self-sufficiency.

**Northwest Family Services (Clackamas County) \$50,000**

Funding will support an alcohol and drug prevention pilot program in six Clackamas County schools. The goal is to reduce future addiction in students who experiment with drugs and alcohol. Counseling will be provided as an alternative to suspension or expulsion from school. The program also will help ensure that students with Medicaid coverage will receive wellness exams and treatment for behavioral health issues.

**On-Track (Jackson County) \$40,000**

To support the establishment of an Attachment and Bonding Center where substance-abusing families involved in child welfare are provided an array of family strengthening, bonding and attachment services. Using a best-practices model, the program will help parents overcome their addictions and promote their capacity to care for their children, with the goal of preventing intergenerational transmission of abuse and neglect.

**School House Supplies \$48,000**

(Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Jackson, Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah counties)  
Funding will aid this program of providing free school supplies for students to expand beyond Portland-area public schools. This will allow an additional 40 shopping trips for teachers from each of these counties: Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Jackson, Clackamas, Washington and areas of Multnomah County not currently covered. Each shopping trip allows a teacher to select \$300 worth of notebooks, pencils, art supplies, books and other items needed by students in their classes.

**Upstream Public Health (Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties) \$30,000**

This grant will help expand the pilot Early Childhood Dental Wellness Project, which provides preventive dental services to thousands of low-income children enrolled in childcare centers in the Portland metro area. It is a model project that teaches young children good oral health, conducts oral health exams, and provides dental sealants.

### *Medium Size Grants*

**211 Info & Columbia Pacific CCO \$20,000**

To help cover the cost of a community engagement coordinator who will create and maintain a community resource guide, as well as promote its usage among agencies and people who are in need of social services.

**Oregon Food Bank (statewide) \$5,000**

Offered in conjunction with the CareOregon employee community volunteer program, funds will purchase food for residents living in areas served by CareOregon, including CareOregon Advantage in the Portland Metro Area and Jackson Care Connect, a Coordinated Care Organization in Jackson County.

**Street Roots (Multnomah County) \$5,000**

To help cover the cost of the printing the Rose City Resource Guide, which helps low-income and homeless individuals find social support services. It is a hardcopy version of resources on the 211 website, to make it useful to those without regular Internet access.

## **2014-Quarter 4 Grant Recipients**

### *Large Grants*

**Alliance4Kids (statewide) \$20,000**

This grant will help bring together and coordinate the efforts of a number of organizations, programs and resources around the state that help at-risk and vulnerable children overcome the challenges of ACEs – adverse childhood experiences. Children with high ACEs scores face a higher likelihood of lifelong health and psychosocial issues without effective early intervention and support systems. The current array of early learning, youth development, education reform, juvenile justice, housing and health transformation efforts are all gaining momentum, but not necessarily in a cohesive way. Alliance4Kids provides forums that promote shared learning and coordination of efforts.

**Compass House (Jackson County) \$10,000**

To help fund a Clubhouse facility run by Compass House to provide community support services for adults with chronic mental health issues. With the closing of two other programs, the Clubhouse fills a service gap in Jackson County. It will offer its members opportunities for meaningful relationships, employment, housing, education an access to medical and mental health services in a single caring and safe environment. This proven model provides purposeful opportunities that build the dignity of individuals with mental health issues, improve independence and overall well-being.

**Friends of the Children (Multnomah County) \$40,000**

This grant provides financial support for a program serving 31 at-risk kindergarteners selected from around the Portland metro area for this 16-hour a month program. Children will receive intensive, individualized support from a paid, professional mentor (“Friend”) who will provide vulnerable youth with literacy skills and other educational supports, as well as life skills and leadership building, to help prepare them for future schoolwork and beyond.

