

Community Health Investment Fund FY20

Collective Impact Grants

Building Bright Futures, SUD- Making the Systems Work for Families, \$100,000

"SUD - Making the Systems Work for Families" is a project geared toward creating a more integrated and coordinated system for children and families grappling with substance abuse disorder in Chittenden County. Building Bright Futures serves as the backbone agency.

Center for Health and Learning, Connecting Rural Communities, \$75,861.50

A continuation of an existing Collective Impact Planning Grant, this initiative will improve suicide prevention efforts and access to behavioral health and health care in Grand Isle County, with a focus on providing culturally competent services to members of the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi. The Vermont Suicide Prevention Center serves as the backbone agency.

Howard Center, Chittenden Community Outreach, \$100,000

Community Outreach is a partnership between the communities of Colchester, Winooski, Essex, Williston, Shelburne and South Burlington along with the State of Vermont and Howard Center. The program embeds five mental health counselors within local police and ambulance departments to support first responders in addressing the needs of residents suffering mental health challenges and crisis. Howard Center serves as the backbone agency.

United Way of Northwest Vermont, Networking Mental Health and Population Health Alliances, \$40,000

The goal of this collective impact planning grant is to understand what is needed to align and connect mental health strategies throughout the community to develop a shared understanding of needs. Work will entail mapping existing work, understanding essential elements, documenting existing work groups, identifying the resources we have, and understand what needs to be done to achieve our collective goal of ensuring all people in Chittenden County experience optimal mental well-being. The planning period will be used to recruit partners, build relationships, and understand the most pressing needs in Chittenden County, while building a sustainable system for change based on pre-existing efforts and goals.

Collective Impact Grants - *One-Time Funding*

ANew Place, Independence Place, \$37,739.00

The Independence Place project will provide quality, stable affordable housing within the context of a supportive community for 7 individuals coming out of homelessness who are participants in ANew Place's Chart ANew program and have graduated from its ANew Leaf transitional housing phase of care. These are adults who have maintained sustainable income, received budget coaching, taken renter classes, and paid \$2,000 into a rental emergency fund. Through this partnership with ANew Place, Cathedral Square, and Burlington Housing Authority (BHA), Independence Place residents will receive one year of aftercare and priority in receiving Housing Choice vouchers giving them the ability to retain long-term independent housing.

The Boys and Girls Club of Burlington, Kid's Cafe Food Service Program, \$3,586.50

Through the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington's food service program, cost-free nutritious meals and snacks are provided to Club members throughout the year. Additionally, cooking instruction courses are hosted and fresh produce distributed members' families. When the Club was forced to shut down in March due to the COVID-19

pandemic, they created a safe emergency food distribution program for vulnerable children and families, which will once again be put in place in the event of further school closures.

Burlington Housing Authority, Chittenden County Housing Retention Network, \$40,000

This project anticipates the creation of a community-wide Chittenden County Housing Retention Network (CCHRN). The CCHRN's goal is expanding awareness and implementation/utilization of retention services available in Chittenden County. A systemic response will enable current COC/CCHA housing retention service agencies to build on and expand current programmatic resources in order to more effectively serve households at risk of losing housing and increase access to medical and mental health services and supports.

Emerging Need Grant

U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), Refugee & Immigrant Neighborhood Emergency Relief Program, \$15,000

An Emerging Need grant was provided to USCRI to help deliver emergency assistance to refugee and immigrant families struggling with the severe economic, health, and social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The amount funded reflects the estimated cost of providing critical emergency relief resources and modified services to approximately 70 households (70 households equates to approximately 280 individuals).

Spectrum Youth & Family Services, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Initiative, \$1,000

An Emerging Need grant was provided to Spectrum Youth & Family Services to assist with translated educational videos on COVID-19 safety and precautions for refugee and immigrant communities in Burlington.

Federally Qualified Health Center Grant

Community Health Centers of Burlington, Health Access Sliding-Fee Scale and Patient Support, \$100,000

Grant funds are used to support the Patient Assistance Program, which offers a full array of support services available to all CHCB patients and community residents in need of access to care and financial assistance programs.

Program Grants

ANew Place, Chart ANew Path / 4-Phase Continuum of Care, \$50,000

ANew's 4-Phase Continuum of Care provides shelter to homeless adults, providing holistic support and life-skill development to build a foundation with the tools to succeed.

Burlington Housing Authority, Housing Retention & Rapid Rehousing, \$50,000

The Housing Retention Team supports tenants at risk of losing their housing due to medical, mental health, and substance abuse issues, domestic violence or due to hoarding.

Howard Center, Street Outreach Project, \$40,000

The Street Outreach Team puts mental health clinicians "on the street" in downtown Burlington to work with individuals needing mental health services, as well as outreaching with merchants, police, and the general public.

Kidsafe Collaborative, Children and Recovering Mothers Team (CHARM), \$30,000

CHARM is a multi-disciplinary coalition of health and social service providers that work to improve health and safety outcomes of babies born to pregnant women with a history of opiate dependence.

Pathways Vermont, Pathways Vermont Housing First, \$50,000

The Pathways Vermont Housing First Program provides permanent housing placement along with intensive community-based services to individuals with long histories of homelessness and institutionalization who are living with disabling conditions. The program utilizes local, preexisting housing stock.

Mercy Connections, Education & Transition Program, \$30,000

The Education & Transition Program (E&T) assists adults in transition or recovery build competence, confidence and community through courses, tutoring, coaching, support groups, and community lunch and graduations.

United Way of Northwest Vermont, Foster Grandparent Program, \$20,000

The Foster Grandparent Program is a long-standing volunteer program serving children across northwest VT. Volunteers age 55+ work with children with exceptional needs, providing the one-on-one attention, academic support, and nurturing that helps them achieve their potential in school and in life.

Lund, Lund's Early Childhood Education, \$50,000

Lund's Early Childhood Education Program provides high quality (5 STAR) therapeutic care and education to 50 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years. LECP uses the Early Multi-Tiered Systems of Support framework to mitigate the impact of toxic stress and adverse experiences on vulnerable children and build protective factors in families.

Spectrum Youth & Family Services, Riverstone Counseling Center at Spectrum Youth & Family Services, \$30,000

Riverstone Counseling Center at Spectrum Youth & Family Services provides youth-centered clinical mental health and substance abuse treatment services for adolescents, young adults and their families, including confidential screening, assessment, and treatment by dually licensed mental health and substance abuse counselors.

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