



2024 Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestments Funded Project Summaries

Opt-in Projects

Lake County Health District

Project Title: Lake Health District CARES (Controlling Abnormal Risk through Engagement & Screening)

Funding Type: Opt-in Access to Primary Care

Funded Amount: \$20,000

Summary: CARES is an innovative project that ties risk scores to health outcomes. EOCCO members identified as moderate risk have two things in common: They have not seen a primary care provider in the last 12 months, and many went to the ER for a reason connected to a chronic condition. CHWs help these patients establish care and use an SDOH screening tool to assess their needs. Based on the results, the CHWs connect them to the appropriate resources. These supports help patients manage their diseases and prevent them from moving to the high-risk category.

Grande Ronde

Project Title: Grande Ronde Hospital Children's Clinic Patient Lift

Funding Type: Opt-in Access to Primary Care

Funded Amount: \$15,110.06

Summary: Requesting \$15,110 to install a patient lift at Grand Ronde Hospital Children's Clinic to enhance accessibility to primary care services for wheelchair-bound patients within our community. This critical improvement to an exam room will be significant for these individuals by removing barriers to healthcare. The proposed patient lift will provide safe and efficient transport in clinic for patients with mobility challenges by eliminating clinical staff lifting patients. The proposed lift will assist patients in transitioning to and from their wheelchair, and enhance healthcare providers' ability to conduct thorough full body patient examinations. This project aligns with our commitment to providing inclusive healthcare for all members of our community and promoting equitable access to medical care.

Insight

Project Title: Insight Counseling and Therapy Expands Telehealth for Oregon Communities

Funding Type: Opt-in Health IT

Funded Amount: \$25,000

Summary: Insight seeks to establish an improved and expansive telehealth network for EOCCO members

and families, that will address the lack of mental health services access in rural Oregon. By providing accessible telehealth services, the initiative aims to enhance emotional-social development, resilience, and well-being for parents and children within their homes. By bringing comprehensive telehealth services to locations where it was previously unavailable, this endeavor will empower families and children with an unprecedented level of accessibility to mental and behavioral health support that previously either didn't exist or was difficult to access via commuting to distant office locations.

Winding Waters

Project Title: OCHIN Epic Unite Us Interface

Funding Type: Opt-in Health IT

Funded Amount: \$29,000

Summary: This project will integrate the Unite Us social referral platform into our two-organization instance of OCHIN Epic, a leading electronic health record system. This integration will bring streamlined capabilities to healthcare providers and staff seeking to address patients' social determinants of health needs. By utilizing these tools, they will seamlessly request and coordinate patient support services internally and with partner organizations, efficiently tracking closed-loop social determinants referrals. The data collected through provider use of the platform will also efficiently identify and track large-scale community needs around each social determinant of health, providing valuable ongoing needs assessment data that can help inform future health advocacy efforts.

CASA of EO

Project Title: Ready, Set, Go-Kindergarten "School" Readiness- Malheur County

Funding Type: Opt-in Kindergarten Readiness

Funded Amount: \$45,000

Summary: This application seeks additional funding to increase their volunteer base which is the core service delivery modality for the CASA program. Volunteers provide critical consistency to children under ODHS care, often through several foster home placements and ultimately a permanent family placement. Funds requested would increase volunteer recruiting efforts, pay for training new volunteers, and provide supplies to conduct assessments and support for their social emotional growth and school readiness (i.e. up to date on vaccines), provide indicated resources, and incentivize foster family participation.

CASA of EO

Project Title: Ready, Set, Go-Kindergarten "School" Readiness- Grant, Harney, Lake Counties

Funding Type: Opt-in Kindergarten Readiness

Funded Amount: \$25,000

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CASA of EO

Project Title: Ready, Set, Go-Kindergarten “School” Readiness- Baker & Union County

Funding Type: Opt-in Kindergarten Readiness

Funded Amount: \$35,000

Summary: This application seeks additional funding to increase their volunteer base which is the core service delivery modality for the CASA program. Volunteers provide critical consistency to children under ODHS care, often through several foster home placements and ultimately a permanent family placement. Funds requested would increase volunteer recruiting efforts, pay for training new volunteers, and provide supplies to conduct assessments and support for their social emotional growth and school readiness (i.e. up to date on vaccines), provide indicated resources, and incentivize foster family participation.

