



PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement

Community Impact Report

2022



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear friends,

2022 powerfully highlighted how our nonprofit partners are responsive, resilient, and continually adapting to meet the needs of the community.

At PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement, we were honored to invest in 68 nonprofits within the communities we serve, to help mitigate health disparities exacerbated through the pandemic.

Our \$1.9 million in grantmaking included investments to strengthen early childhood, support housing stability, respond to food access, and build community resilience.

We also advanced our anchor priority of access to healthcare for the underserved through our Priscilla Gould Healthcare Access Partners, which recognizes the critical role of community-supported clinics, in meeting the needs of the most vulnerable.

While our communities face continued rebuilding and new challenges—we have confidence in the durability and resilience of our nonprofit partners, and **we are committed, through investment and collaboration, to being a part of the solution.**

Together, we can foster equitable, healthy, and thriving communities.



Toward health!

Marian Blankenship

Executive Director

PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement

Uplifting and strengthening our communities



The PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement is a private foundation that provides grants to community-based organizations and partners with initiatives that improve community health and promote equity.

2022 funding totals



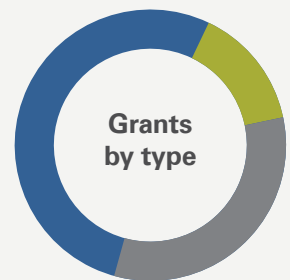
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in total funding



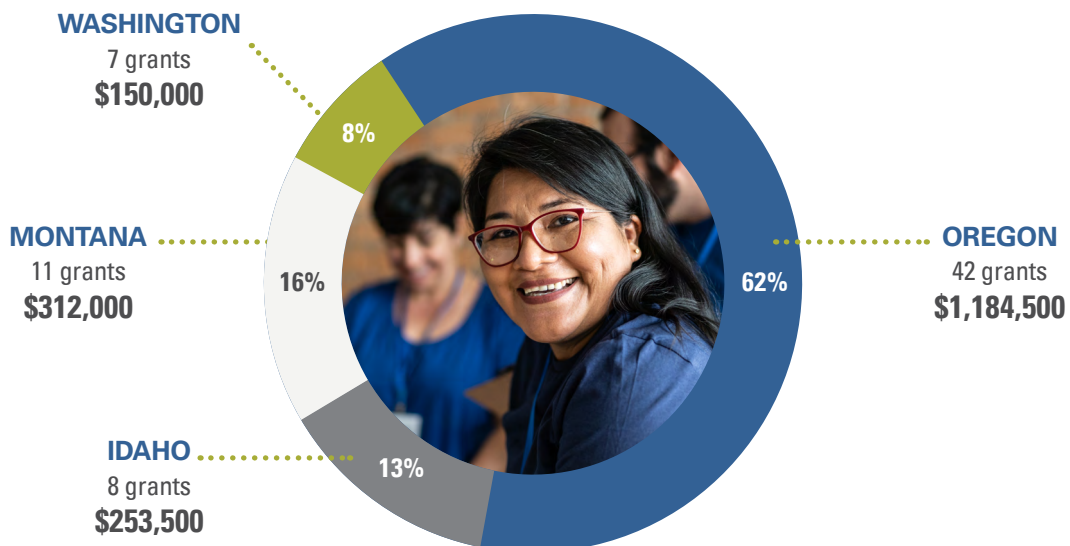
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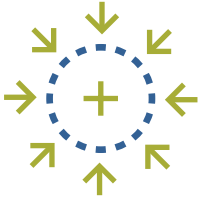
grants and organizations



53% one-year
32% multi-year
15% HcAP (MY)

Grant distribution by state





From emergency response...

In 2022, the PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement shifted focus from discreet funding directed at the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to **health equity** in all our approaches. We worked to reconnect and learn with nonprofits and community clinics how we move forward from this global disruption. We learned about the evolving needs of the communities we serve with recognition that the impact of the pandemic and current economic crisis will have reverberations for a long time coming.



