

## Health Equity and Community Engagement Team, HOC

### COVID-19 Relief Fund Awardees, December 2020

Organization	Amount awarded	Relationship with VDH	Project scope
Abenaki Helping Abenaki	\$117,828	New partnership; new grantee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Statewide</li> <li>• Abenaki Helping Abenaki coordinates food security programs for the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki people.</li> <li>• Funding will provide food cards and support the renewable meat source program.</li> <li>• Services supplemented by CRF will be available to all Abenaki Vermonters.</li> </ul>
Church of East Arlington	\$10,000	New partnership; new grantee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Washington County</li> <li>• Provide 400 Community Support Kits to assist older adults and people with disabilities in staying healthy and safe during the COVID pandemic.</li> <li>• 5 different kits will be available to provide customized support and resources for each individual. Kits include COVID-19 Safety, Cleaning, Self-Hygiene, Warmth and Food Insecurity.</li> </ul>
Clemmons Family Farm	\$80,000	New partnership; new grantee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Statewide</li> <li>• The only Black-led 501c3 nonprofit organization in Vermont.</li> <li>• Offers arts and culture programs led by Vermont's artists of African descent</li> <li>• Funding will support the Black and Bliss Wellness Arts Series. Includes virtual art sessions, distribution of wellness art kits and</li> </ul>

			survey results report on perceived outcomes of wellness arts interventions
Community Health Services of Addison County (Open Door Clinic)	\$26,435		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Addison County</li> <li>• Hire bilingual Spanish speaking Outreach Assistant to support farms in providing onsite testing, outreach, and education to immigrant farmworkers.</li> <li>• Develop clinically accurate, contextually and culturally specific, COVID-19 public health education messages and materials, in consultation with Health's communications and epidemiology experts as needed.</li> <li>• Assist State to culturally broker care and prevention strategies related to COVID-19 with affected individuals and communities</li> </ul>
Dr. Avila (Spectrum)	\$247,001	Existing partnership; contracts with ADAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Chittenden County</li> <li>• The Cultural Brokers' program provides integrated prevention education and care management to Vermont's New Americans.</li> <li>• Conduct focus groups (with Somali/Bantu, Congolese, Nepali, Arabic, and Burmese communities) to identify areas of need and health disparities exacerbated by COVID-19.</li> <li>• Provide three training sessions on cultural and linguistic competence, national CLAS standards, implicit biases, and serving refugee and immigrant communities to HOC staff.</li> </ul>
Family Room	\$41,413	New partnership; new grantee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Burlington, Winooski</li> <li>• Programs provide emotional support and crisis prevention and intervention to immigrant and refugee families with young children</li> <li>• Provide basic needs including culturally significant foods that are familiar to families</li> </ul>
Northeast Kingdom Community Action	\$55,200		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Northeast Kingdom</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides: increased food access to isolated communities in Essex County and older adults in Orleans County; phone and internet access for those experiencing homelessness; facilitated on-line support groups for LGBTQ+ youth in the NEK.</li> </ul>
ONE Mask Initiative (CHCB)	\$37,395	New partnership; new grantee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reach: Old North End in Burlington, Winooski</li> <li>Provide quality masks to those who need them, with a specific focus on low income/BIPOC/New American populations with limited English proficiency to prevent the spread of COVID-19</li> <li>Focus on providing high quality, well-fitting children-sized masks (which currently are still largely unavailable)</li> <li>Provide information through infographics and translated materials to show how to properly wear a mask</li> </ul>
Outright Vermont	\$90,000	New partnership; new grantee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reach: Statewide</li> <li>Provides emotional support and care to 200+ isolated LGBTQ+ youth around the state. Funds support needed technology and internet access for peer support, mentoring, professional service and health/resource information</li> </ul>
Racial Justice Alliance	\$80,000	New partnership; new grantee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reach: Statewide</li> <li>Host series with community partners like Vermont Interfaith Action, Public Assets Institute, Vermont Medical Center and others to advance community learning, education and action.</li> </ul>
RISE VT (Community Senior Center)	\$25,000	RISE VT is an existing partnership; The Community Senior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reach: Richmond/Bolton area</li> <li>Reduce social isolation and improve access to health services among older Vermonters by creating a laptop lending program</li> <li>Coordinate online activities, virtual community events, telehealth, and remote gatherings with friends and family.</li> </ul>
Special Olympics Vermont	\$14,440	New partnership; new grantee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reach: Statewide</li> <li>Provide virtual biweekly athlete engagement sessions to foster sense of connection and provide a space for athletes (people with developmental disabilities) to interact and support each other.</li> </ul>

Twin Pines Housing	\$5,000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Windsor County</li> <li>• Provides training, equipment, and internet access for isolated seniors in northern Windsor County. Also provides gas cards for transportation to medical appointments.</li> </ul>
United Way of Rutland County	\$56,880	New partnership; new grantee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Rutland County</li> <li>• Facilitate outreach and engagement work of services providers in Rutland County that serve older Vermonters and people with disabilities so they can liaison into identified vulnerable communities experiencing COVID-19-related health disparities.</li> <li>• Subrecipient will plan and host training on Implicit Bias for first responders, social workers, and educators.</li> </ul>
United Way of Windham County	\$122,580	New partnership; new grantee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Windham County</li> <li>• Facilitate the ongoing outreach and engagement work of social justice services providers in Windham County, so they can liaison into identified vulnerable communities experiencing COVID-19-related health disparities.</li> </ul>
UVM Extension Bridges to Health	\$94,921		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Statewide</li> <li>• Conduct outreach and education with the immigrant farmworker community, assist with access to COVID-19 testing and treatment, and support access to essential needs during the public health emergency.</li> <li>• Collaborate with local health care entities to explore and where possible facilitate increased access to flu vaccines across Vermont for immigrant farmworker population.</li> <li>• Collaborate with local health care entities to support testing of farmworkers arriving to work in Vermont from out-of-state/out-of-country.</li> </ul>
Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council	\$28,564	Existing partnership; MOU with HPDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach: Statewide</li> <li>• Address social isolation and increase access to appropriate PPE and health information for Vermonters with developmental disabilities</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide 2,500 kits that contain: Masks that meet health needs of the individual, hand sanitizer, plain language COVID information booklet, and plain language flyer about flu vaccine and how to access it</li></ul>
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