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\$1.3 Million Awarded to 66 NJ Nonprofit Organizations to Advance Policy and Environment Changes

Grants to increase healthy eating and active living in NJ

Trenton – February 6, 2018 – The New Jersey Healthy Communities Network’s Community Grants Program (NJHCN) recently announced that it awarded grants totaling \$1.3 million to 66 New Jersey nonprofit organizations. NJHCN is a coalition of six funding organizations focused on supporting communities that increase opportunities for healthy eating and active living.

The 66 funded organizations represent a cross section of nonprofit, school, and government organizations from across the state and each will receive a grant of \$20,000 over a two-year period.

The grants were awarded to projects that have a lasting impact in building a culture of health in communities, schools, places of worship, early care, education, neighborhoods, and municipalities. Each grant will address at least one strategy to increase opportunities for physical activity and one strategy to improve access to

healthy eating. Among the initiatives are: organizational and school wellness policies, farmers markets, open streets, healthy corner stores, bike racks, walk/bike/food audits and community gardens.

“We are excited to provide funding and resources to support these well-needed community services that are designed to advance policy and environment changes that support healthy eating and active living,” said Dr. Darrin Anderson, Associate Executive Director of the New Jersey YMCA State Alliance, which oversees the management of the NJHCN Community Grants Program.

“Since 2011, we have expanded our funding from 10 pilot sites to 66 nonprofit organizations in 17 counties and have awarded more than \$3.2 million in community grants--thanks to the generous support of our statewide funding collaborative,” stated Peri Nearon, NJ Department of Health.

The funding collaborative includes: Atlantic Health System, New Jersey Department of Health, New Jersey Health Initiatives, New Jersey Partnership for Healthy Kids, Partners for Health Foundation, and Salem Health & Wellness Foundation.

In addition to funding, grantees are assigned a coach, receive technical assistance, and are evaluated on the impact of the organization’s work.

2018-2019 NJHCN Grantees:

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| Bergen County Technical Schools | Food Bank of South Jersey | Overlook Family Medicine - Family Promise Union County Health Education Partnership |
| Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services | Freehold Area Health Department | Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey |
| Boro of Elmer | Future City, Inc. | Pennsville Township |
| Borough of Audubon | Generations Inc. | Plainsboro Township |
| Borough of Lincoln Park | Golden Rule Lodge No 24 | PROCEED, Inc. |
| Borough of Ridgefield | HomeFront | Project U.S.E. |
| Boys & Girls Club of Clifton | Homeless Solutions, Inc. | Quinton Township |
| Boys & Girls Clubs of Mercer County | Isles, Inc. | Raritan Valley YMCA |
| Bridgeton Public Schools | Jersey City Department of Health | Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey |
| Caldwell Health and Human Services | Kenilworth Healthy Kids and Community Initiative | South Asian Total Health Initiative (SATHI) (Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School) |
| Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers | Manasquan Public School District | Sussex County Division of Senior Services |
| Center for Environmental Transformation (CFET) | Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges-Franklin | The Gateway Family YMCA |
| Center for Family Resources | Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges-Wayne | Township of North Bergen (via NB Health Department) |
| Center for Prevention and Counseling (CFPC) | Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges-West Orange | Township of West Orange (Via West Orange Recreation Dept.) |
| City of East Orange | Morris County Organization for Hispanic Affairs | Township of Montclair |
| Comite de Apoyo para Trabajadores Agrícolas | Morris Park Alliance | Trenton Housing Authority |
| Community Food Bank of NJ | Morristown Neighborhood House | United Way of Passaic County |
| Cooper's Ferry Partnership | New Brunswick Tomorrow | Vietlead |
| Cumberland Cape Atlantic YMCA | New Jersey Anti-Hunger Coalition | Wayne Health Department |
| Elijah's Promise | New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAPERD) | West Milford Health Department |
| Elsinboro Township | Newark Beth Israel Medical Center | YMCA OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY |
| EZ Ride | North Jersey Health Collaborative | YMCA of Trenton |

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About the New Jersey Healthy Communities Network

The New Jersey Healthy Communities Network's Community Grants Program brings together local, regional, and statewide funders, leaders and partners to support communities in implementing healthy eating and active living strategies to advance environment, policy and system changes. Since 2011, the NJHCN Community Grants Program has provided \$3.2 million in grants. NJHCN Community Grants Program funders include: Atlantic Health System, New Jersey Department of Health, New Jersey Health Initiatives, New Jersey Partnership for Healthy Kids, Partners for Health Foundation and Salem Health & Wellness Foundation. For more information, visit: www.njhcn.org or follow us on twitter @njhcn.