

Legacy Health
COMMUNITY HEALTH FUND
ALL GRANTS ~ SUMMARY

ALBERTINA KERR

Grant years: *Three: FY 18, FY 19, FY 20*

Total funded: *\$150,000*

Albertina Kerr has strengthened Oregon families and communities since 1907. Through their capital campaign, Community Promise, Albertina Kerr is investing in the lives of Oregon children and families struggling with acute mental health challenges. The Legacy Community Health Fund grant, supporting the campus for Children's Mental Health (Gresham, Or) is an investment in the coordination and delivery of community-based mental health services reaching families throughout the state of Oregon, and bringing practitioners, critical program services and facilities together in one location.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF SW WASHINGTON

Grant years: *Three: FY 18, FY 19, FY 20*

Total funded: *\$150,000*

Serving about 3,000 children annually, the Boys & Girls Club of SW Washington provides after-school and summer programs for youth, some living in poverty and many coming from single-parent families. Legacy's Community Health Fund grant provides for part-time therapists at three of its clubhouses, as well as education and training for regular club staff members to identify struggles at early ages, resulting from adverse childhood experiences. Therapists located at these facilities will be able to assist to reduce stressors or refer more severe, chronic mental health issues to more extensive therapy.

HEALTH LITERACY CONFERENCE

Grant years: *Seven: FY 12-FY 18*

Total funded: *\$361,000*

According to the National Patient Safety Council, no other single issue has a greater impact on health status than health literacy. Low health literacy is a leading cause of health disparities. In 2010, Legacy Health established the first system-wide health literacy initiative in the Pacific Northwest. Two goals were established—to implement health literacy communication tools with patients and families and to increase the awareness and health literacy within the broader community. Since 2012, Legacy has hosted the Oregon and SW Washington Health Literacy Conference for national and local experts to share research and evidence-based practices that increase health literacy and improve quality, safety and health outcomes. Each of the annual conferences have consisted of both regional and national attendees, representing over 120 organizations. Continuation of the conference is a demonstration of Legacy's and the community's commitment to improving health literacy and health outcomes in the state of Oregon and the region.

HEALTH OCCUPATION PROFESSION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (HOPE) – FORMERLY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN SUMMERS (YES)

Grant years: Seventeen: FY 01-FY 07; FY 11-FY 19. LH Operations: FY 08-FY 09
Total funded: \$1,330,000 CHF

Recognizing education and health care professional workforce disparities among ethnic minorities in the community Legacy serves, the Legacy Community Health Fund established the HOPE Program (formerly YES Program) in 1999. The program has provided employment and college scholarships for graduating high school students pursuing post-secondary education program in health care. The HOPE Program meets two key needs in the community: Increasing the number of ethnically diverse students entering health careers; and benefiting the health care profession by a more culturally diverse workforce that reflects the communities that Legacy Health serves. Partnering with local youth organizations and high schools, students are identified based on need, aptitude, initiative, and a desire to succeed in a health care environment.

NEW AVENUES FOR YOUTH

Grant years: Three: FY 18, FY 19, FY20 **Total funded: \$150,000**

Large number of youth in the region are experiencing homelessness, housing instability, food insecurity and limited access to available resources/services due to geographic isolation. Legacy's support of New Avenues for Youth PDX-Connect Program supports the expansion of services to East Multnomah County for youth transitioning from foster care into adulthood and increases education and programming opportunities for youth experiencing or on the cusp of homelessness.

PREMIUM ASSISTANCE

Grant years: One: FY 16-FY 18 **Total funded: \$540,000**

The PREMIUM ASSISTANCE program was established as a collaboration among metro area hospitals and Project Access NOW to improve the health of low income residents in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties who qualify for federal tax credits under the Affordable Care Act but are not able to afford the premiums and cost sharing of the federal Exchange health plans. Premium Assistance clients earn below 300% of the Federal Poverty Line and qualify for a tax credit through the Federal Marketplace. Since its inception, this program has assisted over 50,000 households in applying for health insurance through Oregon Health Plan and the Federal Marketplace and is supported by health literacy and navigation services.