**Oregon Latino Health Coalition (statewide) \$20,000**

The goal of the coalition’s initiative, Health Care for All Oregonians, is to secure state funding to cover health services for all Oregon children, regardless of their immigration status. An estimated 20,000 children may not access Medicaid, CHIP or “Obamacare” plans on the health

care exchange. The Latino Health Coalition works with advocacy groups around the state to lobby for funding to fill this gap. Services would be provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers, school-based health centers and other safety net clinics.

**Rogue Retreat (Jackson County)**

**\$30,000**

This grant will continue funding for peer-supported coaching services for previously homeless participants in Rogue Retreat’s program. The agency has 19 living units at two facilities that serve 40 adults and 17 children per year. Individuals and families get wrap-around support for their physical and behavioral health needs, working in concert with more than a dozen partner social service agencies and organizations.

**Rogue Valley YMCA (Jackson County)**

**\$30,000**

Funds will help pay for facility renovations that will improve fitness programs, nutrition initiatives and early childhood learning spaces for the community. These programs are in close alignment with Jackson Care Connect’s Community Health Improvement Plan. The YMCA, which serves approximately 20 percent of Medford residents, is situated in an area that will help many low-income Medicaid members work toward creating healthier habits and lifestyles.

**Gladstone School District (Clackamas County)**

**\$100,000**

This grant will help Gladstone Schools further develop and implement a trauma-informed school community of care for its 800 K-8 students. It will help teachers and counselors better understand and coach students who have barriers to learning and development related to traumatic childhood events at home. Those may include: spousal abuse, divorce and substance abuse; poverty and homelessness; child neglect or abuse; and incarceration of a parent. The desired result is students who have improved resiliency, self-regulation, attachment skill development and academic success.

**Project Access Now (Multnomah County)**

**\$100,000**

With help from this grant, Project Access Now will build infrastructure and capacity to support a more resilient Rockwood community. It will do it by connecting families to a collaborative network of health, education and community resource providers. Some 20 partner organizations and Multnomah County Health Department are collaborating with Project Access Now, which supports safety net health clinics for those without regular access to primary care. This ambitious project, costing more than \$1 million, is focusing first on youth violence prevention in this impoverished community through substantial expansion of early learning and health care programs.

***Mid-Sized Grants***

**Clackamas Service Center (Clackamas County)**

**\$15,000**

A nonprofit agency that has been helping homeless and low-income individuals and families live a healthy lifestyle since 1973, Clackamas Service Center will use the grant to help their clients achieve self-sufficiency. The agency distributes food, provides health and social services, and it connects members with mental health and domestic violence services in the community.

**Meals on Wheels (Multnomah County)**

**\$10,000**

CareOregon has formed a new partnership with Meals on Wheels, which delivers meals to frail elderly and disabled people so they can continue to live independently in their own homes. It also provides meals for those who can travel to its centers – where representatives of CareOregon Advantage can meet with clients to help them access to health services.

**Southwest Community Health Center (Multnomah County) \$20,000**

This grant will support the center’s Culturally Competent Care Program. The program includes an on-site application assistor who helps non-English speaking clients navigate the health care system, including helping them enroll in the Oregon Health Plan. It also supports telephonic translation services and the creation of culturally appropriate educational materials.

**Virginia Garcia Health Center (Washington and Yamhill counties) \$20,000**

The center’s Pathways to Wellness program focuses on providing preventive health care services to migrant farmworkers who are uninsured and have little or no regular access to clinics or hospitals. The grant will help support instructors, peer support programs and culturally appropriate written materials.

**Wallace Medical Concern (Multnomah County) \$10,000**

HealthWorks Base Camp at Wallace Medical Concern is a new program that engages adults with serious chronic health conditions and connects them to regular, ongoing care. It does so by enrolling their children in an onsite primary care at the Camp, where they participate in a fitness and nutritional education program. By making it fun for the children, with Zumba, games and positive health messages, the entire family will gain trust with the health providers and want to come more often for their needed health services. The goal is to help the adults prevent complications from their illnesses, which will reduce unnecessary and expensive hospital visits.