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## **Umpqua Health Alliance (UHA) Invests Over \$2 Million in Local Douglas County Projects to Enhance Community Health and Economic Stability**

*Roseburg, Oregon* – Umpqua Health Alliance is pleased to announce the allocation of more than \$2 million to support five impactful projects initiated by local organizations within Douglas County. These projects aim to enhance social and community health, promote economic stability, and provide essential housing supports for individuals and families in need.

Brent Eichman, Chief Executive Officer of Umpqua Health Alliance, expressed pride in the organization's commitment to investing in programs and services that directly benefit the health and well-being of both its members and the broader community. "By partnering with local organizations, Umpqua Health Alliance is dedicated to addressing the unique needs of Douglas County and fostering initiatives that contribute to the overall health and resilience of our community," said Eichman.

The recipients of the Umpqua Health Alliance 2023 grants and their respective allocations are as follows:

Behavioral Health Transitional Housing (ADAPT)

Grant Amount: \$829,868

This funding will support the acquisition, repair, and renovation of a 50-unit facility to provide transitional housing for individuals with behavioral health needs. Additional services, including peer support and mental health counseling, will be offered to residents to enhance health outcomes and engagement in health services.

Resource Expansion Initiative (Dream Center):

Grant Amount: \$500,000

The Dream Center's program, aimed at assisting at-risk and vulnerable populations, will receive funding to expand its resources and develop programs to increase services from 800 to 1,200 individuals per month. The initiative provides essential support such as food, clothing, hygiene products, and housing assistance.

Transitional Housing for Youth and Underserved Populations (Peace at Home):

Grant Amount: \$393,068

Funding will be utilized to renovate and enhance existing facilities to offer low-barrier, affordable housing for individuals who have experienced trauma and abuse. The project includes the creation of a community kitchen, food pantry, and potential childcare facility to support residents' needs.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Transitional Recovery Lodge (ADAPT):

Grant Amount: \$250,000

This initiative focuses on remodeling a 12-unit facility into transitional housing for community members recovering from substance use disorder. Wrap-around services will be provided to ensure residents' holistic well-being and engagement in health services.

Building Resilience During Transitions to Affordable Housing (NeighborWorks Umpqua):

Grant Amount: \$34,500

Funding will assist low-income residents in covering rental deposits, moving expenses, furniture, and food as they transition into permanent affordable housing. The program aims to increase housing stability and resilience among individuals at risk of homelessness.

These grants underscore Umpqua Health Alliance's commitment to supporting initiatives that address critical community needs and promote the overall well-being of Douglas County residents.

"Housing is both a basic human need and a crucial determinant of health and wellbeing. By investing in initiatives that prioritize housing support, we aim not only to address immediate shelter needs but also promote long term health outcomes for individuals and families in our community," said Eichman.

### **About Umpqua Health**

Umpqua Health is the parent company of Umpqua Health Alliance, one of 16 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.