Systems Change Grant Summaries: 2020

Grants awarded in FY2020:

1) **Pinnacle Prevention** - Partners include Living Streets Alliance, the Arizona Alliance for Livable Communities, Health by Design, and the Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities. The collaboration is focused on increasing infrastructure investments for opportunities to improve health through parks and recreation, transportation, and overall community design in rural and tribal communities.

2) **South Mountain WORKS Coalition** - in partnership with the Arizona Community Foundation. Partners include the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) Consortium, Southwest Elementary School, Cesar Chavez Leadership Academy, South Mountain High School, Cesar Chavez High School, Roosevelt School District, and South Mountain Community College. The Coalition will create a safe, resilient, and trauma-informed community school system focused on overall health and well-being of South Mountain by changing local policies and practices to address inequities of children and families who have experienced ACEs or trauma.

3) **The End of Life Care Partnership** - fiscally sponsored by the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona. Partners include Goodwill of Southern AZ, Tu Nidito Children and Family Services, Pima County Juvenile Court Center, and the University of Arizona. The End of Life Care Partnership will center direct input from youth to develop, implement, and evaluate youth bereavement services for Pima County Juvenile Justice Courts.

Innovation Grant Summaries: 2019

Grants awarded in FY2019:

1) **Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture** - Support legislative policy change to provide state match funding for agricultural apprenticeships for young and beginning farmers, ranchers, foragers and gleaners. The coalition will raise general awareness of characteristics and challenges of Arizona’s agriculture, as well as develop a shared system for administering the apprenticeships to support implementation of legislation once passed. This will include determining qualifications for the farmers and organizations to host apprentices, and qualifications for those applying.

2) **Hushabye Nursery** - this project will create a demonstration period and exploratory/pilot project designing and implementing an alternate care practice for expectant mothers with opioid use disorder, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome babies, and their families. After the completion of the two-year period supported by Vitalyst, Hushabye Nursery expects provider partners (Dignity, PHX Children’s Hospital, Maricopa Integrated Health Services, etc.) to incorporate the new practice in their standard operating procedures and protocols for care.

3) **Arizona Community Tree Council (Park Rx)** - Park Rx is to pilot an innovative approach to environmental and medical care systems change that supports active living and improved physical and mental health while building community cohesion. The project is working with Maricopa County Dept of Public Health, HonorHealth, Maricopa Integrated Health Services, Harmon Library, Lowell Elementary, City of PHX Parks & Rec, The Nature Conservancy, AZ Sustainability Alliance, and PHX Revitalization to focus efforts on two communities in partnership with the health care systems serving them.

4) **Flagstaff Shelter Services** - Culturally-sensitive Housing-focused Care Teams (HCTs) will be developed to address the intersection of access to care and affordable housing. HCTs, comprised of an FSS Housing Case Manager, a North Country Healthcare primary care provider, and a behavioral health provider from The Guidance Center, will work in coordination to improve housing and health outcomes among individuals experiencing homelessness. The HCTs will stabilize acute physical and behavioral health needs to utilize a lower level of housing (rapid rehousing) which is
available in the Flagstaff area compared to permanent supportive housing which is not available in the area.

Innovation Grant Summaries: 2018

Grants awarded in FY2018:

1) **American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)** received a $125,000 grant in partnership with the Arizona Community Foundation to advance the Demand2Learn work to transform disciplinary policies that disproportionately affect people of color. ACLU will be partnering with Black Mothers Forum, Morning Star Leaders, Inc., and Rising Youth Theatre to become peers and co-leaders in the movement to keep kids in schools, improve students’ physical and mental health and ultimately provide for greater economic stability.

2) **Flowers and Bullets Collective** received a grant for $125,000 in partnership with the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona to transform a vacant 10-acre school property into a sustainable, culturally relevant food production hub. Flowers and Bullets Collective will partner with the University of Arizona Community and School Garden Program and the YWCA to decrease diet- and environment-related health disparities. The community-designed and operated hub will help propel the Barrio Centro neighborhood toward a more resilient, sustainable and hopeful future.

3) **Sonoran Prevention Works** received a $125,000 grant to support advocacy and education for syringe access programs – a proven harm reduction strategy in response to the opioid crisis and rising hepatitis-C and HIV infection rates. Sonoran Prevention Works will partner with the University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson and Creosote Partners to destigmatize syringe access programs and understand the comprehensive needs of people who inject drugs. The Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office will also work with Sonoran Prevention Works to implement a needle stick prevention program and to educate law enforcement on injection drug use. These partnerships will work to support policy change that treats substance use as a public health issue.

4) **White Mountain Apache Tribe – Ndee Bikiyaa (The People’s Farm)** received a $125,000 grant in partnership with The NARBHA Institute for the Ndee (Apache) Community Food Pipeline Project. The project will create a tribal food safety policy that reinvigorates the community’s capacity to produce, package and sell wild-harvested and traditionally-farmed foods. Creating new opportunities for tribal economic growth and re-establishing traditional food access is a key step towards healthier lives among approximately 12,000 tribal members.