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\$15M in grants will benefit health equity

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More than \$15 million in grants intended to improve health equity across the Tulsa area will be announced on Friday, with 40 community organizations set to benefit. Part of Ascension St. John's Health Equity Initiative, the awards will be announced at the health system's inaugural Legacy of Love Luncheon, to be held at the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa's Founders Hall.

Over \$58 million has been awarded in the four years since the initiative launched, with a total of 72 organizations having benefited.

Bo Beaudry, Ascension St. John CEO, said the initiative is an example of how the system's reach extends far beyond the walls of its hospitals and clinics.

"Through the work of our health equity team, we are able to extend our Christ-centered mission to improve the health of our neighbors in

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2025 Ascension St. John Health Equity Grant recipients

\$1 million+
Neighbors along the Line Inc.
Good Samaritan Health Services Inc.
The Common Good
Tulsa Housing authority
Habitat for Humanity
Hunger Free Oklahoma

\$750,000 - \$999,999
university of Oklahoma
Foundation
education for Scholars Inc.

\$250,000 - \$499,999
Tulsa Day Center
Health Outreach Prevention education Inc.
Crossover Health Services Inc.
rG Foods
youth Medical Mentorship

\$100,000 - \$249,999
alzheimer's Diversity Outreach Services Inc.
Tulsa birth equity Initiative
Catholic Charities of eastern Oklahoma
City of Tulsa on behalf of the Tulsa Fire Department

Gaining Ground
Circle of Care Inc.
Parent Child Center of Tulsa Inc.
Global Gardens
uMa Center Inc.
Counseling Skillz on Wheelz
Downtown Tulsa Partnership Inc.
Carabelle's Legacy Inc.
Community Health Connection Inc.
Humble Sons bike Co.
Tulsa Health Department
Smiles of Faith

\$40,000 - \$99,999
HIV resource Consortium Inc.
Cura for the World
Thunder Fellows Foundation
empower-eD Coopertion
activate Oklahoma Inc.
Dispensary of Hope
Just The beginning Inc.
Oklahoma Project
Woman
urban Coders Guild
Mental Health association Oklahoma
JaMeS Inc.

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need and in the communities we call home," he said. "I'm proud that we can play a small part in making today and tomorrow better and brighter for our fellow Tulsans."

Officials said the grants are for direct operational and programming support, not for event-related sponsorships or marketing-related activities.

Of this year's recipients, six — The Common Good, Neighbors Along the Line Inc., Good Samaritan Health Services Inc., the

Tulsa Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity and Pre-K and kindergarten teacher athena Kong prepares to pass out journals for her Hunger Free Oklahoma — students to keep notes on their plants growing in a classroom at The Common Good's

will receive \$1 million or community center, The Hub, on Thursday. The nonprofit is among the recipients of a new round of ascension St. John health equity grants.

Stephen Pyle, executive director of The Common Good, said his organization is being awarded a \$2 million three-year grant after previously receiving a \$150,000 grant.

Pyle said the funding boost "will be truly transformational for us. It's going to allow us to think bigger than we've been able to in the past about some of the food and health access issues facing northwest Tulsa and how we can help."

"We're flattered and honored in their trust in us that we can steward these funds well," he added.

The Common Good focuses on serving families in the area from 33rd West Avenue to 65th West Avenue between U.S. 412 and the Arkansas River. St. John will "allow us to think bigger than we've been according to its able to in the past about some of the food and health access issues facing northwest Tulsa and how we can help," the nonprofit's leader said.



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