



## Press Release for News Media

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### **Willamette Health Council Community Benefit Initiative Grant Opportunity**

The Willamette Health Council (WHC) works in partnership with PacificSource Community Solutions Marion County and Polk County CCO, the local Coordinated Care Organization (CCO), to fund and support initiatives that are designed to improve the health and wellness of the Marion and Polk CCO region. The WHC is pleased to announce that applications for our Community Benefit Initiative grants are now available on our website. Community Benefit Initiatives are evidence-based, community level interventions that are focused on improving population health and healthcare quality.

One of the primary goals of the Community Benefit Initiative is to fund projects/initiatives that address priority areas identified in our region's 2019 Community Health Assessment. These areas include Housing, Behavioral Health, and Substance Use Prevention and Treatment. The Community Benefit Initiative is also intended to fund projects that improve the social determinants of health and health equity of our community members.

Through the Community Benefit Initiative, the WHC will award a total of \$564,594 in 2020 for selected projects that meet the required criteria. Applications will be accepted through September 25, 2020. To complete a grant application, or to learn more about the WHC, please visit [www.willamettehealthcouncil.org](http://www.willamettehealthcouncil.org).

If you have any questions about the Community Benefit Initiative or grant process, please email [info@willamettehealthcouncil.org](mailto:info@willamettehealthcouncil.org).

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