ThriveWell Clinic

Project Title: ThriveWell Clinic Kindergarten Readiness Project 2024

Funding Type: Opt-in Kindergarten Readiness

Funded Amount: \$40,000

Summary: This project proposes to add vaccine delivery to the array of services available at Thrivewell, as they currently do not provide immunizations and must refer their patients to county health clinics. They plan to use funds to purchase social-emotional screening materials for young children, books to give away at WCCs, hearing, vision, and lead-testing equipment for use on site, and computer equipment for an additional workstation for staff to run reports and monitor vaccines in storage.

Harney County Health Department Rural Health Clinic

Project Title: Rural School Readiness

Funding Type: Opt-in Kindergarten Readiness

Funded Amount: \$30,000

Summary: The applicant proposes to conduct well child checks in several rural locations that lack local health care providers, to patients who face barriers such as cost of travel and language barriers. Harney County will bring vaccines and well child checks to these destinations, alleviating the burden on families with limited resources and ensuring children are up to date on vaccines and screenings.

Harney County Health Department

Project Title: Social Determinants

Funding Type: Opt-in Social Determinant of Health Screening

Funded Amount: \$15,000

Summary: Implement a social needs screening tool for our community. Then we will work with our RHC, ECC and senior center as points of distribution. Collecting that information will allow us to identify the resources needed in our community. Then we will create a list to give to providers and schools and our senior center as well as work with Unite us to add those resources to their system.

White Family Medicine

Project Title: Social Need Screening

Funding Type: Opt-in SDoH

Funded Amount: \$25,000

Summary: White Family Medicine is submitting this CBIR grant application to help identify patients and families in need of assistance to connect them with local resources. Needs will be identified using the AHC-HRSN social screening tool. Young children will be screened for developmental progress using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire 3rd edition (ASQ-3). In conjunction with the ASQ-SE-2 tailored to identify and screen social and emotional behaviors. Integration of a community health worker into the practice as a designated resource to connect patients with needed resources and follow up to ensure services are used to the fullest potential.

Continuing Current Projects

Dayville City Hall

Project Title: Sustaining an established LCHP project: Dayville Senior Citizen and low-income congregate meal site.

Funding Type: Continuing Current Projects

Funded Amount: \$12,000

Summary: In 2022, LCHP awarded funds to support establishing a low-income and senior citizen meal site in Dayville, Oregon, a small, isolated Grant County town of 133 residents. The meal site proved to be a well-received and successful endeavor; since the onset of this program, ten months' worth of meals have been served to an average of 35 Dayville residents identified as either receiving or eligible to receive supports under EOCCO guidelines. Through the work of volunteers, the Grant County Senior Advisory Council, and other nonprofit entities, a board of directors and by-laws have been established to maintain meal site oversight and to support the sustainability of this program. The value of this program is evident but the financial supports from government agencies to sustain this program are nonexistent, and this program will dissolve without grant funding. This application is an ask to sustain the existing

meal site program which in turn allows additional time to advocate for financial support from Grant County and Community Connections of Northeast Oregon.

Public Health Department Projects

Winding Waters

Project Title: Improving screening, diagnosis and treatment of HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections in Wallowa County

Funding Type: Public Health Department

Funded Amount: \$25,000

Summary: With this Public Health grant, the Winding Waters Public Health team will enhance the capacity to screen for and diagnose Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) including gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomonas, and HIV. This grant will also allow for rapid initiation of treatment (same day start) for Sexually Transmitted Infections including gonorrhea, chlamydia, trichomonas, and HIV.

Malheur County Health Department

Project Title: Malheur County Health Department and Snake River Pediatric Clinic Vaccine Partner Project

Funding Type: Public Health Department

Funded Amount: \$30,000

Summary: Malheur County Health Department will partner with the Idaho Pediatric Clinic, Snake River Pediatrics (SRP), to enter all vaccines that they provide to Oregon's children, into a statewide immunization registry (ALERT ISS). SRP is one of the two pediatric clinics in Malheur County. SRP recently moved their practice from Malheur County to Idaho and will no longer have access to ALERT ISS.

Baker County Health Department

Project Title: Baker County Health and Wellness Fair

Funding Type: Public Health Department

Funded Amount: \$15,000

Summary: The Baker PHD Health and Wellness Fair is an opportunity for community members to learn about topics including but not limited to tobacco cessation, nutrition and exercise, oral health, and substance abuse. The fair will also provide opportunities for community members to complete screenings and immunizations available from clinicians. Community partners would provide local resources and outreach materials throughout the day. Health and wellness businesses would be able to offer group classes during the fair to display specific physical activities available to residents. Examples include group classes from the YMCA and yoga classes from local studios. The fair would also be a place for individuals who are uninsured to apply for the Oregon Health Plan. A goal is to have the Wellness and Health Fair become a yearly event for residents to receive basic health care services at

a reduced or no cost, participate on an annual basis to monitor their progress, and continue to provide a fun activity for the family.