...to rebuilding

With health coverage at risk for many, the foundation focused on stabilizing and supporting the growth of our safety net. Our **Priscilla Gould Healthcare Access Partners (HcAP)**, a program championed by and named in honor of long-time board chair Priscilla Gould, reconvened leaders from donated-care model clinics across the region. These providers continually adapt and work to serve marginalized communities through high-quality, comprehensive healthcare. By partnering with these clinics, we are confident that communities are more resilient and more connected to the resources needed to live a healthy life. Since 2017, this program has provided more than \$1.4 million in funding to support access to direct healthcare services.



Spotlight on health equity

The foundation's ongoing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion led us to rethink our funding priorities, strategies, and approach to focus on the advancement of equity through increasing healthcare access. This year of transition allowed us to recognize the deep interconnection of our priorities and connection with community organizations that are on the front lines.



A highlight of grants given that further this mission:

Oregon

Adelante Mujeres, year 1 of 2 — \$30,000

Organization serving approximately 100,000 people annually

Funds are focused on supporting staffing for their Mental Health Liaison, Health Equity Manager, and Community Health Worker Coordinator. The MHL will work to oversee the group of culturally specific mental health providers—both in matching them with clients and in providing professional support and a community for providers. The HEM will work to support the Promotores program, as well as the various food-focused programs that underlay their approach to health equity. The CHW Coordination is a new position to help support their growing team of CHWs.

DevNW, year 1 — \$50,000

Organization serving approximately 5,000 people annually

This proposal focuses on the Youth Housing Initiative (YHI), which provides support to transition-aged youth and young adults within an affordable housing context. A major focus of this work will be to educate clients on how to navigate the healthcare system (including connecting people with adult PCPs and mental health providers), benefit enrollment, and partnership building with providers to help serve these youth. This effort is a cross-system collaboration supported by the Clackamas County Continuum of Care and led by DevNW, with input from a compensated youth advisory council.

WellMama, Inc., year 1 — \$25,000

Organization serving approximately 800 people annually

Funding to support two bilingual Peer Support Coordinators positions as they expand to full-time positions to allow for expanded services and duplication of capacity to serve Latinx clients. The organization completed a community needs assessment last year and prioritized bilingual services and mental health services for the Latinx population. Their overall services include providing resources, peer support, and wellness services to people affected by or at risk for mental health conditions related to parenthood with a three-pronged approach focused on prevention, screening, and support.

Idaho

Wellness Tree Community Clinic, year 1 — \$50,000

Organization serving approximately 570 people annually

This is a small community clinic in Twin Falls, ID serving about 570 patients annually. About half are Latinx, most are uninsured or underinsured, and they also serve some refugees. Funding supports general operations, including a focus on outreach to the Latinx population. They worked with TV and radio companies to help strategize and respond to an unmet community need and increase their patient numbers by 10%.

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Montana

Missoula Food Bank & Community Center, year 1 — \$25,000

Organization serving approximately 28,832 people annually

Grant funds will support 0.5 FTE for the full-time Program Application Specialist. They have secured matching funds from a private family foundation for the remainder 0.5 FTE. This position will focus on building organizational capacity around resource navigation and direct application assistance—following a successful pilot that helped connect people with housing, food, and healthcare resources during the pandemic. Last year the food pantry served 1 in 4 people in Missoula County—including a higher than representative number of people of color.

The Poverello Center, year 1 of 2 — \$60,000

Program serving approximately 48 people annually

Funding to support the Medical Respite Program, which provides respite beds and support for individuals discharged from the hospital into homelessness. Care coordination is provided to help ensure clients are managing follow-up medical appointments and can access needed transportation and a variety of housing and social services following their recovery. The foundation has funded this program previously, and the Medical Respite Program has shown great success in reducing readmission and improving medical outcomes.

Washington

We are currently serving three counties in Washington, including: Spokane, Pierce, and Washington Counties.

Battle Ground HealthCare, year 1 of 2 — \$25,000

Organization serving approximately 827 people annually

Funding is for general operations for their donated-care model clinic serving a significant portion of Latinx folks, about 40%. 827 unduplicated clients were served in the last year. We first funded them in 2020, for COVID-related needs.





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