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Maine Health Access Foundation (MeHAF) Awards Over \$700,000 in Systems Improvement and Innovation Responsive Grants

MeHAF commits to nearly \$700,000 in grants over the next two years towards systems change across the state

Augusta – The Maine Health Access Foundation today announces \$714,231 in funding through the first grants awarded under its new Systems Improvement and Innovation Responsive Grants (SIIRG) program. Fourteen organizations' projects will be funded over the next two years: [Community Concepts](#), [Kennebec Valley Dental Coalition](#), [American Academy of Pediatrics \(Maine Chapter\)](#), [Maine Medical Center Gender Clinic](#), [Maine Children's Alliance](#), [Maine Hospice Council](#), [Maine Medical Center](#), [New England Arab American Organization](#), [Wabanaki Public Health](#), [In Her Presence](#), [SAGE Maine](#), [Tri-County Mental Health Services](#), and [York Hospital](#).

SIIRG is one of two new responsive grants programs. Like the Community Responsive Grants program initiated in 2019, the purpose of the "responsive" structure is to give applicants the opportunity to inform the foundation of their needs and plans to address them. MeHAF intends to have opportunities to apply for each of these programs annually, creating a more predictable funding cycle from year to year.

"We realize that as we continue to evolve as an organization, so should our grantmaking," says Ruta Kadonoff, Vice President for Programs. "Responsive grantmaking allows us to fund projects identified by communities and organizations across Maine as well as to raise our awareness as a funder about unmet community needs that may be ripe for more focused funding opportunities in the future."

For further details on each grantee's project, [you can click here to review the funded project profiles](#).

The Maine Health Access Foundation's mission is to promote access to quality health care, especially for those who are uninsured and underserved, and improve the health of everyone in Maine.

MeHAF works with nonprofit partners and key leaders in the public and private sectors to advance initiatives and policies that particularly help those who face barriers accessing health care services and achieving optimal health. Each year we provide approximately \$5 million in grant and program funding to support activities aligned with our mission.

For more information, visit: <http://www.mehaf.org>

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