



## EOCCO 2021 Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestments

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### *LCAC Grants*

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#### **Baker LCAC**

**Project Title:** Baker County Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestment (CBIR) Funds-2021

**Funding Type:** LCAC

**Funded Amount:** \$67,446

**Summary:** This grant seeks to address a variety of community health improvement plan goals in Baker County. The existing food pantry program, The Sharing Pantry Project, expanded to include four new Baker City locations based on demonstrated need during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Stone Soup Garden Project will address behavioral health and food security by offering meaningful community connections, encouraging outdoor activity, and providing produce to participants. The contingency management fund will use an evidence-based approach to provide incentives for attending health care appointments as New Directions Northwest transitions to an open access model. Funds will also go toward an LGBTQ+ Health Awareness campaign designed to improve access and availability of services for underserved rural LGBTQ+ individuals. Medication lock boxes will be purchased and distributed to prevent prescription abuse, addiction, and enhance safety. Baker LCAC will use funds to incentivize and increase LCAC membership and participation. Wraparound Services will provide engagement and celebratory activities for youth and families already engaged in the wraparound services program. Seniors have a high need for affordable dental services, so funds will be used to provide discounted oral health services to underinsured seniors. Lastly, the existing Meals Program will expand to serve ten additional OHP members in need year-round.

#### **Gilliam, Harney, Sherman, and Wheeler LCAC**

**Project Title:** Frontier Veggie Rx Program

**Funding Type:** LCAC

**Funded Amount:** \$127,785

**Summary:** This grant is seeking to address the issue of food insecurity in frontier communities. The proposed approach would continue to provide vouchers to eligible individuals and families that can be used to purchase fruits and vegetables from community vendors. Various community healthcare providers and social services organizations screen their clients for food insecurity and distribute the vouchers (i.e. the "Veggie Rx"). A one-time in-person encounter is necessary to determine eligibility, and then additional vouchers are mailed monthly to limit physical contact in light of COVID. Participating organizations come from each of the four counties. Program demand has increased in light of COVID-related pressures on clients, such as job loss.

## **Grant LCAC**

**Project Title:** Grant County CAC Community Health Improvement Projects 2021-2022

**Funding Type:** LCAC

**Funded Amount:** \$39,481

**Summary:** The Grant County LCAC is looking to fund multiple activities and programs through this grant to increase community health resources and access. Through this award, Grant County plans to support Families First, which focuses on prenatal/infant health, teens, and families, to provide youth health kits, baby bags, and a family health fair. The LCAC will also collaborate with Grant-Harney CASA to increase staff and volunteer education around trauma and diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Frontier Early Learning Hub/Child Care Resource and Referral program will provide support to increase childcare providers, and Painted Sky Center for the Arts will work to improve access to the arts and be inclusive of the arts community.

## **Lake LCAC**

**Project Title:** Outback Strong: Health Equity 2021

**Funding Type:** LCAC

**Funded Amount:** \$43,879.30

**Summary:** This LCAC seeks to fund four distinct projects. The Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance will champion the Veggie Rx produce prescription program to address high rates of food insecurity in Lake County. LCAC funds will help this project reach an additional 23 food-insecure households with children, nearly doubling the program's reach in its first year. To address Lake County's high Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) rates that lead to poor health outcomes, Lake District's Wellness Center will train at least half of their behavioral health clinicians in motivational interviewing. This evidence-based counseling technique can help support behavior health change in patients. There is also a demonstrated need for PTSD trauma therapy in the county. Lake District Wellness Center will train a clinician in EMDR therapy to serve residents and OHP members outside the Lakeview hub. Outback Strong is an existing social norming campaign that has had some success but has lacked community buy-in. The LCAC will fund a subcommittee of multisector organizations to evaluate the initiative and provide recommendations for the project moving forward.

## **Malheur LCAC**

**Project Title:** Malheur LCAC 2021-2022

**Funding Type:** LCAC

**Funded Amount:** \$125,000

**Summary:** This grant seeks to improve community health by addressing food insecurity, affordable housing, child literacy, and behavioral health. The Fruit and Veggies Rx Program (FVRx) will provide additional vouchers, educational services, and staff time to support Meals on Wheels services. Funds will also be used to set up a meeting room for case management and virtual care in a former long-term care facility that is being converted into 56 affordable apartment units. Ten local organizations have partnered with Northwest Housing Alternatives to improve the health outcomes of patients residing at the new development. Through this proposal, children and families will also be aided through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and receive an age-appropriate book monthly to support their at-home learning.

## **Morrow LCAC**

**Project Title:** The Bridge to Healthy Families

**Funding Type:** LCAC

**Funded Amount:** \$54,160

**Summary:** The Morrow County LCAC's goal is to continue providing wraparound services and adapt the CARE (Community Access for Resource Effectiveness) and SPURS (Students Providing Understanding and Respectful Support - cross-age mentoring) programs to meet the needs of the community. The SPURS program provides training and support to high school students to serve as mentors to grade-school students who are struggling with emotional distress. The CARE Program provides wraparound services to youth, including depression screening and immunizations, and acts as "the bridge between the health system, the school, and community and promote positive holistic growth, functioning and health through education, early identification screening, intervention, referral and follow-up for local EOCCO children and their families."

