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Community Health Network of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. has awarded grants to the following Federally Qualified Health Centers in the amount of \$3,250:

Charter Oak Health Center, Inc., Hartford – With the addition of their Women’s Health Services program, including expanding on-site colonoscopy and ultrasounds, COHC, Inc. will use a portion of the grant to purchase a new colonoscopy machine. This grant will enable the health center to provide its patients with more accurate test results. It will eliminate referrals to hospitals, which can greatly reduce associated costs. It will also improve the quality of on-site care.

StayWell Health Center, Waterbury – This grant will be used to build familial and community relationships. A portion of it will be used to develop a nine-week prenatal educational group. Sessions will include nutrition, bonding with the newborn, smoking cessation, stress, and early infant care. This program is designed to ensure that these women are prepared for motherhood. The grant will also be used toward a child development field trip. The families involved will be able to apply what they learn on the trip at home to encourage creativity, development and social skills with their children. Lastly, a portion of this grant will be used for an oral health initiative. With its current status as the leader of the Waterbury Oral Health Collaborative, StayWell will use the remaining grant money for their mobile oral health program that travels to 14 schools.

Generations Family Health Center, Willimantic – The health center will use its grant money to enhance its technology over a five-year period. With this money, the center will work to establish a network for file sharing, email services and an improved electronic health record system. This project will allow Generations to integrate e-prescriptions and e-filing of patient information and will allow for easier compliance with HIPAA security.

Fair Haven Community Health Center, New Haven – The health center plans to use a portion of the grant money to purchase a defibrillator. Having this critical device on-site will decrease the risk of sudden cardiac death. The second portion of this grant will be used to purchase a pharmacy software program that will aid both the nursing and clinical staff. This will ensure that the correct dosage amounts are given; it will reduce drug interactions; and it will provide a better way of prescribing appropriate medications.

Bridgeport Community Health Center, Bridgeport – The health center received a federal grant to implement a Healthcare for the Homeless program in collaboration with two existing clinic sites (Lathon Wider Community Center and the Chester Addison Community Center), the Shelter for the Homeless, Inc., and new Covenant House of Hospitality. This grant will allow 20 patients, currently on a waiting list, receive eye examinations and prescription glasses.



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Southwest Community Health Center, Inc. , Bridgeport – The health center will use this grant to defray the costs of upgrading their information system capabilities. This money will provide all four health centers that Southwest oversees in Bridgeport with high-speed internet connections for email and information access to all the sites. It will enhance the process of working with outside clinics and hospitals ensuring a more timely and efficient care for their patients.

Hill Health Center, New Haven – The health center will purchase an autoclave for the Dental department. Their existing autoclave recently broke and cannot be repaired. This critical piece of medical equipment is required by the State Public Health Department and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

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