

**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
This project will continue work at one of the most innovative primary care practices in the state to manage patient care using data systems, team-based care protocols and tools shown to improve patient self-management of their health. The focus will be on patients with chronic conditions who often have high emergency room use and high rates of hospital readmission.

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
InvestEAP, Vermont's public/private employee assistance program, and two federally-qualified health centers, 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
The Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care in Collaboration with the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, all Vermont hospitals and the Vermont chapter of the American College of Surgeons
Project Title
Statewide Surgical Services Collaborative
Grant Amount
\$350,000
Project Description
This grant will provide partial funding for a statewide surgical quality improvement program. The program will gather clinical data to feed into a national database maintained by the American College of Surgeons, allowing Vermont surgeons to benchmark their practices and outcomes against peers nationally and target improvement efforts. The program is expected to improve surgical outcomes, enhance patient safety and reduce costs from surgical complications.