

Knapp Community Care Foundation

2021 Grant Recipients - \$5,854,496



Access Esperanza Clinics, Inc. \$200,000

Access to Care Plus will focus on specialized primary care services, specifically, Diabetes assessments to include screening for diabetes risk factors and diabetes testing to 330 clients per year at the AEC Weslaco Clinic.



Aurora House, \$74,200

Funding will support the established Aurora House 5K Glow-in-the-Dark Run/Walk, adding a high-quality annual Health Fair for the Mid-Valley for two years. Additionally, the funding will also assist Aurora House operations after Covid-19 devastated the organization's fundraising activities in 2020.



Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, \$299,297

Funding will support an innovative, multipurpose vehicle that will be instrumental in removing barriers for Mid-Valley clients seeking a variety of social services, that will house a counseling/referral area, a small computer lab, and an educational kitchen.



Holy Family Services, Inc. \$295,000

Funds will allow HFS to continue to expand education and knowledge about Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) and Diabetes Mellitus (DM) in the Mid-Valley, and to provide related services.



It's Time Texas (ITT) \$200,000

Funding will assist ITT to activate policy, systems and environmental (PSE) changes in schools. The program targets obesity, diabetes and behavioral health utilizing the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) model.



Knapp Medical Center, \$371,666

KMC will support an accelerated 18 month 40-hours a week hospital based Associate Degree of Nursing program, which prepares student to immediately work as a registered nurse.



El Milagro Clinic \$290,000

The funding will allow El Milagro to continue to provide the provisions of basic healthcare services (including medical consultations, COVID-19 testing and vaccinations) in Mid-Valley colonias.



South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association \$90,500

The funding will allow STJDA to continue to fund current programs that address juvenile diabetes (Camp FREEDOM, Youth Leadership Conference, Food Pantry, STOMP OUT diabetes program) as well as conduct a community needs assessment to assess how the pandemic has impacted families and how to best continue to serve them.



Su Casa De Esperanza \$48,933

Funding allows Su Casa De Esperanza to continue providing services in the Progreso community. Services include child development, parenting skills, good nutrition habits and general health education.



Team MARIO \$46,000

Funding will allow Team MARIO to support a wellness program for teens and young adults with autism, that includes exercise, nutrition, socialization, and stress-reduction opportunities.



Tip of Texas Family Outreach \$47,000

The Tip of Texas At Risk Prevention Program consists of an array of supportive services for strengthening families and reducing the risk of child maltreatment. TOT will collaborate with the Hidalgo County House Authority to provide critical parenting classes, free counseling, homes based services for teen parents and other services, specifically in the Mid-Valley to support development of healthy families.



The Weslaco Museum \$11,500

The Weslaco Museum will utilize funds to establish a safe hands-on STEM educational area within the confines of the current Museum. Renovation of the former Theatre Room will transform the room into a full hands-on education center for children and adults.



Tropical Texas Behavioral Health \$520,000

The proposed program will allow TTBH to continue providing remote monitoring of a patient’s blood sugar via a web application, but will include monitoring vital signs (scale, blood pressure) where broadband is not necessary. Patients included in this program have Severe Mental Illness (SMI), diabetes and hypertension.



Valley Nature Center \$85,000

Valley Nature Center provides camp programs for children with special needs, age-based camps, and STEM camps. Camps are held in person, however, VNC is equipped to pivot to virtual camps if necessary.



Knapp Medical Center – Indigent Healthcare Agreement & Additional Hospital Support \$3,000,000.00

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2020 Grant Recipients – \$4,054,958



Access Esperanza Clinics, Inc. \$100,000

Funds requested to supplement gap in funding to provide services to Mid-Valley residents. The gap in funding is created from a reduction of State funding.



El Milagro Clinic \$100,000

Funding to provide basic health care services via the El Milagro mobile van. Services include screenings, diagnosis and treatment, diabetes prevention and management education, COVID-19 testing and supplemental services to colonia residents in the Mid-Valley.



Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley \$50,000

Funding to allow for continued distributions of thousands of pounds of food and fresh produce to vulnerable populations within the KCCF community footprint.



Holy Family Services, Inc. \$100,000

Funds to expand education about Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) and Diabetes Mellitus (DM) in the Mid-Valley, and to provide related services.



IDEA Public Schools \$100,000.00

To enhance the IDEA Healthy Kids Here Project by: increasing healthiness of meals; incorporate moderate to vigorous physical activity on campus; to provide health screenings (and track indicators) of students for healthier outcomes.



Rio Grande Valley Diabetes Association \$10,000

Funding to allow the RGVDA to continue delivering presentations, via several social platforms, on the following topics: “HealthCare at Its Best” and “Cooking with the Stars”, to residents of the Rio Grande Valley.



