

**PROVIDER INNOVATION PROJECTS
FUNDED THROUGH THE VERMONT HEALTH CARE INNOVATION PROJECT
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Grantee
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice in Collaboration with Rutland Regional Medical Center, Community Health Centers of the Rutland Region and the Rutland Community Health Team
Project Title
Supportive Care Program Pilot
Grant Amount
\$112,063
Project Description
This project will support design and implementation of a supportive care program for seriously ill patients with congestive heart failure and /or chronic lung disease. The program will improve communication between the multiple providers and organizations involved in the care of these patients and advance a patient-centered model for care planning and shared decision-making. The project is expected to reduce use of hospital and emergency department care, improve patient quality of life and save money.

Grantee
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in Collaboration with Northern Counties Health Care, Rural Edge Affordable Housing, the Support and Services at Home (SASH) Program, the Northeastern Vermont Area Agency on Aging and Northeast Kingdom Community Services
Project Title
The Caledonia and Essex County Dual Eligible Project
Grant Amount
\$176,400
Project Description
This project will provide flexible funding for goods and services not normally covered by insurance, enabling an integrated multi-disciplinary community care team to better care for clients who are at risk for poor outcomes and high costs of medical care.

Grantee
White River Family Practice in Collaboration with the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College
Project Title
Patient Self-Confidence Leads to Improved Chronic Disease Management and Less Hospitalization
Grant Amount
\$363,070
Project Description
White River Family Practice is an innovative, progressive family medicine practice that has developed a culture of quality improvement that creates an ideal platform to model and disseminate health reform initiatives. Utilizing support from the SIM grant, we will further develop our sophisticated clinical care system to achieve the following aims: measure and reduce emergency room utilization and hospital readmission among our patients, track patient confidence and utilize this metric to stratify patients with chronic disease to achieve improved disease outcomes and reduced utilization, deploy team based care protocols targeting patients with chronic disease.

Grantee
InvestEAP in Collaboration with the Burlington Community Health Center and Northern Counties Health Care
Project Title
Prevention, Early Intervention, Resources and Counseling to Mitigate Chronic Stress that Leads to Chronic Disease
Grant Amount
\$250,000
Project Description
Invest EAP, Vermont’s public/private employee assistance program, and a federally-qualified health center, will partner to demonstrate the impact of integrating an innovative stress prevention and early intervention program with traditional primary care delivery. The project embodies the core belief that early intervention aimed at the social determinants of health and the root causes of stress will improve health outcomes and reduce medical expenditures.

Grantee
The Vermont Medical Society Education and Research Foundation in Collaboration with Vermont’s “Hospitalist” Physicians and the Fletcher Allen Health Care Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Project Title
Implementing a Vermont Hospital Medicine Choosing Wisely® Program, Including Reducing Unnecessary Laboratory Testing in Low-Risk Surgical Candidates
Grant Amount
\$548,829
Project Description
This project will support an effort to decrease waste and potential harm in the hospital setting based on evidence behind the national “Choosing Wisely” campaign that estimates 30 percent of U.S. health care spending is avoidable and potentially harmful. Physicians from Vermont hospitals and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center will work together to reduce unnecessary lab testing, and in doing so will create a statewide provider network to lead additional waste reduction and care improvement efforts.

Grantee
Bi-State Primary Care in Collaboration with all Participating Providers and Affiliates of Community Health Accountable Care
Project Title
Capacity Grant for Accountable Care Organization Development
Grant Amount
\$400,000
Project Description
Nine Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Bi-State Primary Care Association have formed a primary care centric Accountable Care Organization (ACO), Community Health Accountable Care, LLC (CHAC), to participate in shared savings programs with Medicare, Medicaid, and at least one commercial payer. CHAC will implement the ACO model to monitor quality of care through data, promote evidence-based medicine, and coordinate care with participating community providers. The outcome will be improved quality and reduced cost of care, particularly for high risk patients.

Grantee
HealthFirst in Collaboration with all Participating Providers and Affiliates of their ACOs: Accountable Care Coalition of the Green Mountains and Vermont Collaborative Physicians
Project Title
Capacity Grant for Accountable Care Organization Development
Grant Amount
\$400,000
Project Description
Healthfirst is an Independent Practice Association that includes 139 physicians in 63 independent practices in Vermont. Healthfirst has formed ACOs to participate in both the Medicare and commercial shared savings programs. This capacity grant will allow Healthfirst to further develop their ACO infrastructure to manage patient care. Their specific focus will be increasing coordination in medical homes between primary care and other clinical practitioners and increasing communication between primary care and specialty physicians.