

## For Immediate Release

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## Virginia Health Care Foundation Awards \$1.4 Million in Grants to Help Uninsured

Richmond, VA - The Virginia Health Care Foundation (*VHCF*) has awarded grants to 22 health safety net organizations throughout Virginia to increase access to medical care, and behavioral and oral health services, for uninsured Virginians. In addition, VHCF has awarded grants to underwrite initiatives designed to enroll more children in state-sponsored health insurance.

Grantees and projects awarded follow:

### Dental

- **Free Clinic of Central Virginia** - \$162,628 to hire a part-time dentist, part-time dental hygienist, and a full-time dental assistant to expand the dental program's days of operation and increase the numbers of patients served.
- **Fauquier Free Clinic** - \$38,332 for a part-time dentist.
- **Lackey Free Clinic (Yorktown)** - \$56,160 for a part-time dentist.
- **New Horizons Healthcare (Roanoke)** - \$126,000 for a full-time dentist and dental coordinator.

### Medical

- **Harrisonburg-Rockingham Free Clinic** - \$25,000 to hire a part-time nurse practitioner to expand the clinic's hours of operation.

- **Richmond City Health District** - \$58,950 for a part-time nurse practitioner to establish a Health Resource Center in the Broad Rock Community Center and staff its Health Resource center in Gilpin Court.

## **Mental Health**

- **Rockbridge Area Health Center** – \$154,752 for two full-time Licensed Clinical Social Workers and a part-time psychiatrist to expand mental health services offered by the health center.
- **Virginia Commonwealth University Departments of Psychology and Family Medicine** - \$56,959 to hire a part-time bilingual child psychologist, a part-time adult primary care psychologist, and a part-time psychologist to provide integrated behavioral health services to adults and children in partnership with the Hayes E. Willis Health Center.

## **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.
- **Cumberland Plateau Health District** – \$103,084.
- **Inova Partnership for Healthier Kids** – \$214,902.
- **CHIP of Southwest Virginia** – \$70,500.
- **Carilion Clinic** - \$91,615.
- **Chesterfield Health District** - \$83,323.
- **Sentara Medical Group** - \$86,100.
- **VCU Health System** - \$83,021.

Since its inception, VHCF has funded 380 community-based projects across the Commonwealth, and its programs and partnerships have touched the lives of more than 600,000 uninsured Virginians.