

Health Systems Resources Grants

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Office of Community and Rural Health
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Cowlitz Family Health Center

Point of Contact: Dian Cooper 360-636-3892, ext 130 dcooper@cfamhc.org

Grant Amount: \$49,402

Serving: Low income residents of Cowlitz County

Cowlitz Comprehensive Health Care Primary Care Behavioral Health Consultant. This project will integrate behavioral health consultation into primary care practice, resulting in better access to both primary care and behavioral health care for the patient. Funding will provide start-up support for one full-time Behavioral Health Consultant who will provide mental health and substance abuse risk screening, care coordination, primary care provider education and support, mental health consultation for primary care providers, and coordinate access to specialty behavioral health services for patients when needed.

Garfield County Hospital District No. 1

Point of Contact: Andrew Craigie 509-843-1591 andrew.craigie@garfieldcountyphd.org

Grant Amount: \$43,401

Serving: Garfield County

Health Home: An Integrated Approach to Health Care. This project will create a report outlining implementation of the concept of a Health Home. A Health Home a culturally and linguistically appropriate support system that promotes wellness for individuals and families by coordinating care across all health circumstances, underlying conditions and health service needs. In addition to creating a report that will act as a road map to Health Home implementation, this project also includes an outreach to uninsured/underinsured patients and a medical information access system.

Klickitat Valley Health

Point of Contact: Jeff Teal, Ph.D. 509-773-1009 jteal@kvhealth.net

Grant Amount: \$25,000

Serving: Central and Eastern Klickitat County

Nursing Recruiting and Retention. This project will assist with the recruitment and retention of nurses at Klickitat Valley Health. Funding will support the development and implementation of a formal recruitment and retention plan. Implementing the plan will reduce the need for temporary nurses and increase the skill level of the nursing staff at Klickitat Valley Health.

Lake Chelan Community Hospital

Point of Contact: Barbara Engstrom 509-886-4607 gmnw@msn.com
Grant Amount: \$43,787
Serving: Chelan County PHD #2, Okanogan Douglas Counties PHD #1, Okanogan
County PHD #4

Web-Based Interpreter Technology (WIT). Lake Chelan Community Hospital, in partnership with North Valley Hospital in Tonasket, and Okanogan-Douglas District Hospital in Brewster, will deliver enhanced interpreter services through the use of hi-tech audio, visual, and high speed computer connections. This service will significantly reduce wait times in the emergency room for off-site interpreters to come to the facility. Collaboration among three hospitals creates efficient leverage of scarce resources.

Mason County Children's Dental Coalition

Point of Contact: Barb Skillman 360-462-2231 bskillman@sheltonschoools.org
Grant Amount: \$54,931
Serving: Mason County

Safety net dental clinic for low income, underserved, or uninsured persons, particularly children. The creation of this clinic will address a significant unmet dental need being experienced in Mason County. The project will target Medicaid-eligible children ages 6-19 who are currently unable to access dental care. There will also be capacity to treat uninsured adults who experience dental emergencies.

Olympic Area Agency on Aging

Point of Contact: Roy Walker 360-379-5064 walkerb@dshs.wa.gov
Grant Amount: \$48,050
Serving: Older adults in Grays Harbor, Clallam, Pacific, and Jefferson Counties

Living Well: Managing On-going Health Conditions. Using a program developed by Stanford University, this 6-session weekly interactive workshop will help people with ongoing health problems such as diabetes, asthma, emphysema, heart conditions, and high blood pressure, learn how to take control of their health. Funding will include costs for comprehensive training of both trainers and of volunteers, obtaining licenses for workshop materials, and expenses of travel throughout the region to present the classes.

Peninsula Community Mental Health Center

Point of Contact: Jan Yount 360-457-0431 jany@pcmhc.org
Grant Amount: \$50,721
Serving: Older adults in Clallam County

Project Connect of Clallam County. Project Connect's purpose is to identify and support older adults at-risk for depression through a community-based peer-counseling program. Project staff will recruit and train volunteers and connect them with vulnerable elders in a peer-counseling program. Through the project, elders will also be screened for unmet needs and referred to appropriate resources. Project Connect's goals are to reduce social isolation and support older adults in maintaining their highest level of functioning and independence.

Whidbey General Hospital

Point of Contact: Scott Rhine 360-768-7656 rhines@whidbeygen.org
Grant Amount: \$25,000
Serving: Island County

Strengthening Hospitalist Access Through Use of Mid-Level Practitioners. This project is designed to recruit and integrate mid-level practitioners into the hospital's inpatient hospitalist program. More and more physicians are finding it impractical to maintain both a full clinic practice and an inpatient hospital practice. With access to primary care becoming a larger problem, expanding the hospitalist program will help ease that pressure by allowing physicians to have time to see more patients in their clinics. This model is cost-effective and lends itself to duplication in other rural areas.

Western Washington Rural Health Care Collaborative

Point of Contact: Elizabeth Floersheim 206-362-5677 efloersheim@msn.com
Grant Amount: \$25,000
Serving: Rural Western Washington

Meeting Rural Health Care Needs through Education and Innovation: A Planning Grant. This is a planning grant for the Western Washington Rural Health Care Collaborative to initiate development of an accredited, employer-sponsored, registered nurse education program for incumbent health care workers in rural communities. Nine Critical Access Hospitals, Lower Columbia College, and the Western Washington Area Health Education Center will partner on this project. Coordination with a similar program in eastern Washington will occur with the potential of developing a statewide resource for workforce development in nursing education.