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Community Investment Partnership Announces \$614,000 in Community Funding Awards

June 10, 2015 – Olympia, Wash. – United Way of Thurston County (UWTC), the Cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater, and Thurston County; partners in the Community Investment Partnership (CIP), are pleased to announce their second year of coordinated funding awards for 2015-16. 23 health and human service non-profit organizations were awarded funding in support of 35 impact programs that promote healthier choices and behaviors; promote financial and residential stability; and prepare children and youth to be resilient, learn and succeed.

These impact programs will be funded for a one-year cycle from 2015-2016 beginning July 1, 2015. During this year's very competitive funding round, the CIP received 60 applications from 38 agencies requesting \$1,464,878 in funding for a wide variety of programs that address essential needs serving all areas of our community. Available funding addressed 40 percent of the requested needs.

"As we enter our second year of CIP funding, we are learning more that our shared goals and coordinated approach is beneficial because it allows nonprofits to maximize their award potential and better get the outcomes that serve our community," said CIP Co-Chair and United Way Board member, Dennis Mahar. "We had many strong proposals and funded the top ranked ones. I regret our financial limitations prevented us from funding more.

"The CIP is unique in Washington state with our collaborative approach between United Way and local government. We are helping make our community stronger by working together," adds CIP Co-Chair and County Commissioner Sandra Romero. "These funds will support a powerful array of activities to help our most vulnerable community members."

We are very thankful for the individuals and businesses that supported United Way during our recent fundraising season, as well as the dedicated volunteers who participated on the grants panel. Citizen panels performed a thorough process – reading applications, interviewing proposing agencies and making ranked funding recommendations to the CIP Steering Committee for final decisions.

The CIP is an innovative partnership between United Way and local government that formed in 2014 to:

- Amplify community impact and focus around common goals
- Create incentives for service coordination
- Increase efficiencies for both non-profit service providers and funding organizations
- Support common performance reporting and continuous improvement

This year, awards range from \$2,500 to \$55,467. The \$614,096 CIP funding comes from United Way of Thurston County (\$430,000), Thurston County (\$58,000), the City of Olympia (\$77,568), the City of Lacey (\$40,648) and the City of Tumwater (\$25,000).

For more information about these grant awards, contact Paul Knox, United Way Executive Director at (360) 943-2773 ext. 10 or email pknox@unitedway-thurston.org or Gary Aden, Thurston County Housing and Community Renewal Manager, (360) 867-2532 or adeng@co.thurston.wa.us

LIST OF GRANT AWARDS:

Funded programs that promote healthier choices and behaviors

Thurston Food Bank

Food Bank Collaborative | \$55,467

Senior Services of South Sound

Senior Nutrition Program | \$19,467

Catholic Community Services

Community Kitchen | \$18,000

Family Support Center of South Sound

Family Justice Center Program | \$7,467

CHOICE Regional Health Network

Access to Baby and Child Dentistry | \$5,592

Crisis Clinic of Thurston & Mason Counties

Crisis Intervention and Information Referral and Training | \$9,750

Senior Services of South Sound

STARS Adult Day Care | \$7,500

Olympia Free Clinic | \$10,000

Pizza Klatch

Support Groups for LGBTQ+ Youth | \$15,000

Suicide Prevention Training Certification | \$7,500

Funded programs that promote financial and residential stability

SafePlace

Residential Services Program | \$29,967

Family Support Center of South Sound

Homeless Family Support Pear Blossom Place | \$37,467

Catholic Community Services

Community Kitchen | \$18,000

Community Youth Services

Rosie's Place | \$22,467

Transitional Housing Program | \$12,500

PANZA

Quixote Village | \$18,717

Rebuilding Together Thurston County

Emergency Services | \$28,013

SideWalk (Interfaith Works)

Coordinated Entry | \$25,000

Housing First Rent Assistance | \$25,000

Mercy Housing Northwest

Service Enriched Affordable Housing | \$13,287

Family Education and Support Services

Kinship Care | \$18,717

ROOF Community Services

Emergency and Family Services | \$5,000

Rebuild Together TC

Emergency Services Program | \$14,000

Funded programs that prepare children and youth to be resilient, to learn and to succeed

Kids Palce After-School/Summer Program

ROOF Community Services | \$20,967

TOGETHER!

Evergreen Villages | \$18,717

Tumwater Community Schools | \$37,467

Family Support Center of South Sound

Family Resource Services Program | \$18,717

GRuB

Youth Grow Tumwater | \$21,717

Crisis Clinic of Thurston and Mason Counties

Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention | \$2,967

Childcare Action Council

Margies Crisis Nursery | \$4,092

Girls Without Limits

YWCA of Olympia | \$23,967

The Evergreen State College

Gateways for Incarcerated Youth | \$11,151

CIELO

Connect the Dots - Spanish Speaking Parents with Kids in School | \$33,250

Community Youth Services

Haven House | \$15,000

SafePlace

Child and Youth Programs | \$10,000

Community Youth Services

Independent Living Skills | \$8,711

TOGETHER!

Community Schools in Tumwater School District | \$2,500

Community Action Council

Monarch Children's Justice and Advocacy | \$20,000

Hands On Children's Museum

SafePlace Support at the Museum | \$9,000

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