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Sierra Health Foundation awards \$500,000 through Responsive Grants Program

Sacramento, Calif. – Sierra Health Foundation has awarded 21 grants totaling more than \$500,000 in this year’s first funding round of the Responsive Grants Program. These grants of up to \$25,000 each will support programs at nonprofit organizations and public agencies in 13 of the 26 counties in Sierra Health Foundation’s Northern California funding region. The foundation has committed a total of \$1 million in 2010 for this program.

Through the Responsive Grants Program, Sierra Health Foundation asks nonprofits and public agencies how they can promote and improve health in their communities. Programs and projects selected for funding in this round will address issues such as access to health services, food security, physical activity, mental health and violence prevention. Many of them address the social determinants of health, such as a person’s socioeconomic condition, environment, education and income. Of the \$506,469 awarded, 43 percent was awarded to programs serving rural areas of the region. The remaining 57 percent will support programs serving urban areas or urban and rural areas.

Sierra Health received 290 grant applications by the March 22 deadline. After several levels of review, final grantee selection was based on the Responsive Grants Program selection criteria, quality of the applications, geographic representation across the funding region, a minimum 30 percent set-aside for projects serving rural areas, and diversity in types of programs and populations served.

“We’re pleased to continue the Responsive Grants Program in 2010,” said Sierra Health Foundation President Chet Hewitt. “This has proven to be an important funding opportunity for nonprofits and public agencies in our region that are working to improve health and quality of life in their communities, and we’re honored to support that work.”

Since launching the Responsive Grants Program in 2008, Sierra Health Foundation has awarded more than \$2.7 million to provide support for 94 programs and projects. Sierra Health Foundation has committed \$500,000 for a second round of funding this year. Application materials will be posted on Sierra Health Foundation’s Web site by July 1 and applications will be due by noon on Aug. 9.

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A list of grantees is below. For a list including project descriptions, please visit Sierra Health Foundation's Web site at www.sierrahealth.org.

- Acorn Community Enterprises (Shasta County)
- Butte County Public Health Department (Butte County)
- Challenging Their Destiny Dream Builders (Sacramento County)
- FREED Center for Independent Living (Nevada County)
- Glenn County Human Resources Agency (Glenn County)
- Healthy Aging Association (Stanislaus County)
- Hilliard Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (San Joaquin County)
- Hmong Women's Heritage Association (Sacramento County)
- Human Response Network (Trinity County)
- Indian Valley Recreation and Parks District (Plumas County)
- KidsFirst (Placer County)
- Lao Family Community of Stockton, Inc. (San Joaquin County)
- Linkage to Education (Sacramento County)
- Native Alliance of the Sierra Nevada Foothills (Nevada County)
- New Morning Youth and Family Services (El Dorado County)
- River City Community Services (Sacramento County)
- Stanislaus County Probation Department (Stanislaus County)
- Tahoe Youth and Family Services (El Dorado County)
- Triad Family Services (Sacramento County)
- Wild Iris Women's Services of Bishop, Inc. (Mono County)
- Yolo Family Service Agency (Yolo County)

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