

Kaiser Permanente awards grants to support Marin and Sonoma county nonprofit organizations

Community Benefit grants address counties' health needs



In 2015, Kaiser Permanente donated funds to local nonprofit organizations to improve the health of the communities in Marin and Sonoma counties. Thirty-one nonprofits across the two counties received Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit grant funding totaling more than \$500,000.

The Community Benefit program works in partnership with local nonprofits to address important health needs and identify health improvement programs that make a direct impact on the health of families and individuals.

“Our partnership with these organizations provides the kind of collective impact that will improve the health of the communities we serve”, said Judy Coffey, RN, Sr. VP and Area Manager, Marin/Sonoma. “In addition to grant funding, Kaiser Permanente also works side by side with our community partners to share medical research, clinical practices, and the expertise of our physicians and staff.”

Kaiser Permanente Marin/Sonoma grants fund efforts to address some of the most crucial health issues in these counties, including:

- Improving access to health care coverage, health services and health education
- Supporting Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) initiatives that help people to eat better and be more physically active as part of daily life
- Preventing and providing treatment for mental/behavioral health
- Preventing and treating oral health problems for low-income families without dental insurance in Sonoma County
- Providing education and treatment to prevent and recover from substance abuse in Marin County

The grants range from \$5,000 to \$30,000. The 2015 grantees and their programs are:

- Alcohol Justice, REEL Recovery Film Festival

- California Parenting Institute, Rohnert Park Mental Health Services
- Canal Alliance, Latino Behavioral Health Services
- Catholic Charities of Diocese of Santa Rosa, Helping Homeless Families Thrive
- Center for Domestic Peace, Domestic Violence Safety Net Services
- Coastal Health Alliance, Dental Health Van
- Community Action Partnership Sonoma County, Give Kids a Smile Dental Care
- COTS, Operating Support
- Council on Aging Services for Seniors, Sponsorship for annual fundraiser
- County of Sonoma Department Health Services, Safe Routes to School Matching grant
- Healthy Community Consortium (HC2), Partnership Support
- Healthy Marin Partnership, Partnership Support
- Huckleberry Youth Programs, Huckleberry Teen Health Program
- iDo26.2, Physical Activity in Schools
- Jewish Community Free Clinic, General Operating Support
- La Luz Center, Community Cares
- Latino Health Forum, Sponsorship 2015 Conference
- Latino Service Providers, General Operating Support
- LifeWorks of Sonoma County, LifeWorks El Puente (The Bridge)
- LIFT/Levantate, Sonoma County Parks Health Hub
- Lomi Psychotherapy Clinic, Legacy Fund for Mental Health
- Marin City Community Services District, The Marin City Action Academy
- Marin County Office of Education, Thriving Schools
- Northern California Center for Well Being, Healthy Schools and Retail
- Novato Youth Center, Behavioral Health Promotion
- Old Adobe Unified School District, Summer Scholars Camp
- PDI Surgery Center, Case Management & Education
- Redwood Empire Food Bank, Megan Furth Harvest Pantry
- Rotacare Free Clinic of San Rafael, Operations Support
- San Geronimo Valley Community Center, San Geronimo Valley Teen Prevention
- YWCA of Sonoma County, Domestic Violence Mental Health Services