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PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation Awards Seed Grants

Barclay-Giel Seed Grants were recently awarded by the PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation (COF) to support eleven initiatives. Individual awards ranged from \$4,000 to \$10,000 for a total of \$98,898. Projects will address a wide number of issues to advance public health and the health of our communities. Recipients include:

- **Adaptive Athletics (AL)** – Enhancing health promotion in children with disabilities through participation in sports.
- **African Family Health Organization (PA)** – Crafting and delivering culturally-appropriate COVID-19 messaging in multiple languages to African, Caribbean immigrant and refugee communities.
- **Cahaba Medical Care Foundation (AL)** – Reducing opioid dependence by piloting non-pharmacologic alternatives to pain management.
- **Central Oklahoma American Indian Health Council (OK)** – Utilizing the centering care approach in prenatal care to promote maternal oral health, blood pressure monitoring and general wellness for pregnant women.
- **Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council (GA)** – Preventing suicide by providing skills-based interventions and resiliency-building training.
- **KinderSmile Foundation (NJ)** – Empowering uninsured US Veterans with oral health education.
- **Michael Glynn Memorial Coalition (SD)** – Integrating substance abuse education and fitness promotion in adolescents to prevent substance abuse.
- **Patient Assistance Foundation (CA)** – Addressing health promotion through screening and disease management in underserved populations.
- **Refugee Dream Center (RI)** – Reducing cultural barriers to health by educating refugees on American approach to healthcare.
- **San Mateo County Health Foundation (CA)** – Promoting colorectal cancer/blood pressure screening in Black community.
- **Tuggle Elementary School (AL)** – Targeting social-emotional and/or behavioral difficulties among students through the building and equipping of calming rooms.

The Seed Grant program is named after the late Martha Barclay-Giel, a retired Captain of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service. Captain Barclay-Giel dedicated her life's work to advancing the health of Americans. After retiring, she generously supported COF through a considerable charitable donation.

The PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF) is the foundation arm of the organization that represents members of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS), one of the Nation's eight uniformed services. Comprised of health professionals, the USPHS provides services to promote, prevent, and advance public health efforts. They also serve on the frontlines of disease outbreaks including the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information about the Seed Grant program, visit <https://www.phscof.org/seed-grants.html>.