## **Umatilla LCAC**

**Project Title:** Umatilla County 2021 LCAC Project

**Funding Type:** LCAC

**Funded Amount:** \$125,000

**Summary:** The Umatilla LCAC plans to promote poverty awareness through poverty simulation activities. They will also offer free, durable medical equipment for seniors and people with disabilities and improve Umatilla and Morrow counties' health metrics through funding a metrics manager. Additionally, they will fill temporary gaps in mental health services within schools, provide funding for hotel rooms for safe housing of the homeless population while regular services remain closed to due COVID-19, and increase the capacity of peer mentors to connect with clients.

## **Union LCAC**

**Project Title:** Union County LCAC Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestment Funds

**Funding Type:** LCAC

**Funded Amount:** \$89,588

**Summary:** Union County is planning on continuing the drug and alcohol recovery for Children and Recovering Mothers (CHARM); Double-Up Food Bucks, an incentive program for SNAP recipients, a mentorship program for the La Grande school district, the Union County Warming Station, which operates as a shelter for houseless people, the Trauma-informed Coalition, and Senior Citizen Oral Care Services. New projects for this LCAC are: Growing Community Roots, a farm program for at-risk youth, and the Union County Parenting Collaborative, a parenting support program through the local juvenile department.

## **Wallowa LCAC**

**Project Title:** Wallowa County Community Benefit Reinvestment Funds 2021

**Funding Type:** LCAC

**Funded Amount:** \$42,125

**Summary:** This program seeks to address community needs through pre-school playground facilities, doula certifications, social engagement, daycare scholarships, and alleviating transportation and housing barriers for low-income patients. Funding will be allocated to the certification of two doulas put towards class fees, textbooks, and certification to provide information, physical and emotional support to mothers in the Wallowa County area. Some funds will be used to provide art, music, and physical activity classes to the community to address mental health and social isolation. Daycare tuition scholarships will be offered to eligible families and assistance for daycare providers to meet state licensure requirements. The project will also seek to alleviate housing and transportation barriers through funding a Care Coordination team at WWMC.

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## *Opt-In Projects*

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### **Lake Health District**

**Project Title:** Lake Health District Language Services

**Funding Type:** Language Opt-In

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

**Summary:** Lake Health District's Language Services will introduce certified health care interpreters to the main Health District campus and Lake County Public Health's Lakeview Office. The project includes certifying a Public Health employee who regularly interacts with Spanish speakers, including in her role in OHP sign-ups, and supporting a new, facility-wide interpreter to help patients at Lake Health Clinic and Lake District Hospital.

### **Winding Waters Medical Clinic**

**Project Title:** Community Immunity

**Funding Type:** Immunizations Opt-In

**Funded Amount:** \$17,887

**Summary:** Winding Waters seeks to improve childhood (0-2 year old) vaccination rates through a social marketing campaign, vaccinating during home visits, and collaborating with Building Healthy Families (BHF) to offer vaccinations during their home visits. Additionally, they will use grant funds to improve patient portal usage and increase vaccine messaging within the clinic setting.

### **Winding Waters Medical Clinic**

**Project Title:** Comprehensive Diabetes Care

**Funding Type:** Diabetes Opt-In

**Funded Amount:** \$26,164

**Summary:** Winding Waters seeks to improve diabetes HbA1c rates by increasing oral evaluations for diabetic patients through virtual and community services and increasing the number of patients with diabetes getting a dental examination. They will offer several virtual options, including group visits with dental care providers, cooking classes, and piloting the Walk with Ease program. Winding Waters will also develop dental care workflows to implement the virtual options throughout the clinic.

## **Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic - Family Medical Center**

**Project Title:** Expand Capacity to Test, Treat, and Vaccinate for COVID-19

**Funding Type:** COVID-19 Opt-In

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

**Summary:** This project aims to expand the capacity of the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFC) Family Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington, to screen for and test for COVID-19. The project also aims to treat symptoms of COVID-19 as well as vaccinate for COVID-19. While this clinic is in Washington state, they serve EOCCO members. With the aid of this grant, YVFC Family Medical Center will expand testing capacity and train providers on COVID-19 vaccine administration and how to handle and report adverse side effects. Additionally, YVFC Family Medical Center will help reduce the burden of COVID-19 on hospitals by providing COVID-19 testing, vaccines, triaging patients. YVFC's work to test, vaccinate, triage, and educate the public around COVID-19 will mitigate the spread of the virus and ensure a reduction in morbidity, mortality, and negative impacts due to transmission of COVID-19. YVFC Family Medical Center is a Migrant/Community Health Center with a high patient population disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

