

GRHF awards nearly \$3M in Opportunity Grants

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The Greater Rochester Health Foundation awarded nearly \$3 million in Opportunity Grants in 2015, officials said.

Projects funded—a total of \$2,944,184 —focus on improving patient care and developmental health, integrating healthy living practices, disease prevention and educating the Greater Rochester community.

“We’re excited to continue to support organizations that work tirelessly to positively impact our community’s health,” said John Urban, president and CEO of Greater Rochester Health Foundation, in a statement. “Each year we look forward to receiving applications for Opportunity Grant funding that support prevention and health care delivery.”

The eight organizations awarded grants to fund prevention and health care delivery projects are:

The University of Rochester Medical Center, which received \$600,000 to fund a center for adults with special care needs that will coordinate community outreach and coordination of services to transition patients from pediatric to adult systems care, and provide inner-professional education.

HealthVantics LLC got \$298,302 to fund the Supporting the Patient Care Network project, which will improve patient care coordination by creating a real-time network of all of a patient’s care providers. Monroe County Medical Society, Rochester Regional Health System, and UR Medicine are partners for this project.

Rochester Regional Health System received \$391,400 to fund Building Healthy Pregnancies, which will work to decrease the number of babies born with low birth weight, premature birth rates and neonatal intensive care unit admissions for pregnant patients in the inner city by integrating wraparound services.

The Center for Refugee and Immigrant Health secured \$298,871 to fund a pilot transitional program that will engage and prepare primary care providers to treat refugee patients and educate refugees on how to navigate their local health care system.

UR’s Center for Community Health received \$322,972 to fund Healthy Living for Families: Improving Family Well-Being through Nutrition, Education and Physical Activity, which will combine physical activity and nutrition education.

Action for A Better Community Inc.’s Let’s Talk About It project was awarded \$107,639 to fund a project utilizing the Black Barbershop Health Outreach Program model to combat prevalent diseases in African American males ages 18 to 65.

St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center received \$325,000 to fund Addressing Oral Health Gaps in the Rochester Region. The program will hire a dentist to address gaps in dental services in uninsured individuals, veterans, individuals on Medicare and individuals on Medicaid.

The Children’s Institute’s GROW Rochester program got \$600,000 to increase the number of 3-year-olds in Rochester who receive developmental health screenings and subsequent needed services. Early childhood providers will be trained to provide screenings and communicate results and available services to parents and caretakers.

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