HEALTHFIRST Allen County

2027 Funded Partnership Grant Awards & Summaries

In the 2025 Indiana Legislative Session, the funding for Health First Indiana was reduced by nearly 75% for local health departments beginning in January 2026 and through the end of 2027. Therefore, the Health First Allen County external grant program underwent several changes to accommodate the funding reductions yet still attempt to meet as many Core Public Health Services as required under the current statutes. The below information represents the organizations with which we will be engaging in funded programming partnerships in 2027.

Total Public Health Grant Funding Planned for 2027: $835,000

A Hope Center

$50,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Maternal & Child Health

Project Summary:

Providing maternal & child health services such as Edinburgh assessments/screenings and referrals, as well as car seat installation and safety check services for clients

Amani Family Services

$75,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Trauma & Injury Prevention & Education

Project Summary:

Continued support of staffing and programming serving the 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 intervention and prevention.

Community Transportation Network, Inc.

$75,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Continued support for specialized transportation to primary and specialty medical care for low-income seniors and people with disabilities, specifically helping those who are not aligned with another agency.

Harold W. McMillen Center for Health Education

$105,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction, School/Student Health

Project Summary:

McMillen Health will provide a combination of its Cooking with Confidence and My Body Blueprint Nutrition and Fitness preventive health education programs as well as continued provision of preventive vaping health education programs for a total of 285 sessions serving approximately 7,125 Allen County students.

Healthier Moms and Babies, Inc.

$50,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Maternal & Child Health

Project Summary:

Continuation of existing programming focusing on the well-being of pregnant mothers, families and children who are at increased risk for poor maternal and infant health outcomes by addressing and improving factors that influence infant mortality and birth outcomes through home visits, care coordination, health education and needed assessments.

Lutheran Social Services, Inc.

$60,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Maternal & Child Health

Project Summary:

Continuation of the ECHO (Education Creates Hope and Opportunity) program, which supports pregnant and parenting teens and young adults in Allen County to achieve their high school education, which is a key component to addressing the social determinants of health while also achieving health outcomes for themselves and their children by strengthening their ability to achieve family and economic health and stability.

Neighborhood Health Clinic

$35,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Student Health

Project Summary:

Continuation of Neighborhood Health's School-Based Dental Sealant Program, a middle and elementary school-based service, to provide preventive dental exams, sealants, oral health education and referrals for follow-up care directly in Allen County schools.

Parkview Hospital, Inc.

$90,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention & Reduction

Project Summary:

Continuation of the FitKids360 (or similarly named) programming, which is an eight-week well-being program designed to empower children and their caregivers to build lifelong healthy habits through engaging education and physical activity in a positive, supportive and community-based setting.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Indiana, Inc.

$40,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Continued provision of preventive pediatric care to children 0-18 years of age who lack access to a medical home (in high-risk ZIP codes of the community).

Super Shot, Inc.

$125,000

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.

Turnstone Center for Children & Adults with Disabilities

$15,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Trauma & Injury Prevention & Education – FALL PREVENTION

Project Summary:

Continued implementation of "Bingocize," an evidence-based education and exercise program to reduce the risk of falls of older adults and people with disabilities.

YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne

$50,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Fatality Review & Prevention Programs

Project Summary #1:

Continuation of the Diabetes Prevention Program to engage new adult populations at risk of or diagnosed with prediabetes both within and beyond YMCA facilities.

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Core Public Health Service Area:

Trauma & Injury Prevention & Education – FALL PREVENTION

Project Summary #2:

Continuation/Expansion of the evidence-based "EnhanceFitness" program to its facilities and partner senior living centers, focusing on reducing fall risks among older adults.

YWCA Northeast Indiana

$65,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Linkage/Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Continued operation of Bonnie's House, a 24/7 emergency shelter for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, to provide immediate safety and comprehensive trauma-informed services for adults and families fleeing violence, as well as on-site integrated programming providing residents with advocacy, case management, safety planning, crisis intervention, clinical therapy, children and family programming and connections to housing and community resources to support long-term safety, stability and self-sufficiency of Allen County residents.