

2015 Fall Grant Recipients

Large Grants

- **Benson Polytechnic High School Wellness Center** (Portland) \$100,000
Benson Polytechnic High School in Portland received a \$100,000 grant to support staffing of the School-Based Wellness Center. The center is providing all freshman students – one quarter of them Oregon Health Plan members – with a preventive care visit with a health provider, with whom they can discuss their physical, mental or emotional health concerns in a safe and confidential way. Those discussions will help students develop the healthy behaviors that will make them more likely to have success in school, and in their adult lives.
<http://www.bensonhs.pps.k12.or.us>
- **Human Solutions** (Portland area) \$85,000
Human Solutions helps homeless and low-income families gain self-sufficiency through stable housing, family support, job readiness programs and economic opportunities. An \$85,000 grant will help expand services at Rosewood Plaza in the Rockwood area, including dental and oral health services, other health services, and safe and affordable housing. <http://humansolutions.org>
- **Project Access Now** (Portland area) \$55,000
With a \$55,000 grant from CareOregon and support from 211info, Project Access Now will be able to support health navigators, IT infrastructure and staff to run a data platform for the Pathways model system of assisting people seeking health and social services in the Rockwood area of east Multnomah County. Individuals can be tracked and transferred through any type of service door, and services will be better coordinated. One of the goals is to create criteria related to youth violence prevention, one of the most pressing issues as a major social determinant of health outcomes. <http://www.projectaccessnow.org>
- **Our House of Portland** (Portland area) \$30,000
Our House of Portland is one of the most expert agencies in Oregon and Southwest Washington caring for those with HIV/AIDS, and serves many who are OHP members. It provides around-the-clock residential care facility for those who need constant care. A \$30,000 grant from CareOregon will provide funding to train caregivers helping those with HIV/AIDS. Many private and family caregivers lack understanding of the unique and complex needs of this population. The training also will help clients live as fully and independently as possible. <http://www.ourhouseofportland.org>
- **Bradley Angle** (Portland area) \$30,000
Bradley Angle is a shelter for women and children escaping violence. It provides its clients access to comprehensive social support services, including mental health care. A grant for \$30,000 will help fund the agency's life skills program, which is an intense, 33-week program. Bradley Angle emphasizes helping families, especially the children, find ways to express themselves in ways that are not violent or harmful to themselves or others. It is intended to reduce the likelihood of those who have been abused of becoming abusers themselves. <http://bradleyangle.org>
- **Asante Foundation** (Jackson County) \$25,000
Asante Foundation is conducting a major fundraising campaign to expand and update its behavioral health unit at Rogue Valley Medical Center, the only such facility in southern Oregon. With a grant of \$25,000, CareOregon and Jackson Care Connect will help Asante implement a trauma-informed "Sanctuary" model of care, a more humane and successful methodology and environment for the care of mental health patients in crisis. Because the unit is nearly always over capacity, the hospital often holds mentally ill patients for as long as a week in cells adjacent to the ED – which is very detrimental to recovery. <http://www.asante.org/foundation>
- **Rogue Retreat** (Jackson County) \$25,000
Rogue Retreat works with the homeless population in Jackson County. It will use a \$25,000 grant to help ensure that 100 percent of its participants complete its Life Skills Education and Personal Development Coaching Program. The program has been shown to strengthen lives and help chronically homeless individuals and families successfully live in permanent supportive housing units in Medford and Central Point. <http://www.rogueretreat.org>

Mid-Size Grants

- **Returning Veteran's Project** (Statewide) \$15,000
Returning Veteran's Project is a nonprofit organization comprised of community-based independent health care practitioners who offer free and confidential services to Post 9/11 war zone veterans, service members and their families. Volunteers include mental health professionals, acupuncturists, naturopaths, chiropractors, massage therapists, and other complementary health care providers. The agency will use the \$15,000 grant to help support clinical workshops to further train volunteer health providers. <https://www.returningveterans.org>
- **Write Around Portland** (Portland) \$10,000
Write Around Portland seeks to change lives through the power of writing. Working with domestic violence survivors, those who have been incarcerated, people who have been affected by childhood trauma and others with emotional scars, this Portland-based agency will use a \$10,000 grant help those with low income receive a level of respect that all people deserve. All coming from the power of verbal expression. The funds are covering the cost of 15 ten-week writing workshops in cooperation with health care and social service organizations. <http://www.writearound.org>
- **Tucker Maxon School** (Metro) \$7,000
Tucker Maxon is a school where hearing impaired and typical hearing children learn together, and from each other. A grant for \$7,000 will help build infrastructure for this unique facility that provides individualized teaching and support that emphasizes listening and critical thinking. It also has a six-week arts camp that takes kids around the world of different national cultures. <https://www.tuckermaxon.org>
- **Union Gospel Mission** (Metro) \$6,500
Union Gospel Mission is a faith-based, nonprofit organization whose mission is "Feeding the hungry, restoring the addict and loving our neighbor." It will use the \$6,500 grant to help build its services to those in need, including many who are served by the Oregon Health Plan. CareOregon partners with UGM to help register new OHP members and better ensure that its clients receive the physical health, dental health and mental health services they need. The agency is home to the LifeChange program, which works to transform lives and break free of addiction and destructive life patterns. <http://ugmportland.org>
- **The Grandma 2Go** (S. Oregon) \$4,000
The Grandma 2Go-Home Visitors Program in the Medford area has received a grant of \$4,000 from CareOregon to help start up its program of new parent education, focusing on those who may not have grown up in a supportive family that practiced nurturing care. The purpose of the program is to have a community of "women of wisdom and experience" to mentor, nurture and support mothers, infants and families during the critical formative years of childhood brain growth from pregnancy through preschool. The goal is to ensure that every infant and toddler in the community develops a strong foundation of physical, emotional and mental health, so that they will thrive and reach their highest and best potential in life.