

Saint Mary's/Catholic Healthcare West Community Grants Program

\$153,250 in Grant Funds Distributed in 2010

Grant awards now total \$565,517 in the Reno/Sparks community over the past four years.

As part of an ongoing commitment to improve the health of our community, Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) has made funding available for distribution by its member hospitals and Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce the distribution of \$153,250 in grants to four local not-for-profit institutions that target specific community health needs identified in Saint Mary's most recent *Community Needs Assessment*. These one-year grants were awarded by a committee comprised of community leaders for activities to be conducted in calendar year 2011.

To be considered for a grant, agencies were required to first submit an initial letter of intent (LOI). These submissions were evaluated by an independent committee, using criteria to determine if the LOI met the program goals. Agencies that met the criteria were asked to develop and submit a full proposal. Committee members evaluated the

proposals and made funding recommendations to Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center and CHW. Applicants were able to request up to \$50,000 for one year, and applicant proposals were required to address one or more of the following health priorities established by Saint Mary's:

- Improving access to healthcare
- Preventing and/or managing chronic illness (heart disease/stroke, cancers, chronic respiratory disease and diabetes)
- Improved birth outcomes
- Improving access to oral health services
- Reductions in infectious disease, access and/or utilization of immunizations
- Improving nutritional habits and physical activity levels of populations at risk for developing lifestyle-related illnesses

In addition to addressing the health priorities, the letters of intent needed to incorporate the core principles of community benefit programming as described by the Association of Community Health Improvement (www.communityhlth.org).

2010–Community Grants Program Recipients

Organization	Prioritized Health Need
Access to Healthcare Network	Improving access to health care for the underserved
American Lung Association	Preventing and managing chronic disease–Asthma
CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada	Improving access to health care and preventing and managing chronic disease
Food Bank of Northern Nevada	Improving nutritional habits

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