

HEALTHFIRST

Allen County



2024 Grant Awards & Summaries

A Mother's Hope Inc.

\$60,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Maternal & Child Health

Project Summary:

Housing, support and case management services for pregnant women experiencing homelessness.

Alive Community Outreach

\$50,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Student Health

Project Summary:

Expansion of the Peacemaker Academy program in Allen County high schools teaching students the skills and knowledge necessary to become advocates for peace in their communities, leading to better student outcomes and a safer learning environment.

Amani Family Services

\$120,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Trauma & Injury Prevention & Education

Project Summary:

Expansion of staffing and programming serving the increasing immigrant and refugee populations of Allen County to allow provision of assessments, education, and facilitation of support groups with a focus on substance use disorder prevention.

Associated Churches of Fort Wayne & Allen County

\$60,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Maternal & Child Health

Project Summary:

Expansion and support of both A Baby's Closet (ABC) and Journey Beside Mothers (JBM) programs supporting low income expectant mothers and families with infants and toddlers focused on improving health outcomes for mothers and children.

Blessings in a Backpack

\$20,706

Core Public Health Service Area:

Student Health

Project Summary:

Supporting the partnership with the Allen County Public Library's 10-week summer children's initiative to provide 1,300 Allen County children suffering from food insecurity with backpacks containing nutritious foods (backpacks, supplies, and administrative support only)

Bridge of Grace Ministries

\$50,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Maternal & Child Health

Project Summary:

Expansion of Healthy and Developmental Services in the area of child development and Infant & Childhood Mental Health alongside 68+ Allen County child care providers.

Children's Autism Center Inc.

\$50,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction

Project Summary:

Creating targeted programming to address obesity in individuals with autism through nutrition, exercise and parental training.

Community Transportation Network Inc.

\$75,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Transportation support of seniors and persons with disabilities, connecting them to necessary medical care and community services allowing them to thrive in their own homes.

CONNECT Allen County

\$75,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Support and expansion of the 'No Wrong Door' access center connecting Allen County residents with partner services including job works programs, community development, child welfare, and developmental disabilities as well various navigational programming supports.

Euell A. Wilson Center

\$80,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction

Project Summary:

Implementing a comprehensive, evidence- and rewards-based obesity prevention program among youth attending the facility.

GiGi's Playhouse Fort Wayne

\$30,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction

Project Summary:

Continuing the GiGiFIT and GiGi's Kitchen services offering healthy eating and exercise/strength programming & education for those with Down syndrome.

Healthier Moms and Babies Inc.

\$110,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Maternal & Child Health

Project Summary:

Expansion of existing programming focusing on the well-being of mothers and children in vulnerable populations addressing and improving factors that influence infant mortality and birth outcomes.

HealthVisions Midwest of Fort Wayne

\$89,250

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction

Project Summary:

Implementation of evidence-based education (diabetes, high blood pressure and nutrition) as well as deployment of the HEART (Healthy Eating, Active Living, Reduce Stress, Test our Numbers) program to aid Allen County clients in weight loss, healthier eating and reducing the risk of heart disease.

League for the Blind & Disabled Inc.

\$30,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Benefit Enrollment Center Navigation services assisting and promoting the health of people with disabilities.

Lutheran Social Services Inc.

\$50,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Maternal & Child Health

Project Summary:

Case Management Services assisting pregnant or parenting teenagers toward healthy pregnancies, improved birth outcomes, financial stability and parent nurturing skills.

Matthew 25 Inc.

\$50,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Improving access to comprehensive health care services for low-income and uninsured individuals - with emphasis on diabetes prevention & education, immunizations, eyeglasses, and other supportive issues.

McMillen Health

\$150,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction

Project Summary:

Development of an adult obesity prevention curriculum to address Allen County's 36% obesity rate among adults – including education regarding BMI, goal setting and change management for maintaining new behaviors, whole vs. processed foods, calorie management and nutrition, as well as exercise, stress management, and many overall healthy habits.

Neighborhood Health Clinic

\$30,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Student Health

Project Summary:

Expansion of school-based dental care for Allen County students

Northeast Indiana Positive Resource Connection

\$99,978

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Deployment of targeted programming for HIV/AIDS/STI/HEP C testing, referral, case management, education and care in the Allen County Hispanic population.

Parkview Hospital Inc.

\$109,076.01

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction

Project Summary:

Expansion and continuation of the FitKids360 programming providing basic education about nutrition, behavior and exercise with a wide range of included physical activities for children and their caregivers.

RespectTeam

\$20,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Student Health

Project Summary:

Expansion of the five, grade-specific RespectTeam programs in Allen County middle and high school classrooms aimed at betterment, support and education in a variety of critical student health topics such as suicide, mental health, stress, social media, diversity, bullying and many others.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Indiana Inc.

\$46,500

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Expansion of mobile medical services providing pediatric care in vulnerable Allen County neighborhoods.

Schools Care Inc. (DBA SCHOOL CARE TEAM)

\$100,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Student Health

Project Summary:

In partnership with Fort Wayne Community Schools, the School Care Team will develop and implement comprehensive wellness strategies to promote student mental health and well-being to address the gaps in Allen County surrounding the Core Public Health area of student well-being.

St. Joseph Community Health Foundation

\$30,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction

Project Summary:

Expanding the existing partnership with Fort Wayne Community Schools (FWCS), the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation (SJCHF) will work toward offering nutrition and cooking education in all FWCS seventh grade classrooms in the spring semester of 2024.

Super Shot Inc.

\$200,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Child & Adult Immunizations

Project Summary:

Continuation and expansion of community immunization clinics, outreach immunization clinics, school-based immunization clinics and education.

Three Rivers Ambulance Authority

\$75,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Trauma & Injury Prevention & Education

Project Summary:

Education for individuals at high risk for overdose death as part of the Fort Wayne Police Department's Hope and Recovery Team (FWPD-HART) addressing substance use in the community.

Wellspring Interfaith Social Services Inc.

\$35,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction

Project Summary:

Expansion of the Wellspring Nutrition Program working toward lifestyle transformation aimed at reducing obesity through education, healthy eating, after school programming, and food bank services.

YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne

\$25,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Fatality Review & Prevention Programs

Project Summary:

Expansion of the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) utilizing the CDC's Prevent T2 curriculum, which is a one year, community-based program where participants work in small groups with a trained Lifestyle Coach in a relaxed classroom setting to learn how to incorporate healthier eating, moderate physical activity, problem-solving and coping skills into their daily lives.

YWCA Northeast Indiana

\$150,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Support services for access and linkage to care for survivors of domestic violence and women in recovery.