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PHS Commissioned Officers Foundation Awards Seed Grants

The PHS Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health (COF) has awarded almost \$125,000 to fourteen organizations for the Fall 2023 cycle of the Barclay-Giel Seed Grant program. The funded proposals address a wide range of public health issues. The grant recipients include:

A Moment of Magic, New York, New York: Address the mental health needs of children and families impacted by childhood cancer. (SG Priority, Youth Mental Health). Funding amount - \$9,270

Ball State University Foundation, Muncie, Indiana: Promote wellness through community-based physical activity and nutrition programs. (SG Priority, Social Connection). Funding amount - \$9,270

Baltimore City Medical Society Foundation, Baltimore, Maryland: Reduce the incidence of hypertension and cardiovascular disease of community members. (SG Priority, Health Misinformation). Funding amount - \$6,000

Boys and Girls Club of the Sandhills, South Pines, North Carolina: Implement an emotional wellness program for at risk youth (SMART Moves). (SG Priority, Youth Mental Health). Funding amount - \$9,270

Chatham County Safety Net Council, Savannah, Georgia: Provide a resilience building program for first responders and health care providers. (SG Priority, Workplace Wellbeing). Funding amount - \$9,270

Chicago Workers Collaborative, Waukegan, Illinois: Improve workplace health and safety of low wage earners and immigrants. (SG Priority, Workplace Wellbeing). Funding amount - \$9,270

Cleveland Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program, Cleveland, Ohio: Offer culturally specific education for dialysis patients and their families. (SG Priority, Health Misinformation). Funding amount - \$9,270

Grassroots Health, Washington, District of Columbia: Support a near-peer health education model using student athletes to improve youth mental health. (SG Priority, Youth Mental Health). Funding amount - \$9,270

Juvenile Protective Association, Chicago, Illinois: Expand program using older women (“grandmothers”) to mentor at-risk adolescent girls. (SG Priority, Youth Mental Health). Funding amount - \$8,000

Ocean Beach Hospital and Medical Clinics, Ilwaco, Washington: Supply “prescriptions” for fruits and vegetables to low-income residents with diabetes. (Social Determinant of Health, Food Insecurity). Funding amount - \$9,000

Our Minds Matter, Vienna, Virginia: enhance the integration of mental health resources in teen and community centers with many BIPOC and LGBTQ+ members. (SG Priority, Youth Mental Health). Funding amount - \$9,270

The Supportive Older Women's Network, (now Connectedly), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Reduce social isolation of older adults using a peer-driven group model. (SG Priority, Social Connection). Funding amount - \$9,270

The Friendship Circle, Fox Point, Wisconsin: Reduce stigma associated with mental health issues and suicide in at-risk youth with SafeTALK resources. (SG Priority, Youth Mental Health). Funding amount - \$9,270

Women for Health Rural Living, Milbridge, Maine: Develop a public education and marketing campaign focused on the importance of relationship-building. (SG Priority, Social Connection). Funding amount - \$9,270

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>.

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