

# GRANTMAKER FOCUS

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The John Muir/Mt. Diablo Community Health Fund (CHF), a supporting organization to John Muir Health, was established in 1997 when John Muir Medical Center (private) and Mt. Diablo Medical Center (public) merged to form the John Muir Health System.

The foundation's mission is to improve the health and well-being of low-income residents who are uninsured or underinsured, have limited access to health care, are most at-risk for poor health, and are most likely to experience health disparities. The foundation's goal is to expand access to affordable, high-quality health care and social support services.

Contra Costa County, a segment of the San Francisco Bay Area, has a total population of just over 1 million people, with 24 percent of its residents living at or below 200 percent federal poverty level. Contra Costa is a racially and ethnically diverse region, with 63.1 percent of the population white, 24 percent Hispanic/Latino, 14.7 percent

Asian, and 9.1 percent African American. In addition, 13.7 percent of residents speak a language other than English at home.

**Program Information:** The CHF provides multiyear grants that allow organizations to plan, pilot, and evaluate new strategies or expand current health and wellness strategies aimed at:

- providing high-quality, affordable primary, specialty, dental, and behavioral health care; and
- delivering innovative wellness and social support programs that encourage people to attain and maintain good physical and mental health.

**Financial Information:**

Total assets: \$1,104,250 FY15

Amount dedicated to health-related grants: 1 million FY15

- **Special Initiatives and/or Representative Health and Human Services Grants**

**Meals on Wheels and Senior Outreach Services**—The Coordinated Care Management Initiative is expanding its geographic reach and strengthening social support services for low-income older adults in a way that will enable seniors to remain healthy, safe, and independent for as long as possible. (\$160,000)

**La Clínica de La Raza**—The Contra Costa Call Center Initiative is developing a centralized call center to increase access, improve patient experience, standardize high-quality services, and improve clinic workflows for this provider of primary care and other services. (\$248,000)

**Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay**—The Refugee Health Education Project is developing a health education curriculum to train and strengthen the ability of its social work staff and staff of community partner organizations to provide high-quality health information and health access to newly arriving refugees. (\$114,000)

**John F. Kennedy University**—The Mental Health Expansion Initiative is expanding its geographic reach and increasing access to quality, affordable mental and behavioral health services for low-income residents. (\$187,000)

**Planned Parenthood Northern California**—The Contra Costa Promotores/Community Health Worker Initiative is developing and piloting a formal Community Health Worker certification program to address the health education needs of African American and Asian residents and extend Planned Parenthood's reach in the county. (\$100,000)

## **Sustainable Community Health Improvements Rely on Foundation and Nonprofit Leaders Working Together**

“The Community Health Fund grantmaking process, 20 years in the making, is deeply grounded in the power of partnership. Our governing board and staff cultivate trusting relationships with and among board members and staff of local health and wellness organizations. Together, we endeavor to understand the most pressing health needs in our community and develop multiyear initiatives that sustainably improve the health outcomes of people residing in Contra Costa County who have limited access to health care, are most at-risk for poor health, and are most likely to experience disparities in health care.”

Lillian Roselin, Executive Director