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Contact: Lori Vrtiska Seibel, President/CEO
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from Resiliency Fund**

In 2020, the Board of Trustees of the [Community Health Endowment](#) of Lincoln (CHE) established a Resiliency Fund to support the community's efforts to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Fund focuses its funding on health equity and human connection.

At its most recent meeting, the CHE Board of Trustees approved grants totaling nearly \$1.5 million. All grants listed begin on July 1, 2022.

- **Support the construction of a Boys & Girls Club at North Star High School (within the Aviation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship Academy building) that will serve more than 500 students annually.** (Boys & Girls Club of Lincoln-Lancaster County, \$50,000 over one year)
- **Provide tuition assistance to at least 15 low-income students enrolled in the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course at the new Medical Services Focus Program at Northwest High School.** (Bryan College of Health Sciences, \$8,250 over one year)
- **Develop and construct an Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Institute, with a goal to provide public education, professional training, and community consultation regarding brain science and the significant impact of toxic stress among young children.** (Child Advocacy Center, \$454,367 over one year)
- **Provide GrandPad tablets to low-income seniors (55+) who have been diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness to provide a connection to loved ones, decrease social isolation, and improve mental health.** (Dreamweaver Foundation, \$25,000 over one year)
- **Fund the Medical Assistance Program (MAP), to assure the ongoing provision of specialty health care, emergency medication, and medical home referral to uninsured/under-insured individuals.** (Lancaster County Medical Society, \$263,400 over three years)
- **Support the construction of a new Air Park Community Center to provide recreation, before/after-school programming, licensed child care, expanded health and wellness programming for youth/adults, a co-located Lincoln City Library and Arnold Elementary School, and expanded opportunities for youth sports.** (Lincoln Parks Foundation, \$300,000 over one year)
- **Support a Maternal Wellness Program, with a focus on prenatal education and nutrition assistance, doula services and breastfeeding support and training.** (The Malone Center, \$55,331 over one year)

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- **Fund a community-based Academic Coach to work closely with community organizations with a goal to provide a pathway to college for 15-25 students per semester who desire to pursue a**

post-high school education but have unstable life situations, including homelessness, poverty, abuse/domestic violence, family separation, food insecurity, mental illness, and/or isolation.

(Southeast Community College Educational Foundation, \$239,947 over three years)

- **Fund a first-ever census/database of Lincoln's Yazidi population to improve communication with the local Yazidis, provide education and community-building information, and inform local agencies and government about the unique needs of this population group.**
(Yazda/Yazidi Cultural Center, \$28,480 over one year)

Applications for the next grant cycle are due July 15 and will address [new priorities](#), which can be found at www.chelincoln.org.

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The Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) is a municipal endowment dedicated to making Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation. To achieve this vision, CHE invests in health-related projects and programs and convenes the community around important health issues. Since its inception in 1998, CHE has returned more than \$34.5 million to the community.