South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association \$84,250

Requested funds will serve to continue to support STJDA operations and projects that serve children living with diabetes and their families, in the Mid-Valley.



Su Casa De Esperanza \$55,718

Request will enable staff to continue to deliver services, as well as include educational videos to parents during this difficult time where COVID continues to be a barrier for the families that Su Casa serves.



Texas A & M Foundation \$99,990

The goal of this study is to assess the benefits associated with the delivery of Diabetes Care Collaborative Program (DCCM) telehealth services by pharmacists and RDs under the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.



Tropical Texas Behavioral Health \$100,000

The proposed program will allow TTBH to remotely monitoring a patient’s blood sugar via a web application. Patients included in this program have Severe Mental Illness (SMI) and diabetes.



The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley \$95,000

The goal of the project is to improve the health of Mid-Valley residents through targeted outreach utilizing the UniMóvil mobile clinic that can reach all Mid-Valley areas.



Valley Nature Center \$50,000

Request to continue providing both virtual and onsite programs to participants, as safely as possible, through the camp programs.



It’s Time Texas – UCD Health Connect \$110,000

Request to continue the UCD Health Connect platform that will share critical data on diabetes throughout the RGV.



Knapp Medical Center – Indigent Healthcare Agreement & Additional Hospital Support \$3,000,000.00

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2019 EMERGENCY Grant Recipients – \$199,011



Access Esperanza Clinics, Inc. \$15,000

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), upgrade for audio/visual equipment for communications, staff meetings and trainings.



Amigos Del Valle \$15,000

Purchase of a meal service tracking software to facilitate managing reservations, delivery confirmations, demographics, and roster of clients.



Aurora House \$15,000

COVID-19 testing for staff, sanitation supplies and equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).



Dentists Who Care \$15,000

To support general operations of the organization.



Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley \$14,952

Request for food expenses and decontamination stations, to include UV lights for sanitization purposes.



Holy Family Services, Inc. \$15,000

To create a hardship fund for clients, provide grief counseling and support for general operations.



El Milagro Clinic \$13,000

Funding to support the cost of an armed security officer that will ensure safety and order during COVID-19 testing; additionally, to support costs for sanitation/cleaning supplies for the clinic.



MHP Salud \$14,995

Funding to purchase health and safety kits (reusable masks, wipes, hand sanitizer, etc) for Mid-Valley community residents.



Prevent Blindness Texas \$7,500

Request for telehealth eye healthcare personnel, Treatment Fund and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).



South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association \$15,000

Request for personnel and general operations of the organization.



Special Olympics Texas \$13,564

Request for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the athletes with intellectual disabilities population in the Mid-Valley/Rio Grande Valley.



Su Casa De Esperanza \$15,000

Request to upgrade technology to enable Su Casa to continue to provide services during the pandemic, and to purchase program supplies.



Team MARIO \$15,000.00

Request for Operations, Virtual Training, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and cleaning/sanitation supplies.



Valley Nature Center \$15,000

Request for personnel and general office expenses and Meal program for Mid-Valley residents.

2019 Grant Recipients – \$3,472,502



County of Hidalgo – Pct. #1 \$150,000

To enhance and develop Sunrise Hill Park, a park located in a remote and unincorporated area of Hidalgo County, by adding an all-inclusive playground and playground surface, accessible exercise equipment and a walking trail.



IDEA Public Schools \$100,000

To enhance Healthy Kids Here Project by adding a Farm to School Learning Hub in IDEA Elsa campus; a one-day training for surrounding school districts (Mercedes/Progreso); an immersive student artwork exhibit (Baylor’s Collaborative on Hunger & Poverty).



Prevent Blindness Texas \$27,502

To integrate and expand services to medically underserved adults in the Mid-Valley; services such as: early detection (distance/near visual acuity screening), risk assessment, retinal screenings, eye health education, and navigation services for eye care services.



South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association \$50,000

To continue expanding diabetes services to Mid-Valley families through the annual one-week residential camp in La Feria (Mid-Valley), provide a youth & young adult leadership training, increase specialized food pantry allocation and expand community garden.



Special Olympics Texas \$15,000

To conduct an obesity and diabetes screening study, in collaboration with UTRGV, of their special population, which includes children and adults with Intellectual Disabilities (ID).



Su Casa De Esperanza \$60,000

To install new playground equipment and assist in furnishing a new building, acquired through the assistance of Meadows Foundation. Additionally, funding will support Su Casa programs.



Valley Nature Center \$70,000

To provide summer camps to children. The camps are specific to children with special needs (Autism, Diabetes, Down Syndrome, Intellectual Disorders), age based camps, robotics camp and forensics camp. Camps include nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and snacks.

