

**The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida
Winter 2008 Grant Summaries**

Organization: Alert Health, Inc. – formerly Hep-C Alert -- 09-08-025
Amount: \$100,000 Year: 2 North Miami: Miami-Dade County

Summary: Integrated Preventive Screening Project (IPSP), an initiative of Alert Health, Inc. – provides evidence-based clinical preventive screenings in a non-traditional setting and connects individuals to community health clinics for care. IPSP increases the early detection and management of chronic diseases that disproportionately impact racial/ethnic minorities by: targeting younger adults, removing barriers to preventive care, and increasing their skills to achieve optimal health. Funds will support a linkage coordinator, lab counselor, cholesterol and glucose tests for an estimated 3000 patients. This is an expansion of an 8-month pilot project funded by Dade Community Foundation which integrated chronic disease screening into ALERT’s existing services.

Organization: Clinica Luz Del Mundo/Light of the World Clinic - 09-08-012
Amount: \$100,000 Year: 2 Oakland Park: Broward County

Summary: Light of the World Clinic provides free medical services, intervention, education, healthcare services, medication and treatment for disadvantaged, medically underserved, uninsured, at-risk indigent and minority community in Broward County through a free volunteer community-based clinic. Funds are requested to support an increase in capacity with specific support for a case manager/community outreach coordinator, medical assistant, supplies and lab fees.

Organization: Lakeland Volunteers In Medicine -- 09-08-043
Amount: \$44,877 Year: 1 Lakeland: Polk County

Summary: Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine provides quality free primary care to the working uninsured of Polk County by means of volunteer healthcare providers augmented by paid providers to deliver certain essential services. The specific mission of this grant request is to provide Women’s Health Services to 1,600 uninsured women over a one-year period.

Organization: Manatee County Rural Health Services, Inc. – 09-08-100
Amount: 97,250 Year: 1 Parrish: Manatee County

Summary: Manatee County Rural Health Services requests funds to establish a multidisciplinary team approach to improve adherence to medical protocols to help patients better manage uncontrollable diabetes. The organization is a FQHC serving Manatee, Desoto and a portion of Sarasota County. Funds would be used to hire a part-time registered dietician and a full-time health educator to enhance the services of the Registered Nurse adherence care coordinator.

**The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida
Winter 2008 Grant Summaries**

Organization: Marion County Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. -- Kimberly's Cottage – 09-08-041

Amount: \$80,960 Year: 1 Ocala: Marion County

Summary: Kimberly's Cottage provides outreach counseling services and education to children who have been the victims of child abuse in Marion County, Florida. Traditionally, more than 75% of the children receiving services at Kimberly's Cottage are either underinsured or uninsured. The Child Victim Clinical Program requests funds to increase and enhance services for children who have been the victims of abuse in Marion County. Funds will support hiring one additional Masters Level Therapist and one part time Child Advocate to provide immediate crisis intervention counseling sessions and advocacy.

Organization: Miami Beach Community Health Center -- 09-08-048

Amount: \$100,000 Year: 2 Miami: Miami-Dade County

Summary: Miami Beach Community Health Center at the Center for Haitian Studies provides comprehensive primary health care to a target population facing enormous barriers to access and concomitant health disparities in addition to documented health disparities due to country of origin. Funds are requested to further develop the patient base. The Center opened in August 2007, and the resultant number of patients served and those in need of care is growing. This grant will fund a physician and clinician for direct service to patients.

Organization: Orange County Health Department -- 09-08-011

Amount: \$100,000 Year: 2 Orlando: Orange County

Summary: The Critical Connections project will educate and link underserved and uninsured pre-conceptual or pregnant African American women in Orange County to oral health services. The program provides outreach efforts to women and to OB/GYN providers for these women to promote accessing dental services at community health clinics in target zip codes. Grant funds will support a health educator/program coordinator, costs for 300 dental exams/cleanings, space, audio-visual needs, nutritional lunches, brochures/materials.

Organization: Refuge House, Inc. -- 09-08-047

Amount: \$10,000 Year: 1 Tallahassee: Leon County

Summary: For 31 years, Refuge House, Inc. in Tallahassee, Florida, has been the certified domestic violence and rape crisis agency for the 8 counties of the Big Bend in North Florida, providing community health clinic and outreach services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Refuge House requests funds to expand its capacity by renovating their current clinic from one exam room, to an exam room and a consulting room. The expansion would be completed within 1 year of the award and would accommodate 200 patients a year for follow-up medical clinic services.

**The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida
Winter 2008 Grant Summaries**

Organization: SafeHouse of Seminole -- 09-08-077

Amount: 10,500 Year: 1 Lake Monroe: Seminole County

Summary: SafeHouse requests funds to provide temporary emergency prescription drugs and over the counter medications to its clients, emergency room visits, first aid and hygiene supplies. SafeHouse is a domestic violence intervention agency providing an emergency shelter, a crisis hotline and a variety of prevention and awareness services

Organization: Vision Is Priceless Council --09-08-051

Amount: \$57,413 Year: 2 Jacksonville: Duval County

Summary: Vision is Priceless Council has for 12 years served the First Coast by screening those at risk for eye disease, identifying problems as early as possible, referring those needing proper treatment and helping facilitate treatment for those in need. VIP has screened over 30,000 children and 3,000 adults a year with only five part-time screeners. The majority of screenings and other resources have been in Duval County. This request – Cared Vision Outreach Program – will expand services and become more involved in Clay and Nassau Counties through partnerships with Barnabas Center’s Good Samaritan Clinic in Fernandina Beach, and with The Way Free Medical Clinic, Green Cove Springs. Funds will support equipment and supplies for full exams and treatment at clinics, a portion of the salary and travel for Cared Vision Program Coordinator, and set-up of vision exam rooms/space in the respective clinics.

Organization: Volunteers In Medicine Clinic (VIM) -- 09-08-095

Amount: 60,000 Year: 3 Stuart: Martin County

Summary: VIM requests funds to enhance its services to diabetes patients who use the clinic for disease management. The clinic proposes to add a bilingual diabetes educator to help patients self-manage their diabetes, use medications appropriately, consume healthy diets and teach them how to monitor their blood sugar. Funds would be used for salaries for the certified diabetes educator, a nurse practitioner, and bilingual educational materials, testing strips, medicines and marketing.

###