



## 2025 Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestments

### Funded Project Summaries

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#### Opt- in Projects

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##### **LifeWays Inc.**

**Project Title:** Telehealth Expansion

**Funding Type:** Opt-in: HIT

**Funded Amount:** \$50,000

**Summary:** This project will enhance telehealth services by upgrading equipment to improve client-clinician communication. It will support virtual therapy participation, electronic documentation, and accessibility for clients with hearing or visual impairments. These upgrades are intended to boost attendance and engagement, especially for those unable to attend in-person care.

##### **Treasure Valley Children's Relief Nursery**

**Project Title:** Ready for School!

**Funding Type:** Opt-in: Kindergarten

**Funded Amount:** \$41,507

**Summary:** This project strengthens school readiness by training staff in the Circle of Security model and Infant Mental Health practices. It integrates developmental screenings into classroom activities and provides families with school readiness kits. A certified coach will support staff through embedded guidance and mentorship.

##### **Valley Family Health Care**

**Project Title:** Pediatric Outreach for Dental Prevention Project

**Funding Type:** Opt-in: Adolescence Wellness

**Funded Amount:** \$25,000

**Summary:** This project supports medical-dental integration by funding a dental hygienist and equipping a new dental operator at their WCC site. It aims to improve pediatric access to preventive oral health services and advance EOCCO quality metrics.

##### **Umatilla County**

**Project Title:** Increasing Adolescent Well Visits at SBHCs

**Funding Type:** Opt-in: Adolescence Wellness

**Funded Amount:** \$50,000

**Summary:** This project aims to increase the completion of annual wellness visits among middle and high school students by leveraging the accessibility of School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) located on school campuses. Through targeted advertising, incentives, and youth engagement strategies, the initiative will encourage students to utilize SBHCs for comprehensive well visits, which include adolescent immunizations, mental health, and substance use screenings.

### **CASA of EO- Malheur**

**Project Title:** Beyond the Early Years: Wellness and Health Prevention in Substitute Care

**Funding Type:** Opt-in: Adolescence Wellness

**Funded Amount:** \$60,000

**Summary:** This project seeks to enhance mental health and wellness among foster youth ages 7–21 by promoting the completion of recommended mental health assessments and adolescent immunizations. It will focus on identifying and tracking needs, encouraging referrals, and ensuring follow-through. The initiative also aims to expand its volunteer base to support youth in accessing screenings and connecting with appropriate services, fostering early intervention and long-term well-being.

### **CASA of EO- Baker, Grant, Harney, Lake, Union and Wallowa**

**Project Title:** Beyond the Early Years: Wellness and Health Prevention in Substitute Care

**Funding Type:** Opt-in: Adolescence Wellness

**Funded Amount:** \$45,000

**Summary:** This project aims to improve mental health and wellness among foster youth ages 7–21 by increasing access to recommended assessments and adolescent immunizations. It will focus on identifying, tracking, and encouraging referrals and follow-through for mental health services. Additionally, CASA will expand its volunteer base to support youth in completing screenings and connecting with appropriate care, promoting early intervention and long-term well-being.

### **Winding Waters**

**Project Title:** Promoting Wellness and Preventive Care for Wallowa County 7-21 Year Olds

**Funding Type:** Opt-in: Adolescence Wellness

**Funded Amount:** \$56,135

**Summary:** In partnership with the Wallowa County Education Service District and local schools, Winding Waters is expanding a school-based nurse and counselor program to improve access to preventive care for students ages 7–21. By embedding RNs and LCSWs in schools, this project targets key health metrics such as well-care visits, immunization rates, and mental health and substance use screenings. The program fosters healthy habits, strengthens connections to care, and supports students in developing lifelong health literacy and self-efficacy.

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## Continuing Current Projects

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### **Winding Waters**

**Project Title:** Medical Legal Partnership of Wallowa County

**Funding Type:** Continuing Current Projects

**Funded Amount:** \$20,000

**Summary:** This project continues establishing a Medical Legal Partnership (MLP) in Wallowa County, integrating legal professionals into healthcare settings to address non-medical factors affecting health, such as housing, employment, and custody issues. By combining legal and healthcare expertise, the partnership delivers holistic support to underserved populations, improving health outcomes, reducing disparities, and strengthening community well-being.

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## Public Health Department Projects

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### **Malheur County**

**Project Title:** Improving Dental Care Access for Vulnerable Populations

**Funding Type:** Public Health Department

**Funded Amount:** \$50,000

**Summary:** The Malheur County Health Department aims to improve access to dental care for EOCCO-eligible children, from preschool through adolescence. In partnership with Advantage Dental, the project will expand access points for dental services across the county, reducing health disparities and ensuring more children receive essential preventive and routine oral healthcare.

