

2021 Impact Report

PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement

PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement: **Investing in 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 health equity.

2021



\$1,620,000

in community-based and strategic grants



48

Foundation grants



\$590,000

in COVID-19 relief grants

73

total grants

\$2,210,000

total grant funding



across Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington

Grant distribution by state

	Grants	Total Amount
Idaho	14	\$370,000
Montana	8	\$253,000
Oregon	47	\$1,467,000
Washington	4	\$120,000



Since the beginning of the pandemic:

99 COVID-19 relief grants totaling \$2,507,500 across the Greater Northwest

Support for COVID-related needs is ongoing

In response to the ongoing and disparate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation continued to support organizations serving vulnerable populations and communities that are disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. General operating grants provided flexible support and stabilization to smaller organizations and those stepping up to meet the needs of their constituents in new and creative ways.

Although the number of COVID-specific requests dropped in 2021, we know that the pandemic's long-term impact on marginalized people and communities is, and will continue to be, significant. And we remain committed to helping organizations that champion health equity.

Furthering health equity in the work we do

In 2021, the Foundation board completed a strategic refresh of our funding priorities. More than ever, we're committed to making the advancement of health equity central to everything we do. This is a result of years of shared learning and exploration of funding opportunities across the spectrum of the social determinants of health and equity—all of which have been reinforced by our experiences during the pandemic.

Beginning in 2022, the Foundation's overarching priority is to

Advance health equity through strategies that increase access to healthcare and eliminate health disparities for marginalized people and communities.



Equity Statement

At the PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement, we believe everyone should have opportunities for a healthy life and community—regardless of resources, circumstances, or identity. To achieve this, we seek to advance equity, honor diversity, and foster inclusion throughout our work. This, in alignment with our values, enables us to learn from, collaborate with, and foster the inherent power of the communities with which we partner. Together we can work toward health equity and help provide the resources, support, and opportunities people need to achieve good health and well-being. (Adopted January 2020.)



Healthcare Access Partners Program

The Healthcare Access Partners Program is a mutually beneficial partnership offering predictable funding for community-supported healthcare safety net providers, while at the same time helping the Foundation achieve its goals of improving community health and eliminating health disparities. In addition to ongoing annual funding, this program sponsors annual events for peer-to-peer and other shared learning and networking opportunities.

Beginning in 2017, this program has contributed a total of \$1.495.000 to 10 different donated-care model clinics.

These clinics provide a critical access point to people and communities that face significant barriers to accessing and affording high-quality healthcare. After a program review in 2021, the Foundation board decided to continue to build on the success of this program, awarded four-year extensions to eight existing clinics, and welcomed two new clinics to the program.

Recipients of the Healthcare Access Partners Program:

- Center for Community Counseling
- Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine
- Community Outreach, Inc.
- Free Clinic of Southwest Washington (Washington)
- Genesis Community Health (Idaho)
- Medical Teams International (mobile dental programming)
- Salem Free Clinics
- Snake River Community Clinic (Idaho)
- Volunteers in Medicine Clinic
- Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades

Clinics are located in Oregon unless indicated otherwise.



COVID-19 relief and recovery grants

Oregon

The Wave Foundation \$50,000



Grant in support of food distribution to underserved Tribal Nations and communities in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon—providing healthy and sustainable food boxes that included tribal-sourced goods. A single distribution cycle provided over 20,000 meals to more than 3,550 people.

Centro de Servicios Para Campesinos



\$30,000

Funding to support expanded services and resources for Latinx families, immigrants, and farmworkers impacted by the pandemic –including food boxes, PPE, rent and utility assistance, and more. Centro is a highly collaborative organization and a member of Alianza Poder (translation: Power Alliance).

Idaho

Interlink Volunteer Caregivers \$15,000



Funding for a volunteer-supported transportation program that ensures people in rural areas have reliable access to healthcare appointments and basic needs, such as groceries and prescription drugs. Due to the pandemic, this includes trips to and from vaccination appointments.

Washington

Oasis Youth Center



\$20,000

Housed within Pierce County AIDS Foundation, the Oasis Youth Center is a drop-in support center dedicated to the needs of LGBTQ+ youth. Oasis is a youth-adult partnership and provides the opportunity for safety, shared learning, personal growth, and connection to resources.

Community-based and strategic grants

Oregon

Unity Center for Behavioral Health year 5 of 5: \$100,000



Working to fill a gap in mental and behavioral emergency services, Unity Center is a collaborative partnership between Adventist Health, Legacy Health, Kaiser Permanente, and Oregon Health Sciences University. The organization's pioneering model recognizes how the role of behavioral health resources is vital to those experiencing mental health emergencies.

In 2021, the final funding installment for a final-year partnership with the Legacy Health Foundation was distributed to Unity Center for Behavioral Health. This completes the \$500,000 funding commitment and marks a significant milestone for the growth of the Unity Center. The focus of the funding features a peer support program to help bridge the Unity Center with community providers, as well as to ensure greater access to community resources.

Idaho

Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline \$60,000



As part of Jannus, Inc., the Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline (ISPH) provides critical mental health and suicide prevention resources. To prepare for the increased demand of the new federally mandated "988" mental health hotline, the grant funding supports organizational capacity, technology improvements, recruitment, training for new crisis phone responders, and strengthens quality improvement processes.

Montana

Missoula Aging Services year 1 of 2: \$25,000



Formerly known as the Care Transitions Program, Missoula Aging Services is a care-management program dedicated to addressing the significant social determinant needs of clients throughout Missoula. Their core offerings include in-home services, COVID-19 education, and nutrition for older adults and caregivers.

Washington

Pierce County Project Access \$40,000



Supporting the community with healthcare eligibility screening, enrollment, premium assistance, and the coordination of donated specialty care, the Pierce County Project Access received a grant to help with the appointment of a community outreach specialist, transitioning to a more accessible office space, the launch of a new website to support the outreach efforts, and general operating funds.

2021 Groundbreaker

Community partners collaborate to help fund new Federally Qualified Health Center

\$100,000 PacificSource

\$100,000 Pacific Health Associates

\$75,000 PacificSource Foundation

\$275,000 total



Helping a community collaboration in south Lane County and north Douglas County

The PacificSource Foundation for Health Improvement, PacificSource, and Pacific Health Associates have joined forces to help fund a new Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that serves the residents of Oregon's south Lane County and north Douglas County. The Clinic is currently scheduled to open in fall 2022. Grant funds help support the capital costs needed for renovations and the purchase of necessary equipment for the Center, which will be located in the Lane Community College (LCC) building in Cottage Grove.

This collaboration among community partners includes Community Health Centers of Lane County (CHCLC); Cottage Grove Be Your Best Committee; LCC; PeaceHealth; South Lane Mental Health; and the South Lane School District.



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