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Virginia Health Care Foundation Awards \$1.6 Million in Grants to Help Uninsured

Richmond, VA - The Virginia Health Care Foundation (*VHCF*) has awarded grants to 19 health safety net organizations throughout Virginia to increase access to medical care, behavioral and oral health services, and prescription medications for uninsured Virginians. In addition, VHCF has awarded grants to underwrite outreach and enrollment initiatives designed to enroll more children in state-sponsored health insurance.

Grantees and projects awarded follow:

Dental

- **Lackey Free Clinic** - \$74,880 to hire a part-time dentist to expand the dental program's hours of operation and increase the numbers of patients served.
- **Fauquier Free Clinic** - \$51,110 to hire a part-time dentist to expand dental services to include pediatrics and to expand the dental clinic's hours of operation.
- **New Horizons Healthcare** - \$168,000 to establish a dental clinic and hire a full-time dentist.
- **Blue Ridge Medical Center** - \$84,375 for a full-time dentist and technical assistance from the DentaQuest Institute.
- **Chesapeake Cares, Inc.** – 57,484 for a part-time dentist and dental assistant.
- **Halifax Regional Dental Clinic** – \$82,800 for a full-time dentist.

- **Piedmont Access to Health Services** – \$80,000 for a full-time dentist.

Medical

- **Brock Hughes Free Clinic** - \$100,000 to renovate and convert an older office building into one suitable for clinic operations.
- **Richmond City Health District** - \$34,280 to hire a part-time Nurse Practitioner and part-time Registered Nurse to staff a Resource Center in Gilpin Court in partnership with the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
- **Neighborhood Health** - \$104,982 for a part-time Pediatrician and a full-time Registered Nurse.
- **Charlottesville Free Clinic** - \$59,344 for a full-time Licensed Clinical Social Worker and part-time Psychiatrist.

Mental Health

- **Martinsville Henry County Coalition on Health and Wellness** – \$40,838 for a part-time Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a part-time Licensed Professional Counselor.
- **Tri-Area Community Health** – \$34,923 for a full-time behavioral health provider and continuing education.

Child Health Insurance

(All grants below are awarded to increase the enrollment of children in the state-sponsored health insurance programs FAMIS and FAMIS Plus)

- **Neighborhood Health** – \$96,186 for five outreach workers, three outreach worker supervisors, and educational/outreach materials.
- **Cumberland Plateau Health District** – \$103,084 for two outreach workers, related travel, training, and office expenses.
- **Partnership for Healthier Kids** – \$124,220 for three outreach workers, office supplies, and education/outreach materials.

- **The Planning Council** – \$50,500 for one outreach worker, an outreach worker supervisor, travel and office expenses.

Medication Assistance

(All grants below are awarded in partnership with the Williamsburg Health Foundation via the Greater Williamsburg Medication Assistance Program to help eligible residents obtain free prescription medications through Patient Assistance Programs)

- **Colonial Behavioral Health** – \$35,558 for a Medication Assistance Caseworker (MAC)
- **Gloucester-Mathews Care Clinic** - \$89,257 for two MACs
- **Lackey Free Clinic** - \$113,717 for three MACs
- **Olde Towne Medical and Dental Center** - \$98,019 for two MACs

Since its inception, VHCF has funded 375 community-based projects across the Commonwealth, and its programs and partnerships have touched the lives of more than 600,000 uninsured Virginians.