## **Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic - Marisol Family Health Center**

**Project Title:** Expand Capacity to Test, Treat, and Vaccinate for COVID-19

**Funding Type:** COVID-19 Opt-In

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

**Summary:** This project aims to expand the capacity of the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFC) Mirasol Family Health Center in Hermiston, Oregon, to screen for and test for COVID-19. The project also aims to treat symptoms of COVID-19 as well as vaccinate for COVID-19. With this grant, YVFC Mirasol Family Center will expand testing capacity, train providers on COVID-19 vaccine administration, and teach them how to manage and report adverse side effects. Additionally, the YVFC Mirasol Family Health Center will help reduce the burden of COVID-19 on hospitals by providing COVID-19 testing, vaccines, triaging patients. YVFC's work to test, vaccinate, triage, and educate around COVID-19 will mitigate the virus's spread to reduce morbidity, mortality, and negative impacts due to transmission of COVID-19. YVFC Family Medical Center is a Migrant/Community Health Center with a high patient population disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

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### *Continuing Current Projects*

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## **CASA of Eastern Oregon**

**Project Title:** CASA Kids: Getting a Healthy Start

**Funding Type:** Continuing Current Projects

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

**Summary:** CASA of Eastern Oregon proposes to continue recruiting more local foster parents for displaced children and creating more avenues of support for the parents and children involved in the process. Efforts include increased advertising for recruitment in Baker, Union, and Wallowa counties and

a Foster Parent Liaison to help guide foster parents with their new placements and direct service coordination of medical assessments for youth in foster care. They also plan to continue recruiting and educating Court Appointed Special Advocates in the community to encourage a permanent placement for the children earlier and decrease the likelihood that they will re-enter foster care.

### **High Country Health and Wellness**

**Project Title:** Foster Care Medical Home

**Funding Type:** Continuing Current Projects

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

**Summary:** High Country Health and Wellness seeks to expand its services from the last grant cycle for children entering the foster care system. It proposes becoming the primary care and referral provider for Harney County to better coordinate services, such as assessments for youth in DHS custody, within a medical home model. HCHWC will continue its partnership with the Department of Human Services, local law enforcement, the Early Childhood Education Program, and Kids Center, which focuses on child abuse evaluation. HCHWC's application serves both EOCCO members and non-members while directly addressing EOCCO metrics addressing child and adolescent health and well-being.

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### *New Ideas Projects*

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### **Grant County Community Health Improvement Coalition**

**Project Title:** Early Childhood Development Center Feasibility

**Funding Type:** New Ideas

**Funded Amount:** \$22,000

**Summary:** This project seeks to fund a study to help determine if an early childhood development center in Grant County is feasible. The applicants worked with local community partners to identify and request a proposal from EDCO Northwest, the consulting firm that will conduct the study.

### **Umatilla-Morrow CASA**

**Project Title:** CASA Kids: Getting a Healthy Start

**Funding Type:** New Ideas

**Funded Amount:** \$48,627.23

**Summary:** This project seeks to collaborate with foster families and Child Welfare to help meet foster youths' wellness benchmarks. Additionally, they plan to recruit and train more CASA and increase current staff FTE to support data collection and CASA recruitment.

### **Community Counseling Solutions**

**Project Title:** Lonely No More: Bilingual Peer Support Outreach for Eastern Oregon Seniors

**Funding Type:** New Ideas

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

**Summary:** Community Counseling Solutions would like to expand their Oregon Senior Peer Outreach support to Eastern Oregon Seniors, including Spanish speakers. This program helps reduce isolation and depression in seniors and makes referrals to community services (food, housing, utilities, transportation, home health) and medical, mental, and emotional care. The application highlights the importance of hiring Spanish-speaking staff to serve the Hispanic/Latino population, and has support from leadership and State partners.

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## *Public Health Projects*

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### **Grant County Public Health Department/Community Counseling Solutions**

**Project Title:** GCPHD Capacity Building Project

**Funding Type:** PHD

**Funded Amount:** \$30,000

**Summary:** Grant County Public Health Department will develop a listserv and alert system to inform citizens and community partners of potential public health emergencies. They will also support five staff members to become certified healthcare interpreters and advertise these services within community businesses and organizations.

### **Harney County Health Department**

**Project Title:** Breast Feeding Peer Counselor and Health Department Accreditation Project

**Funding Type:** PHD

**Funded Amount:** \$30,000

**Summary:** For this grant, Harney County Public Health Department will implement a breastfeeding peer support-counseling program. Through the breastfeeding program, they hope to serve 80% of all women who deliver in the county. Harney's health department aims to continue this project for 2 years.

### **Malheur County Health Department**

**Project Title:** Malheur (EHR Project)

**Funding Type:** PHD

**Funded Amount:** \$30,000

**Summary:** This project seeks to provide a new Electronic Health Record (EHR) system for the Malheur County Health Department. The new EHR, Patagonia, can interface with ALERT (the Oregon Immunization Registry), run reports on service usage, past due appointments, and scheduling, and send automated communications and reminders to patients. Funding would support staff training, email, post, and text communication, online scheduling options, and increased reporting capabilities to serve EOCCO members and prepare the health department for national accreditation.