

Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity  
Minority Health Initiative Awards  
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**Applicant Organization:** Blue Valley Community Action Partnership

**County:** York

**Total Funding Award:** \$18,126.96

**Description of Project:** Through education, guidance and support this project will provide participants with the skills and knowledge to promote chronic disease prevention, maternal and child health promotion, reduce obesity and improve physical activity among all minority population in York County. In addition, it will raise awareness of post-partum depression and other mental health issues related to challenges facing new immigrants.

**Applicant Organization:** Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center/Omaha Tribe of Nebraska

**County:** Thurston

**Total Funding Award:** \$81,012.07

**Description of Project:** Provide education and services to minority populations on Umo<sup>n</sup>hon<sup>n</sup> Reservation in Thurston County. To promote awareness associated with *Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicators* of cardiovascular disease prevention and control.

**Applicant Organization:** Central District Health Department

**Counties:** Hall, Merrick, Buffalo, Dawson, Kearney and Phelps

**Total Funding Award:** \$601,024.31

**Description of Project:** Through a continuum of education and referral care, Choosing Health and Maximizing Prevention (CHAMP) targets obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and infant mortality in our at-risk minority population. CHAMP uses a life-course educational approach and peer health educators to install healthy lifestyle behaviors that will improve health status and impact long term health outcomes.

**Applicant Organization:** Chadron Native American Center

**Counties:** Cherry, Dawes and Sheridan

**Total Funding Award:** \$50,254.10

**Description of Project:** This project will continue a wellness program in Dawes and Sheridan counties to include wellness checks and an evidence-based National Diabetes Prevention Program (originally led by the National Institute of Health and supported by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.) In Cherry County, completion of the assessment process in cooperation with the area's **MAPP** and begins implementation of NDPP.

**Applicant Organization:** Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (CAPWN)

**Counties:** Box Butte, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sioux

**Total Funding Award:** \$253,134.57

**Description of Project:**

Reduce health disparities by using lay health ambassadors to provide intensive case management to racial ethnic minorities, Native American, refugee, and immigrant populations with chronic diseases (diabetes, cardiovascular, and obesity) and use lay health ambassadors to identify and connect minorities who have diabetes, cardiovascular and obesity issues with a medical provider.

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**Applicant Organization:** East Central District Health Department

**Counties:** Colfax and Platte

**Total Funding Award:** \$184,239.30

**Description of Project:** Through prevention programs, reduce the incidence of diabetic disease and economic burden of diabetes, and improve the quality of life for all racial ethnic minorities, Native American, refugee, and immigrant population who have or are at risk for diabetes.

**Applicant Organization:** Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department (ELVPHD)

**Counties:** Cuming, Stanton and Madison

**Total Funding Award:** \$136,569.26

**Description of Project:** With prevention as the primary priority, continue the existing work of reducing obesity and the subsequent chronic disease impact that obesity triggers among all minority populations with a few minor enhancements to the project. Program staff, with the assistance from community health workers, will implement evidence-based strategies that align with Healthy People 2020, the DHHS OHDHE strategic plan, as well as the National Partnership for Action (NPA) Plan to reaching program goals, objectives and outcomes.

**Applicant Organization:** Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department

**County:** Lancaster

**Total Funding Award:** \$862,091.05

**Description of Project:** It is the purpose of this project to decrease health risk from chronic disease and reduce the associated health disparities often experienced by minority populations. Partners of the Minority Health Community Collaborative (MHCC) will continue to play a significant role with the health safety net in the community. Partners will provide services such as outreach, education, help in applying for assistance programs, health screening and health risk assessments, health care navigation, breastfeeding consultation, help to establish a medical and dental home, specialty health care referral, medication assistance, and interpretation services for minority populations in Lancaster County.

**Applicant Organization:** Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital

**Counties:** Adams, Clay and Webster

**Total Funding Award:** \$85,659.51

**Description of Project:** El Paquete Total (EPT) will serve the Hispanic population of Adams, Clay and Webster Counties offering health, wellness, education, nutrition and exercise components to address diabetes. The program focuses on one individual experiencing diabetes using a “total family” program. EPT offers individual disease management using the AADE 7 self-care behaviors as well as offering educational and support programs to family members, including YMCA memberships, family garden plots, volunteer activities, home visits and advocacy.

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**Applicant Organization:** North Central District Health Department

**County:** Knox

**Total Funding Award:** \$19,534.69

**Description of Project:** This project focuses efforts to improve the quality of life for all racial ethnic minorities, Native American, refugee, and immigrant populations will be served in Knox County who have diabetes, by increasing education, prevention efforts and community capacity. Sexually transmitted diseases are also addressed through increasing access to quality health services through education and prevention efforts.

**Applicant Organization:** Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department (NNPHD)

**Counties:** Dakota, Dixon and Wayne

**Total Funding Award:** \$208,633.56

**Description of Project:** This program will focus on the prevention of chronic disease and promotion of healthy lifestyles. Community health workers will be integral to the success of this project. Both a focus on health literacy and collaboration with community health workers provides the evidence-based approach necessary to ensure accomplishing the goals of the project.

**Applicant Organization:** OneWorld Community Health Centers

**Counties:** Sarpy and Dodge

**Total Funding Award:** \$391,812.24

**Description of Project:** Fund will be used to continue its promotora programs in Sarpy and Dodge Counties. The goal of the project is to train 150 additional promotoras, provide additional training to promotoras already trained through the previous grant cycle, and by June 30, 2015, the promotoras will screen at least 1,800 individuals for diabetes, hypertension, and obesity in Sarpy and Dodge Counties. Individuals that have high test results will be connected to the OneWorld Outreach Lead and individually connected to OneWorld as a medical home to manage and improve their health condition.

**Applicant Organization:** Public Health Solutions District Health Department

**County:** Saline

**Total Funding Award:** \$65,237.75

**Description of Project:** The primary goal of the My Life, My Health (Mi Vida, Mi Salud) Program will be to minimize the detrimental impact diabetes has on the local racial ethnic minorities, American Indian, refugee, and immigrant populations through educating community members about ways to prevent and/or manage diabetes through healthy eating and physical activity.

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**Applicant Organization:** Southeast District Health Department

**Counties:** Johnson, Otoe and Richardson

**Total Funding Award:** \$50,832.61

**Description of Project:** Improve access for all racial/ethnic minorities, Native American, refugee, and immigrant populations to three existing programs: Growing Great Kids (GGK), Every Woman Matters (EWM) and Nebraska Colon Cancer Program (NCP). Community-based lay health ambassadors will serve as liaisons between the public health system and minority communities and provide health education, outreach and community education. Community-wide cultural competency training workshops will also increase awareness of health disparities and advance cultural intelligence.

**Applicant Organization:** West Central Health Department (WCDHD)

**County:** Lincoln

**Total Funding Award:** \$68,400.33

**Description of Project:** By utilizing community health workers, continue to educate minority populations on health related topics which include obesity, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and mental health issues. Additionally, the community health workers will serve as a member of the care delivery team by serving as an advocate for the clients. The community health worker will collaborate with a team comprised of a physician, nurse or allied health worker, or assistant to deliver health education or basic screening services while the providers conducts medical exams and will also serve as a translator when needed.