

About the Grant Partners

UnitedHealth Group, including the United Health Foundation and UnitedHealthcare, is donating a total of \$4.5 million to increase access to health care, improve health outcomes and support communities across Oklahoma. The collective investments will meet urgent health needs across the state by focusing on the biggest areas of opportunity to address health disparities.

The seven community organizations that have been awarded grants are:

Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma

Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma feeds the hungry of Eastern Oklahoma through a network of partner agencies to engage communities in ending hunger. With branches in Tulsa and McAlester, the Food Bank distributes donated items to hundreds of partner agencies operating feeding programs in 24 counties. These programs include emergency food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, child feeding programs, senior feeding programs and veteran's initiatives. \$140,000 was provided to expand the food bank's campus and school-based pantry program to 10 additional schools and colleges in rural, underserved communities so that food insecure students and their families will have regular access to healthy food.

Location: Eastern Oklahoma

Learn more: <https://www.okfoodbank.org>

Health Alliance for the Uninsured

Health Alliance for the Uninsured (HAU) is a catalyst for access to health care services for those who otherwise would be unable to obtain them. HAU is a community collaborative that makes quality health care available to Oklahoma county's vulnerable uninsured and under-insured populations. Partners include physicians, safety net clinics, hospitals and other public and private partners. \$1.8 million was granted to integrate new behavioral health assessments, monitoring, interventions and staff training that are designed to improve health outcomes for uninsured and underinsured individuals with diabetes at 20 free/charitable clinics across the state.

Location: Oklahoma City and throughout the state

Learn more: <https://hauonline.org/>

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Indian Health Care Resource Center

The Indian Health Care Resource Center (IHCRC) offers a full range of health and wellness services tailored to the Indian community using a patient-centered, multidisciplinary, medical home approach. The vision of IHCRC is to eliminate health disparities, expand innovative family-focused practices and promote an embracing approach to care that strengthens physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness within the Indian community. \$1.8 million was provided to develop and staff a comprehensive, culturally competent program that provides medical and behavioral health care, physical activity, medical social work and health education for older Native American adults and their caregivers.

Location: Tulsa

Learn more: <https://www.ihcrc.org/>

LIFE Senior Services

LIFE Senior Services specializes in home and community-based services that promote healthy aging and aging-in-place for seniors, as well as services and support for family caregivers who play a critical role in helping their loved ones. From Senior Centers for active adults age 50 and older, to Case Management and Adult Day Health for older adults struggling to maintain their independence, LIFE is committed to helping seniors of all ages and circumstances. \$200,000 was provided to fund the organization's "Active Senior Center" programs that include virtual and in-person fitness and nutrition classes and a variety of social activities such as walking groups.

Location: Tulsa

Learn more: <https://www.lifeseniorservices.org>

Meals on Wheels OKC

Meals on Wheels OKC delivers nutritious, hot meals to seniors through Meals on Wheels Oklahoma City and youth through its commUNITY Table program. Through its partnership with the Areawide Aging Agency, Meals on Wheels Oklahoma City works with churches and community organizations in Oklahoma County to deliver hot meals to homebound senior adults. \$110,000 was provided to make daily meals available to homebound older adults who are experiencing food insecurity and social isolation, and support the purchase of food-storage refrigeration.

Location: Oklahoma County

Learn more: <https://www.endinghunderokc.org/meals-on-wheels>

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Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma distributes food and other products through a network of nearly 1,300 charitable feeding programs, including community-based partner agencies, schools and community organizations. The Regional Food Bank is also a leader in educating the public on hunger, advocating for those living with hunger and providing access to additional resources. \$180,000 was provided to expand the “Healthy Living Pantry Box” program at 10 hospitals and clinics, which provides a box of healthy food to discharging patients who are identified as food insecure. Funds will also support staffing to handle increased demand for the organization’s “Food for Seniors” programs and services.

Location: Oklahoma City and beyond

Learn more: <https://www.regionalfoodbank.org>

The University of Oklahoma Foundation/Hope Research Center

The Hope Research Center at OU-Tulsa considers hope as the strongest driver for change for individuals, families, organizations and whole communities. The Center focuses on the science of hope through research, staff and leadership training, and building hopeful communities. In addition, the Center works to measure hope as a predictive measure of future success. \$120,000 was provided to expand the center’s evidence-based staff and leadership training program to educate trainees on how to respond to the needs of trauma survivors.

Location: Tulsa and throughout the state

Learn more: <https://www.ou.edu/tulsa/hope>

About UnitedHealth Group

UnitedHealth Group

UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) is a diversified health care company dedicated to helping people live healthier lives and helping to make the health system work better for everyone. UnitedHealth Group offers a broad spectrum of products and services through two distinct platforms: UnitedHealthcare, which provides health care coverage and benefits services; and Optum, which provides information and technology-enabled health services. For more information, visit UnitedHealth Group at www.unitedhealthgroup.com or follow [@UnitedHealthGrp](https://twitter.com/UnitedHealthGrp) on Twitter.

The United Health Foundation

Through collaboration with community partners, grants and outreach efforts, the United Health Foundation works to improve our health system, build a diverse and dynamic health workforce and enhance the well-being of local communities. The United Health Foundation was established by UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) in 1999 as a not-for-profit, private foundation dedicated to improving health and health care. To date, the United Health Foundation has committed more than \$500 million to programs and communities around the world. To learn more, visit www.UnitedHealthFoundation.org

UnitedHealthcare - Empowering Health Programs

UnitedHealthcare launched its Empowering Health commitment in 2018, focusing on expanding access to care and addressing the social determinants of health for people in underserved communities. To date, the Empowering Health program has donated more than \$40 million in grants reaching more than six million people through partnerships with community-based organizations in 29 states. As part of that commitment, they are partnering with local organizations to assist individuals and families experiencing challenges from food insecurity, social isolation and behavioral health issues, and support local health promotion and health literacy efforts. UnitedHealthcare is awarding \$11.4 million in grants to community-based organizations across 18 states and the District of Columbia as part of the 2021 Empowering Health commitment. Navigating health care today is about so much more than just medical care, as 80 percent of what influences a person's health has nothing to do with clinical care. UHC understands this, and through programs like the Empowering Health commitment, we are focusing on expanding access to care and addressing the social determinants of health for people in underserved communities.