

WINTER 2006 GRANT SUMMARIES

9-06-001

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

Amount: \$50,404

Years: 1

Area: North Central

Summary: Funding is requested to support the expansion of the Tooth Fairy Dental Outreach Education program and pediatric dental services. This would increase the number of children served from 3,000-5,000. The increase includes the addition of 1st grade students to the schools already being served and adding Gilchrist County elementary schools. Funds are also requested to support additional equipment needs for the ACORN Pediatric Dental program that is held each Monday.

9-06-101

Organization: Bay Cares, Inc.

Amount: \$39,769

Years: 1

Area: Northwest

Summary: Funding is requested to establish the Bay Cares Prescription Assistance Program (BCPAP) for the uninsured patients they serve. The program will cover patients from 10 counties- Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Wakulla, Walton and Washington County. Bay Cares provides free specialty medical care to its patients and the addition of the BCPAP will ensure that those patients also receive the proper medication.

9-06-048

Organization: Hispanic Unity of Florida, Inc.

Amount: \$95,028

Years: 2

Area: Southeast

Summary: Hispanic Unity of Florida requests funding to support the addition of Health Navigators and a portable office to assist with linking the Hispanic population to healthcare benefits and services available. Through in-home consultations with a

portable office, HUF will serve approximately 225 families. Follow-up will be provided to ensure clients have secure medical homes.

9-06-108

Organization: Hope and Help Center of Central Florida

Amount: \$71,000

Years: 18 months

Area: Central

Summary: Funding is requested for the HELP (HIV Education, Linkage and Prevention) Project of Sanford. The project will target the African American/Black women in the city of Sanford, specifically those living in the Goldsboro Community and those incarcerated at the Seminole County Jail. The women will participate in a 5 session risk-reduction program (SISTA- Sisters Informing Sisters About Topics on AIDS) to assist in lowering their risk of contracting HIV and provide linkages to services for those that test positive.

9-06-001

Organization: Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine

Amount: \$68,892

Years: 2

Area: Central

Summary: Funds are requested to provide women's health exams to 1200 uninsured patients in Polk County, with a focus on screenings for cervical cancer. This prevention and early detection "Women's Health Program" will be administered through Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine, Inc. of Lakeland, Florida. Primary delivery of services will be conducted by an ARNP supported by an experienced LPN funded under this grant. Three local board certified gynecologists have agreed to provide volunteer follow-up care at LVIM using the equipment provided for this service through a State of Florida, Department of Health capital equipment grant. Intermediate outcomes include early detection and treatment of cancer and sexually transmitted diseases. Longer term outcomes include patients experiencing improved health and preventive care.

9-06-033

Organization: South Santa Rosa Interfaith Ministries, Inc. Good Samaritan Clinic

Amount: \$28,000 Years: 2

Area: Northwest

Summary: Funds are requested to provide medications for the working poor of Santa Rosa County who have no medical insurance and earn no more than 150% of the poverty level. The grant will be used exclusively to purchase medications for medically uninsured and underserved patients. In the first year of operation, the clinic treated more than 1,500 patients and expects to treat 2,300 in 2006, and 2,600 in 2007. Currently, Good Samaritan Clinic has 13 doctors, 22 nurses and 20 lay people who make up the all-volunteer staff. This free medical clinic has developed an aggressive Patient Assistance Program (PAP) for patients that need medication over the long term (one year and beyond). Eighty-five patients are now enrolled with various pharmaceutical companies' PAPs – saving the clinic over \$170,000/year in medication expense.

9-06-012

Organization: Shepherd's Hope, Inc.

Amount: \$99,000 Years: 2

Area: Central

Summary: Funds are requested to support the expansion of Shepherd's Hope healthcare services in Seminole County, Florida. Specifically, the Center will be a permanent health center site (unlike other Shepherd's Hope Health Centers that operate on school campuses in borrowed space) in the Fairmont Plaza in Longwood, Florida. It will be a free medical clinic for low-income, uninsured Seminole County residents that will be open four evenings per week, staffed by volunteers from churches and other local healthcare organizations throughout the county. Shepherd's Hope Health Center is located in the same shopping complex as The Sharing Center where low-income Seminole County residents find food, clothing, financial assistance and case management services.

9-06-138

Organization: St. Petersburg Free Clinic

Amount: \$100,000 Years: 1

Area: Central West

Summary: St. Petersburg Free Clinic requests funds to continue its Walk-In Now program which provides for patients to be seen without an appointment by an ARNP. More complicated cases are given appointments to see one of the volunteer physicians. The new program has doubled the number of patients seen at the clinic. Requested funds would be used to support the ARNP position and to assist with purchase of medical supplies and medications.

9-06-093

Organization: Department of Clinical & Health Psychology, University of Florida

Amount: \$99,797.40

Years: 3

Area: North Central, Northeast, Northwest

Summary: Funding is requested to expand the University of Florida Pediatric Pulmonary Center's (UF PPC) interdisciplinary team to include psychological services. The center treats pediatric patients with asthma and/or cystic fibrosis in Gainesville, and at its outreach clinics in Panama City, Tallahassee and Daytona. Currently, the UF PPC is comprised of pediatric pulmonologists, nurses, dieticians, a respiratory therapist, a social worker and a pharmacist. The addition of a psychologist and supervised graduate students will enable the patients to receive individual and family therapy when needed.