

BCBSMA FOUNDATION 2002 GRANT AWARDS
Innovation Fund for the Uninsured – Grant Summaries

Grants in the **Innovation Fund for the Uninsured** category will help Massachusetts organizations coordinate care for uninsured patients. These are model programs for improving the organization, continuity and completeness of care for the uninsured. The 2002 grant awards range from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

**Baystate Medical Center/ Mason, Brightwood,
High Street Health Centers**

Springfield

\$50,000

Continued support for a nurse case manager project for coordinated disease management care, financial counseling and enrollment in a medical home for Springfield's uninsured.

Cooley Dickinson Hospital

Collaborator: Amherst Health Department

Northampton

\$50,000

Continued support for *Hampshire HealthConnect* (HHC) to improve coordinated care for the uninsured, including outreach, enrollment, links to 100 providers, follow-up, annual eligibility re-assessment.

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

Collaborators: Pine Street Inn, The Long Island Shelter

Boston

\$50,000

Support for *Collaborative Clinical Efforts*, a program to coordinate shelter-based team nursing care among three sites for the homeless, particularly for those who may lose MassHealth Basic and not qualify for other insurance.

Ecu-Health Care

Collaborators: Northern Berkshire Health Systems, Community Action of North Berkshire, REACH Community Health Foundation, North Adams Public Schools, Northern Berkshire Chamber of Commerce

North Adams

\$50,000

Support to expand outreach, enrollment and case management services for the uninsured in Northern Berkshire region. The target population served by this project is approximately 4,000 uninsured residents of North Adams and 10 surrounding towns.

**Community Action Committee of Cape Cod &
Islands**

Collaborators: Falmouth Free Clinic; Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod, Nantucket Cottage Hospitals; Duffy Health Center; Lighthouse Access Alliance; VNA of Cape Cod; school nurses

Hyannis

\$50,000

Renewed support for expansion of the *Harmonic Outreach Project* to connect the uninsured to health insurance and primary care providers, and to pilot test a Universal Public Health Insurance Enrollment form.

Falmouth Free Clinic

Collaborator: Vineyard Health Access Program

Falmouth

\$50,000

Funding for providing individualized case management, medication assistance and monitoring, education and counseling for 250 uninsured adult patients with chronic conditions on Cape Cod and the Islands.

Great Brook Valley Health Center

Worcester

\$50,000

Support to increase nurse case manager services in the chronic disease team for diabetes, asthma and cardiovascular disease patients, particularly for approximately 2,500 uninsured Brazilian immigrants.

Heywood Hospital/GHAP

Collaborators: Montachusett Opportunity Council, Joint Coalition on Health of Northern Worcester County, Gardner area physicians, hospitals, schools, community-based organizations.

Gardner

\$50,000

Funding for expansion, which includes supporting additional staff hours, for a program that provides comprehensive outreach and primary care for uninsured residents in greater Gardner.

Holyoke Health Center

Collaborators: Holyoke Hospital, Nueva Esperanza

Holyoke

\$50,000

Renewal funding to continue the health center's efforts to aggressively decrease Emergency Department utilization for primary care, improve the patient referral process at the ED, and continue to provide comprehensive case management, care coordination, outreach and follow-up services for low-income and uninsured Holyoke residents.

Island Health Plan

Collaborators: Island Counseling Center, Cape Cod Health Care, Falmouth Free Clinic

Falmouth

\$50,000

Funding for the *Vineyard Health Care Access Program* (VHCAP) to expand its Reduced Fee Plan to include expanding access to coordinated care at off-Island facilities, provide the care coordination, system navigation, transportation and financial counseling and assistance for uninsured Islanders who do not qualify for MassHealth.

Morton Hospital and Medical Center

Collaborator: Taunton Public School System

Taunton

\$45,000

Support for the *Friedman Adult Clinic*, a project to use the hospital's newest school-based health center, located at the Friedman Middle School, as a site to deliver primary care during evening and Saturday hours to more than 2,000 uninsured adults who visit the emergency department for non-urgent care, and other uninsured Taunton area adults.

South End Community Health Center

Collaborators: (partial) AIDS Action Committee, Youth Workers Alliance, Boston Health Care for the Homeless, Casa Myrna Vasquez

Boston

\$45,000

Extended funding to support the *Medical Home* program for enrollment, coordinated care and prevention practices for uninsured South End/Lower Roxbury residents; a focus on African-American and Latino populations.

Brockton Neighborhood Health Center

Brockton

\$40,000

Funding for their *Diabetes Care Plan*, an initiative to better coordinate care between multiple providers serving the health center's diabetic population who primarily are uninsured, non-English speaking, and immigrant residents of Brockton and surrounding towns.

Dimock Community Health Center

Roxbury

\$40,000

Continued funding for *Projecto Futuro Saludable* (Healthy Future Project), a program specifically targeted to providing outreach, assessment, coordinated care and case management for uninsured Latinos in the Roxbury-Dorchester-Mattapan (RDM) corridor and parts of Jamaica Plain.

Stanley Street Treatment & Resource, Inc.

Collaborators: (partial) Southeast VNA, Fall River Family Resource Center, Southcoast Hospital Group

Fall River

\$40,000

Continued support of *MediCall/Health Access Program*, to increase insurance enrollment and coordinated care for the uninsured, and retain the commitment of area physicians willing to provide reduced-fee specialty care.

UMass Memorial Health Care Mobile

Collaborators: Ronald McDonald House Charities, Worcester Public Schools, District Medical Society, District Dental Society, WIC, UMMHC Medical Group, Worcester Oral Health Initiative, City of Worcester

Worcester

\$40,000

Continued support for the Care Mobile, a mobile medical/dental unit providing outreach, enrollment, and coordinated care services for the uninsured in seven neighborhoods.

Women of Means

Collaborators: (partial) Rosie's Place, Women's Lunch Place, On the Rise, Casa Myrna Vasquez, community health centers, clinics, other shelters

Boston

\$40,000

Funding to expand and help sustain a grassroots organization serving the health care needs of uninsured homeless women in Greater Boston.

Greater Lawrence Family Health Center

Collaborators: (partial) Lawrence General Hospital, Holy Family Hospital, Family Services, Inc., Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Mayor's Office, Lawrence/Methuen Community Coalition, Insurance Partnership

Lawrence

\$35,000

Funding to enable the *Nuestro Futuro (Our Future)* project to implement a targeted "South Lawrence Care Coordination" initiative to streamline access to Free Care and improve nursing care for the uninsured.

St. Francis House

Collaborators: Citizens Energy, Boston Health Care for the Homeless, BU Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Education Development Center, Harvard Medical School, Partners Healthcare

Boston

\$25,000

Funding to help support staffing a model of continuous, integrated, *Whole Health Care* for uninsured homeless adults with complex needs in Greater Boston.