Knapp Medical Center – Indigent Healthcare Agreement & Additional Hospital Support \$3,000,000

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2018 Non-Profit Organizational Capacity Recipients - \$246,498



Holy Family Services, Inc. \$76,083

Funding for an Organizational Capacity Assessment, and to address top needs identified: Marketing Strategy, Billing Specialist, Board Development



South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association \$41,083

Funding for an Organizational Capacity Assessment, and to address top needs identified: Organizational & Operational Planning, Staffing and Volunteer Audit, Succession Planning



Special Olympics \$31,083

Funding for an Organizational Capacity Assessment, and to address top needs identified: Fund development planning and individual coaching and mentoring



Su Casa De Esperanza \$51,083

Funding for an Organizational Capacity Assessment, and to address top needs identified: Board development, Culture of Philanthropy, Maximize “Su Casa” story



Team MARIO \$11,083.00

Funding for an Organizational Capacity Assessment



Valley Nature Center \$36,083

Funding for an Organizational Capacity Assessment, and to address top needs identified: Board development and technology needs

2018 Grant Recipients – \$4,335,935



Weslaco Museum \$5,750

To support the 100th health celebration of the City of Weslaco



Dentists Who Care \$180,000

To provide dental services to uninsured children and adults in the Mid-Valley, specifically concentrating on those with or at-risk of diabetes.



Holy Family Services \$45,000

To lower gestational diabetes rates in the Mid-Valley through prevention, nutrition education and educational classes that increase knowledge of the dangers in women at-risk in the Mid-Valley.



Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute \$159,233

To integrate mental health content into the Group Lifestyle Balance (GLB) program, a 1 year curriculum designed for individuals at-risk for developing Type II diabetes.



Special Olympics, TX, Inc. \$25,922

To enhance a year-round athletic training and competition to athletes with intellectual disabilities in the Mid-Valley, as well as support the year-round program through collaboration with Mid-Valley schools.



Team MARIO \$99,020

To address the "autism tsunami" of overweight issues teenagers and young adults face as they transition into adulthood, and to continue to bring autism awareness to the Mid-Valley communities.



Texas A & M University Health Science Center \$370,666

To address diabetes and obesity in the Mid-Valley by developing and implementing a culturally appropriate diabetes education curriculum for children/youth by including the family as a whole, and to introduce lifestyle interventions which include exercise and nutrition.



UT Health Science Center @ Houston \$450,344

To enhance the shared measurement system platform (UCD Health Connect) to the next level by expanding the broad scale level use of the quality data currently housed in the UCD system.



Knapp Medical Center – Indigent Healthcare Agreement & Additional Hospital Support \$3,000,000

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2017 Grant Recipients – \$7,080,696



Access Esperanza Clinics, Inc. \$257,100

Access Esperanza will provide screenings, education, and support to young adults who are at high-risk for diabetes.

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The Boys and Girls Club of Weslaco, Inc. \$60,000

The program emphasizes regular physical activity and proper nutrition in order to combat childhood obesity at the Rico Elementary in Weslaco.



City of Weslaco \$250,000

The City of Weslaco will transform forty (40) plus acres of open green space, located on Mile 11, into a community park.



Dentists Who Care \$165,000

To provide dental services to uninsured children and adults in the Mid-Valley.



El Milagro Clinic \$400,000

El Milagro will implement a patient-centered holistic approach for diabetes education, lifestyle changes, self-management and social support to positively impact the health of pre-diabetic and diabetic participants via their Diabetes Reduction, Education & Awareness in the Mid-Valley (DREAM) program.



Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley \$60,036

The Food Bank of the RGV will combine their food relief and health education program with a Diabetes Prevention Program in Mid-Valley colonias.



South Texas College \$50,000

STC's ADN and LVN students, in partnership with local independent school districts, will guide local high school students into healthier lifestyles through diabetes and obesity prevention.



South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association \$103,500

STJDA will expand their diabetes programs and services to families and communities into the Mid-Valley.



Su Casa De Esperanza \$51,693

Su Casa will integrate the HealthFit for Life nutrition education and physical activity into their existing program to reduce/prevent diabetes and obesity within the colonia population.



Texas A & M University Health Science Center School of Public Health \$349,640

TAMU will design a culturally competent outreach program for women of reproductive age (15-44) in the Mid-Valley area which includes community needs assessment among women of reproductive age.



The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston \$20,000

Through several partners, including Unidos Contra la Diabetes (UCD), UT Houston will address important health challenges in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) by developing an online electronic data platform.



