

The Blue Foundation

FOR A HEALTHY FLORIDA



Spring 2002 Grant Summaries

Dollar amounts are for one year, unless specified otherwise

Mission House, Inc., Jacksonville Beach

Amount: \$14,513

Grant Requirements Met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians

Geographic Impact: Urban

Purpose: Improve equipment and re-load prescription fund in its program of medical care for the indigent living in Jacksonville Beaches. Volunteer doctors, nurses and other medical personnel contribute manpower, however, equipment and supplies must be bought.

Hillsborough Community College, Tampa

Amount: \$17,500

Grant Requirements Met: Health education and workforce preparation

Geographic Impact: Urban

Purpose: Develop and present an Oral Health Care Awareness curriculum that will assist the uninsured and underserved Floridians with oral care education. It also will assist in workforce preparation for those preparing to become certified dental assistants.

Neighborhood Health Clinic, Naples

Amount: \$23,700

Grant Requirements Met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians

Geographic Impact: Rural

Purpose: Purchase specialized equipment to enhance the clinic's on-site diagnostic capabilities. The clinic will purchase a surgical microscope on a low-profile stand, a Midmark Biltmore chair, a mobile ENT power cabinet and an intubating fiberscope to help volunteer staff to diagnose and recommend appropriate course of treatment.

Elderly Interest Fund, Fort Lauderdale

Amount: \$25,000

Grant Requirements Met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians and health care education

Geographic Impact: Urban

Purpose: Expand MediVan project, a program that delivers health education and preventative medical supplies to elderly uninsured and underserved senior residents in Broward County. Funds will be used to establish two new sites easily accessible to needy senior citizens. MediVans, two handicapped-accessible mobile clinics, staffed by volunteer health care professionals, travel to communities where they serve more than 140 patients per month.

Senior Friendship Centers, Inc., Sarasota

Amount: \$47,100 over two years

Grant Requirements Met: Health education

Geographic Impact: Rural/Urban

Purpose: To hire a nurse educator to provide nutrition counseling and diabetes education for medically needy seniors who are newly diagnosed or have never had the opportunity to afford nutrition and diabetes education.

Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs, Inc. (ACORN), Brooker

Amount: \$52,350

Grant requirements met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians and health care education

Geographic Impact: Rural

Purpose: Enhance new "Better Babies & Birth Outcomes Program" by hiring a health educator. The health educator, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, will improve access to prenatal care for the low income and uninsured women in Alachua, Bradford, Columbia and Union counties. The health educator will develop educational programs for the patient population, conduct home visits, provide outreach programs and improve coordination with other healthcare services.

Pleasant Place, Gainesville

Amount: \$56,004 over two years

Grant Requirements Met: Health Education

Geographic Impact: Urban

Purpose: Develop and implement a health education and training program for pregnant or parenting homeless adolescents living in Pleasant Place. Pleasant Place is the only residential home for pregnant and parenting adolescents in North Central Florida.

Hispanic Health Initiatives, Casselberry

Amount: \$57,000

Grant Requirements Met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians and health care education

Geographic Impact: Urban

Purpose: Develop and implement an outreach, awareness and education campaign against type-2 Diabetes, specifically targeting Hispanics. Through linguistically and culturally sensitive health education campaigns, Hispanic Health Initiatives will decrease barriers to timely health care access and provide referral and screening services.

Experience Works, Inc., Ocala

Amount: \$62,108

Grant requirements met: Health education, training and workforce development

Geographic Impact: Rural

Purpose: To provide mature workers with a career opportunity that helps maintain their financial independence and self-esteem and to provide a high quality, caring service to the sick and frail elderly. The funds will pay for a Registered Nurse Trainer to train 40 low-income seniors in Ocala as home health aides. This "senior serving senior" initiative will increase Experience Works, Inc. ability to serve an average of 120 homebound customers a year.

Columbia County Senior Services, Inc., Lake City

Amount: \$70,128 over two years

Grant Requirements Met: Positive impact on uninsured and underserved Floridians and health care education

Geographic Impact: Rural

Purpose: Implement a program designed to teach family members and community volunteers how to care for memory-impaired elderly. The primary objective is to enable primary care givers to extend the time elderly dementia patients can stay in the home and not destroy the health of the caregivers.

Northeast Florida Pediatric Society, Jacksonville

Amount: \$72,077 over three years

Grant Requirements Met: Healthcare Education

Geographic Impact: Urban

Purpose: To hire a program coordinator for its Healthy Child Care Jacksonville program. Healthy Child Care Jacksonville is a child health care consultant program. Area pediatricians volunteer to work with childcare providers promoting health, well-being and school readiness of children in their care through consultation, education of staff, children and families and linkage to community resources.