

2013 Immunize Oregon Mini-Grant Recipients

This year, Immunize Oregon received 42 mini-grant applications requesting a total of \$140,000. We were able to award more projects than original expected due to added funds by the Oregon Immunization Program's Adult Immunization Special Project. What follows is a list of the awardees and a brief description of what will be funded.

African American Health Coalition – Culturally specific materials will be created and disseminated promoting vaccines, specifically Tdap, to African American communities living in Portland. They will also partner with Multnomah County Health Department to advertise and offer Tdap vaccine at the annual AAHC Wellness Village event.

Asian Health and Service Center – The Asian Health and Service Center will be holding their 12th Annual Asian Health Fair in August and two flu clinics in November. Eight community outreach and education workshops will be held in the summer and fall. The mini-grant will cover the cost of community health worker outreach, and the creation and printing of culturally specific outreach materials on immunizations.

Community Health Center-With the goal of improving immunization rates in Ashland, funding will help cover the cost of vaccine related education and outreach for children's immunizations, as well as strengthen adult immunization rates.

Crook County- A portable vaccine storage unit will be purchased in order to offer off-site vaccine clinics with partner agencies in a rural/frontier county.

Good News – Portable vaccine storage systems will be purchased in order to offer more immunizations at vaccine clinics in East Multnomah and Clackamas counties.

MacDonald Center- Funding will support a partnership with OHSU School of Nursing to hold influenza immunization clinics in Portland's Old Town neighborhood, focusing on an uninsured population experiencing homelessness and mental illness.

Malheur County Health Department– Funds will go to promote the Treasure Valley Immunization Coalition, who is working to increase adult vaccination rates in Eastern Oregon.

Multnomah County Health Department, Communicable Disease Services – Funding will be used to support collaboration between Multnomah County Health Department and local community based organizations to bring influenza vaccinations to marginalized, underserved and uninsured adults.

Native American Rehabilitative Association – Recognizing the disparity in immunization rates in the American Indian/Alaskan Native population, NARA will be purchasing equipment that will make it possible for them to offer vaccines at two additional sites: a residential treatment center that serves adults and their children who are age 0-6, and a drop-in center that serves people experiencing homelessness and severe mental illness.

North by Northeast- The mini-grant will fund efforts to increase vaccine rates (specifically influenza) in uninsured adults in North and Northeast Portland, which are traditionally African

American neighborhoods. Efforts include calling high-risk patients, vaccine promotion and vaccine administration at community events, and having a vaccine focused meeting with their Patient Wellness Council.

Northwest Human Services – This Salem-based organization will be hosting influenza immunization clinics for adults in the community, specifically doing outreach to veteran’s group, homeless populations, the Latino communities, and other underserved groups in the area.

Outside In- Vaccine storage and handling equipment will be purchased in order to safely offer vaccines to high need patients at the Clackamas Service Center and a Milwaukie School Based Health Center.

Peace Health – New vaccine storage and handling equipment will be purchased, which will enable them to vaccinate more patients with more vaccines, in partnership with Lane County Health Department.

Southern Coos Health District- Southern Coos Health District will be hosting an annual drive through flu vaccine clinic for adults in Coastal Southern Oregon where approximately 700 people will be vaccinated, including 100 health care workers.

St Alphonsus Medical Center – A campaign to offer Tdap to family members of pregnant patients will be conducted in Malheur County.

Union County Center for Human Development – Funding will be used to raise the rates of adults immunized against the flu and other vaccine preventable diseases by using the Union County Immunization Coalition to conduct a county wide vaccine outreach and educational campaign, incentivize providers and their patients to raise their influenza and Tdap vaccination rates, and empower providers to collect and use immunization data via the ALERT IIS.

Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation and Health Center – Virginia Garcia has launched an initiative, partnering with mental health facilities in Washington and Yamhill counties, bringing primary care to adults experiencing mental illness. Adults who experience mental illness die, on average, 25 years earlier than those who don’t, and are more likely to suffer from concurrent chronic health conditions. The mini-grant will cover the cost of the equipment needed to provide vaccines to approximately 1,500 people annually.

White Bird Clinic – Funding will be used to upgrade the clinic’s infrastructure and equipment in order to start providing federally funded (317) vaccines to their patient population. The clinic has been serving Lane County’s low-income, homeless, and largely uninsured population for over 40 years.