New Ideas Projects

Winding Waters

Project Title: Medical Legal Partnership of Wallowa County

Funding Type: New Ideas

Funded Amount: \$25,000

Summary: This project aims to establish a Medical Legal Partnership (MLP) integrating legal professionals into the healthcare setting to address the non-medical determinants of health that often have legal solutions, such as housing, employment, and custody concerns. Through collaboration, healthcare and legal teams will provide holistic care and support to underserved populations in Wallowa County. The goal is to improve patient outcomes, reduce health disparities, and enhance community well-being. Implementation will involve stakeholder engagement, resource allocation, and ongoing evaluation to ensure the MLP's sustainability and efficacy.

Rotary Foundation of Wallowa

Project Title: Rotary Foundation of Wallowa County

Funding Type: New Ideas

Funded Amount: \$25,000

Summary: The Enterprise High School Active Club, supported by the Rotary Foundation of Wallowa County, aims to combat opioid overdoses by placing naloxone with current AED Life-Saving Stations located around the county. Additionally, they will provide opioid overdose and prevention education to people in Wallowa County. The application demonstrates strong leadership and support from community partners.

Wallowa Education Service District

Project Title: Teen Drop-in Center

Funding Type: New Ideas

Funded Amount: \$25,000

Summary: Wallowa County currently has very few options for youth to participate in healthy, prosocial activities. In the past 15 years, we have lost our movie theater, swimming pool, boy & Girls Club, Elk's youth program, and bowling alley. Winter months can be extremely harsh and limits access to outside activities. These are some of the main reasons Wallowa County needs a Youth Drop-In Center. Our vision is to have a space for community partner mentorship programs to staff the center after school, on

Fridays and weekends. Our center will include pool table, foosball table, game console with projector (to also show movies), board games, food/drink, and cooking classes. We would also like to start a scholarship program for when the mentors have established connections with the mentee, they will be able to go out and participate in activities when weather permits such as, gondola rides, boat rentals, rail to trail tickets, horseback riding etc. We also envision having our own "library" of items such as: fishing poles, stand up paddle boards, kayaks, etc. for mentors to check out and use with the youth. After school time will also provide space and time with an adult to work on homework/ academic support.

Pharmacy Foundation of Oregon

Project Title: Rx Access Initiative through a Rural Pharmacy Locker in Oregon

Funding Type: New Ideas

Funded Amount: \$35,000

Summary: The Pharmacy Foundation of Oregon (PFO), a 501c3 organization, aims to enhance pharmacy access for rural Oregonians. PFO gathers and examines narratives from healthcare professionals, the Oregon community, and pharmacies. This collective endeavor is designed to pinpoint trends and emphasize deficiencies in access, quality of care, and other relevant matters. Given the challenges posed by pharmacy closures and a shortage of healthcare providers, including pharmacy services, in Oregon, PFO aims to partner with EOCCO on an innovative solution. This approach involves leveraging technology for prescription dispensing, with strategically located dispensing lockers offering confidential, 24/7 access to medications and pharmacist consultations.

ThriveWell Clinic

Project Title: Thrivewell Community Health Worker

Funding Type: New Ideas

Funded Amount: \$25,000

Summary: ThriveWell Clinic (TWC) is seeking this grant to provide financial support needed for equipping a current employee, who will be a certified CHW by the beginning of the grant period, to provide CHW services to Harney County. Our CHW candidate is already enrolled in the Spring CHW course at Oregon State University (OSU). Our goal is for this CHW to support our already established annual Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) screening for all patients, and to connect patients who screen positive to community resources through community agencies and partners. In addition, the CHW would provide medical services through CUA-waived testing both in clinic and at the patient's homes. This mission directly supports the EOCCO Community Health Plan by addressing SDOH with a CHW who can coordinate referrals to improve food insecurities, housing instability, utility difficulties and interpersonal safety, as well as supporting EOCCO's quality metrics related to diabetes by increasing frequency of A1c testing of diabetics, and identifying diabetics for oral health evaluation.