### **Winding Waters**

**Project Title:** Frontier Vision and Hearing Preventative Screening Initiative

**Funding Type:** Public Health Department

**Funded Amount:** \$39,505

**Summary:** This project aims to expand access to free preventive vision and hearing screenings for children and adults in frontier communities with limited specialty care. By acquiring advanced screening equipment, this project will enable early detection of potential issues, support timely intervention and reducing preventable impairments. The goal is to improve long-term health outcomes through accessible, community-based screenings that address critical gaps in care.

### **Umatilla County**

**Project Title:** Reducing STDs in Umatilla County by providing free condoms and promoting rapid testing with financial incentives

**Funding Type:** Public Health Department

**Funded Amount:** \$49,756

**Summary:** The Umatilla County STD Reduction Project aims to lower STD rates among high-risk populations by increasing access to prevention, testing, and education. The initiative includes free condom distribution through dispensers placed in locations frequented by homeless individuals, drug users, and youth. It also offers community-based rapid testing for syphilis and HIV, with a \$25 incentive to encourage participation. Bilingual outreach and educational materials support awareness and prevention. Project impact will be measured through condom distribution, testing participation, and diagnosis rates.

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## New Ideas Project

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### **St. Luke's**

**Project Title:** AccuVein Vein Finder

**Funding Type:** New Ideas

**Funded Amount:** \$6,030

**Summary:** St. Luke's will implement an AccuVein vein finder to enhance access to primary care services. This device projects a real-time map of surface vasculature, improving peripheral venous access by guiding optimal site selection and needle placement. By supporting more accurate and efficient procedures, the St. Luke's will enhance patient care and comfort in the clinic's lab setting.

### **The Collaborative**

**Project Title:** Upstream Initiative: Blue Mountain Design Pilot

**Funding Type:** New Ideas

**Funded Amount:** \$50,000

**Summary:** The Collaborative's Upstream Initiative aims to ensure every child has a strong start in life by supporting families from prenatal through age two. Rooted in community-driven solutions, the initiative funds five design pilots across eight Oregon counties to co-create local "Child Success Models" through cross-sector collaboration and family engagement.

### **SMART Reading**

**Project Title:** SMART Reading

**Funding Type:** New Ideas

**Funded Amount:** \$19,465

**Summary:** To support early reading development, SMART will provide 420 PreK–3rd grade students with weekly shared reading sessions and distribute 5,880 inclusive books. Delivered in partnership with Head Starts and Title I schools, and supported by 65 volunteers, the program promotes reading motivation, enjoyment, and skill-building by combining literacy instruction with access to engaging books and family involvement.

## **Valley Family Health Care**

**Project Title:** Health Integration Program (HIP)

**Funding Type:** New Ideas

**Funded Amount:** \$50,000

**Summary:** This project delivers integrated care for EOCCO diabetes patients through integrated, multidisciplinary patients with diabetes. The project combines cohort-based via mobile group visits, health education, behavioral support, and CHW-led referrals to address health and social determinants of health factors. Emphasizing peer learning, the program aims to expand to other chronic conditions, beginning with hypertension.

## **Lake Health District**

**Project Title:** Obstetrical Manikin Purchase and Staff Development Training

**Funding Type:** New Ideas

**Funded Amount:** \$25,000

**Summary:** Lake Health District aims to enhance obstetrical training for hospital, clinic, and EMS staff in a remote frontier region of Oregon. To address limited access to simulation resources, the district will purchase a PROMPT Flex-Advanced training mannequin, newborn mannequin, software, and related tools. The goal is to provide high-quality, hands-on training and improve maternal and neonatal care outcomes.

## **LatinX Recovery Center**

**Project Title:** Professional Development Latinx Behavioral Healthcare Workers in Umatilla

**Funding Type:** New Ideas

**Funded Amount:** \$40,200

**Summary:** LatinX Recovery Center Inc. provides high-quality, multilingual education and training in underserved rural and Tribal areas of Oregon. This project will deliver 96 hours of Spanish-language continuing education to 135 LatinX behavioral health workers in Umatilla County. Led by certified trainers, the free training will be offered in a hybrid format—both in-person and online—to ensure broad accessibility.

## **Micronesian Islander Community**

**Project Title:** Storytelling with Culture: Health & Healing Conversation Series

**Funding Type:** New Ideas

**Funded Amount:** \$25,000

**Summary:** This year-long project offers culturally rooted workshops for the Micronesian community, blending health education with traditional activities such as sewing, weaving, and

storytelling. In collaboration with local partners, the training will cover prenatal and postnatal care, Oregon Health Plan access, behavioral health, provider navigation, financial literacy, and nutrition. The workshops aim to build trust, normalize conversations about health, and create a welcoming space where dialogue emerges naturally through familiar cultural practices.