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Umpqua Health Alliance Awards More Than \$248,000 to Community Health Improvement Projects Across Douglas County

Roseburg, Ore. – Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA), through its Community Advisory Council (CAC), has awarded **\$248,606.23** in funding to 10 local organizations supporting projects that improve health and well-being across Douglas County. The projects were selected through UHA's annual community funding process and are designed to strengthen community connections, address social determinants of health, and create opportunities for residents to thrive. Together, the projects support family stability, youth engagement, safe and healthy environments, literacy, housing stability, behavioral health, and violence prevention.

The funded initiatives align with the goals outlined in UHA's Community Health Improvement Plan which serves as a roadmap for improving health outcomes by identifying local priorities and coordinating efforts among healthcare providers, community organizations, public agencies, and residents. Grounded in findings from the Community Health Assessment, the plan helps guide investments toward initiatives that address the root causes of health and support long-term community well-being.

"Community health is shaped by far more than access to medical care alone," said Brent Eichman, Umpqua Health's CEO. "We know that among the factors with the greatest impact on a person's lifetime health, our healthcare system is a relatively small contributor. Far more influential are healthy pregnancies, stable families and housing, access to nutritious food, safe communities, quality education, and economic opportunity. These projects represent local solutions developed by organizations deeply connected to the people they serve. By investing in community programs and local infrastructure, we are helping create the conditions that allow individuals, families, and communities to achieve better health."

2026 Community Health Improvement Project Awards

The following organizations received funding through the 2026 Community Health Improvement Project process:

- **Painted Horse Recovery** received **\$70,000** for ***Community Cultural Wellness Garden & Healing Space Initiative***.
- **Douglas County Master Gardeners Association** received **\$37,500** for ***Roots and Resilience Garden Fence Project***.
- **Douglas Education Service District (ESD)** received **\$31,200** for ***Backup Childcare Pilot Project***.

- **Roseburg Youth Football** received **\$25,002.23** for ***Youth Football Gear***.
- **Thrive Umpqua** received **\$18,500** for ***DC Together: Back to School Bash and Attendance Campaign***.
- **Umpqua Valley Habitat for Humanity** received **\$15,000** for ***Helping Our Neighbors in Need with Critical Home Repair***.
- **Explore Engage Enjoy** received **\$13,904** for ***Summer Bike Camp***.
- **Be Your Best** received **\$12,000** for ***North Douglas Healthy Families***.
- **Douglas ESD/Take Root Parenting Connection** received **\$10,000** for ***"Catch Your 20" Parenting and Community Education Initiative***.
- **Reach Out and Read** received **\$10,000** for ***Reach Out and Read for Children and Families in Douglas County***.
- **Peace at Home** received **\$5,500** for ***Deepening Care and Response to Survivors of Sexual Violence***.

The CAC approved the slate of projects as part of UHA's ongoing commitment to investing in community-led solutions that improve health and quality of life throughout Douglas County.

For more information, visit [Umpqua Health Alliance Community Health Improvement Plan](#).

About Umpqua Health

Umpqua Health is the parent company of Umpqua Health Alliance, one of 15 Oregon Coordinated Care Organizations serving the Oregon Health Plan. The Roseburg based company, and its subsidiaries, are focused on expanding access, improving care, and reducing unnecessary costs across the clinical space, for more than 40,000 Douglas County residents on the Oregon Health Plan.

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