

2023 Systems Improvement and Innovation Responsive Grants Projects

City of Bangor, Health & Community Services

Community Equity through Collaboration and Connection

The City of Bangor, Health and Community Services will develop an inclusive infrastructure for people who use drugs that can play a key role in health, social, and government policy decisions that affect their well-being in order to ensure equitable and effective services in Bangor.

Community of Focus: People in Bangor who use drugs and want access to resources to improve their health and well-being.

County of Focus: Penobscot

MeHAF Strategic Priority: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Award: Two-Year, \$100,000 Implementation Grant

Cross Cultural Community Services

Older BIPOC Advisory Committee

Cross Cultural Community Services will bring community members together with service providers to examine the intersectionality of race, health, and aging, and design a strategic plan to address the needs of older adults, improve access to in-home and out-of-home companions and services, and reduce health and mental health disparities.

Community of Focus: Older Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), including concerned older LGBTQ+/BIPOC community members.

County of Focus: Cumberland

MeHAF Strategic Priority: Aging & Older Adults

Award: One-Year, \$30,000 Planning Grant

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EqualityMaine Foundation

Increasing Cultural Competency in Maine's Senior Care Communities for LGBTQ+ Older Adults

The EqualityMaine Foundation will support organizations that serve older people to be safe and inclusive of older lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) adults by creating and implementing a standardized cultural competency training program to educate these organizations about the unique aspects of caring for Maine's older LGBTQ+ adults.

Community of Focus: Maine's older LGBTQ+ adults, a majority of whom live in rural areas.

Counties of Focus: Statewide

MeHAF Strategic Priorities: Aging & Older Adults; Rural Health

Award: Two-Year, \$100,000 Implementation Grant

Healthy Peninsula

Bridging Neighbors

Description: Healthy Peninsula will pilot a community health outreach project that assigns trained volunteers to help older adults understand and access healthcare and wellness resources by providing ongoing community health navigation and support, with a particular focus on those experiencing social isolation and loneliness.

Community of Focus: Older adults residing in the nine town region encompassing the Blue Hill Peninsula and Deer Isle.

County of Focus: Hancock

MeHAF Strategic Priorities: Aging & Older Adults; Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder; Rural Health

Award: Two-Year, \$100,000 Implementation Grant

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Maine Resilience Building Network

Youth Thriving in Franklin County

The Maine Resilience Building Network (MRBN) will increase Franklin County Healthy Community Coalition's (FCHCC) capacity to integrate a "youth mattering" lens to its coordinated, community-based public health approach to address youth mental health by executing MRBN's Maine Youth Thriving: A Guide for Community Action (MYT) community engagement programming and training.

Community of Focus: Youth who are likely to feel disconnected: especially BIPOC, LGBTQ+, youth with disabilities, and youth that have recently migrated to the US and Maine.

County of Focus: Franklin

MeHAF Strategic Priorities: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder; Rural Health

Award: Two-Year, \$100,000 Implementation Grant

Mainely Teeth

Expansion of MaineCare Oral Health Provider Network

Mainely Teeth will create partnerships with private practice oral health providers to expand the number of providers serving MaineCare patients by eliminating barriers to participation created by the administrative requirements of MaineCare intake and billing. Mainely Teeth will provide these functions on behalf of private practice partners to increase access to care for patients regardless of their geographic location.

Communities of Focus: Primarily pediatric patients insured by MaineCare, but includes all who may experience barriers to care based on geographic location, transportation, uninsurance, or underinsurance.

Counties of Focus: Androscoggin; Cumberland; Knox; Lincoln; Oxford; Piscataquis; Waldo; Washington; York

MeHAF Strategic Priorities: Maternal and Child Health; Rural Health

Award: Two-Year, \$100,000 Implementation Grant

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Midcoast Youth Center

Bringing Care to Sagadahoc County Youth & Young Adults

Midcoast Youth Center will develop innovative solutions that eliminate barriers and improve health outcomes for teens and young adults by designing an on-site health clinic at the teen center to provide comprehensive, consistent, and ongoing care for medical, mental health, and substance misuse in a trusted location.

Community of Focus: Youth ages 10–24 who experience barriers to care.

County of Focus: Sagadahoc

MeHAF Strategic Priority: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Award: One-Year, \$30,000 Planning Grant

Spurwink

Greater Portland Addiction Collaborative Pilot: Contingency Management for Stimulant Use Disorder (GPAC CoMS Pilot)

Spurwink will implement and evaluate a contingency management pilot program, in collaboration with the Greater Portland Addiction Collaborative, based on the Treatment for Individuals who Use Stimulants (TRUST) model for adults with co-occurring serious mental illness and substance use disorder.

Community of Focus: Individuals with stimulant use disorder (StimUD), especially those experiencing homelessness, intravenous drug use (IVDU) acquired infection, and multiple hospitalizations.

County of Focus: Cumberland

MeHAF Strategic Priority: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder

Award: Two-Year, \$100,000 Implementation Grant

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St. Joseph Hospital

Island Communities Health Resource Access Assessment and Gap Response Planning

St. Joseph Hospital will conduct two community processes, each of which will include multi-phase assessment of health care resources and gaps, analysis and development of conceptual solutions, creation of a short list of potential solutions to choose from, then hold in-depth dialogues with residents of the two island communities to inform their decision-making.

Communities of Focus: Islands of Monhegan and Vinalhaven.

Counties of Focus: Knox; Penobscot

MeHAF Strategic Priority: Rural Health

Award: One-Year, \$30,000 Planning Grant

Thomas College

Developing a Campus Behavioral Health Strategic Plan

Thomas college will work with an interdisciplinary team co-led by students, to complete a campus self-assessment; examine systems, policies, and programs; measure student attitudes, behaviors, and awareness; identify areas for enhancement and growth; map community and state resources; and develop a behavioral health strategic action plan for implementation.

Community of Focus: Thomas College student community, a majority of whom are first generation college students from rural Maine, with low-income.

Counties of Focus: Statewide

MeHAF Strategic Priorities: Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder; Rural Health

Award: One-Year, \$30,000 Planning Grant