The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley \$1,989,727

UTRGV will characterize the genetic and environmental determinants of risk for diabetes, obesity, and the related disorders of heart disease and fatty liver disease via the Screening High-Risk Families for Diabetes to Establish a Genomic Research Center project.



Valley Nature Center \$100,000

Valley Nature Center will provide summer camps to children of all ages as well as children with special needs; camps include nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and snacks.



City of Weslaco \$200,000

The City of Weslaco re-developed the Isaac Rodriguez Park by constructing a walking/jogging trail, improving the skateboard section, and including a nine-hole disc golf for use by the community.



Knapp Medical Center – Indigent Healthcare Agreement & Additional Hospital Support \$3,000,000

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2016 Grant Recipients – \$3,000,000



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2015 Grant Recipients – \$6,097,784



Valley Nature Center \$28,750

Valley Nature Center held three (3) week long camp sessions for children with special needs: Autism, Down Syndrome, and Diabetes.



City of Mercedes \$500,000

A collaborative of several funders enabled the city to build a Community/Sports park around a Safe Room/Community Center in the Mercedes area to create a “wellness and prevention through exercise” project.



Easter Seals RGV \$182,563

The Parents as Teachers (PAT) is a preventative program designed to recognize early detection developmental delays and health issues in children under kindergarten age.



IDEA Academy \$115,000.00

Introduced and reinforced healthy lifestyle choices, Health Kids Here Project, in school age children by providing alternatives to food rewards, changes to menus, and revitalizing the physical education program.



Nuestra Clinica Del Valle \$345,000

NCDV implemented a Type II Diabetes prevention program to target pre-diabetic adults at high-risk of developing diabetes, and enroll them into an exercise program for 16 weeks.



South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association \$11,500.00

STJDA implemented a diabetes education and awareness program, STOMP Out Diabetes, in the Edcouch/Elsa, Donna and Weslaco ISD's. which included week-long education sessions to students



Team MARIO \$65,021.00

Team MARIO provided social skill events for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in small groups via Project PLAY.



Texas A&M Health Science Center \$374,042

An evidenced-based asthma education and outreach program in collaboration with several partners, which included an intervention component that taught parents how to identify asthma signs and symptoms, triggers in the home, and ways to mitigate an asthma attack.



Texas A&M Health Science Center \$342,127

A program to reduce obesity and prevent type II diabetes in Mid-Valley colonia residents by engaging neighborhood groups of 10 women each in 8 weeks of participatory health education and activities.



Tropical Texas Behavioral Health \$471,000

The Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) program provides treatment, rehabilitation, and support services to patients with serious mental illnesses.



Tropical Texas Behavioral Health \$40,000

The Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT) unit provides prompt face-to-face crisis assessment, crisis intervention services, and crisis follow-up and relapse prevention services in mid-valley communities.



Tropical Texas Behavioral Health \$7,500

An educational conference, Mindscape: Behavioral Health Today, for the mental health & social service community.



University of Texas Pan American (UTPA) Foundation \$50,000

An "obesity and diabetes prevention through nutrition education" program, Creating Healthy Eating Choices for Kids (CHECK Project), held in the Delta area and involved students planting above ground fruit/vegetable gardens to extend their connection to food sources.



Women Together Foundation/Mujeres Unidas \$65,281

Women Together/Mujeres Unidas conducted a program on healthy relationships and attitudes to children and teens within the Weslaco ISD.



Knapp Medical Center – Indigent Healthcare Agreement and additional hospital support \$3,500,000

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2014 Grant Recipients – \$4,642,451



Aurora House \$135,669

Aurora House, a special care facility for end-of-life care, provided nursing professionals and other health care professionals with palliative care training and education through instruction and seminars.

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Boys & Girls Club of Weslaco, Inc. \$63,250

The B&G Club implemented the Triple Play/Healthy Habits program, that teaches students overall nutrition knowledge, how to make positive food choices and the importance of exercise.



Knapp Medical Center \$900,000

Knapp Medical Center will develop and operate a family medicine residency program in Weslaco in an effort to increase access to primary care by recruiting and training physicians, (Weslaco Family Practice Residency Program).



Little League Baseball, Inc. Weslaco \$33,977

Weslaco Little League addressed health and wellness through physical activity to local youth, as well as updating much needed equipment.



Su Casa De Esperanza \$61,583

Su Casa De Esperanza expanded their programs, “Becoming a Mom” and “My Nine Months” to promote healthy pregnancies and address the prevention of premature births during the prenatal period to colonia residents.



Weslaco Softball Baseball \$47,972

Year-long participation in both girls’ softball and boys’ baseball, by equipping the organization with much needed equipment and supplies, as well as lawn.



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