HealthConnect Innovation Grants

AMOS - A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy • $40,000.00
Invest Relationships, Invest Communities, Invest Health
Using time-tested relational organizing practices, AMOS will build and strengthen relationships among neighborhood institutions and residents working together to identify solutions and act to improve the health of children and families in Des Moines.

ArtForce Iowa • $500.00
uVoice mini-grant – ArtForce Iowa

Blank Children’s Hospital • $50,000.00
HealthConnect Fellowship – Children’s mental health and well being in Iowa will be improved through a coordinated, collaborative effort to address the social determinants of health and prevent and treat early indicators of disruptions in a child’s social emotional development.

BUILD Health Challenge • $155,000.00
BUILD Health Challenge 2.0

Central Iowa ACES 360 (fiscal agent United Way of Central Iowa) • $10,000.00
ACES Prenatal and Pediatric Project

Central Iowa ACES 360 (fiscal agent United Way of Central Iowa) • $9,500.00
Technical Assistance for Trauma Informed Services for Youth in Polk County Detention

Child and Family Policy Center • $9,140.00
Child health policy development, knowledge sharing and convening

Child and Family Policy Center • $50,000.00
HealthConnect Fellowship – Make sure that children in Iowa have access to high-quality healthcare that provides them with the necessary resources and supports to grow up to be healthy adults.

Children and Families of Iowa • $2,000.00
uVoice mini-grant – Substance Abuse Resource Education

Community Housing Initiatives • $15,000.00
Fuel Up First Breakfast Program
Fuel Up First seeks to transform the lives of students at East High School through a Monday morning hot breakfast program that reduces hunger and builds positive, supportive relationships between students, local police, and community members.

Community Youth Concepts • $20,000.00
uVoice Youth Philanthropy Board
To engage youth in philanthropy and leadership development efforts, provide opportunities for youth to learn about the inner workings of grant-making and management, complete assessments of community health needs, create strategies to address those needs, and connect with community leaders to influence change.

Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation • $4,000.00
Dental Innovation Initiative
Des Moines Public Schools • $23,000.00
Scavo Full Service High School- Trauma Informed Care
Scavo aims to support the unique health needs of students, through the development of a trauma sensitive environment. We take into consideration traumatic experiences of students and the importance a supportive environment plays in their learning.

Des Moines University • $50,000.00
Innovation in Mental Health Education
The goal is to provide a comprehensive and sustainable mental health educational opportunity to the third-year students of Des Moines University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine. It is designed to transform the ways psychiatric care is delivered.

EyesOpenIowa • $40,000.00
Implementing Sexual Health Policies and Programs in Schools to Improve Student Health Outcomes
The goal of EyesOpenIowa’s program is to help 14 school districts and communities in central Iowa fully support their young people to make healthy, empowered, and knowledgeable decisions about their sexual health and relationships.

Iowa Homeless Youth Centers • $50,000.00
Ending Youth Homelessness in Polk County
This collaborative project will bring together up to 40 partners, led by Iowa Homeless Youth Centers and the Continuum of Care Board, to develop a comprehensive plan to solve the community-level challenge of ending youth homelessness in Polk County.

Kids First Law Center • $25,000.00
Creating Stability for Children of High-Conflict Divorce
Advocacy for children of high-conflict divorce (1) lessens children's exposure to toxic parental conflict, (2) strengthens family relationships, (3) connects families to needed resources and (4) makes children's voices heard.

Latinas Latinos Al Exito INC (Al Exito) • $50,000.00
HealthConnect Fellowship – Advocate for more inclusive and specific policies and practices in our school districts to address the mental health needs of Latino students whose chronic stress is affecting their ability to be academically successful.

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland • $18,000.00
Health Education Collaborative
The goal of this project is to create a dynamic, multi-lateral Health Education Collaboration to explore and address social determinants of health that impact STI rates and sexual health issues in Polk County youth.

Polk County Housing Trust Fund • $50,000.00
HealthConnect Fellowship – A "housing vaccine" for pediatric asthma

Grade Level Reading (Fiscal Agent Tides Foundation) • $50,000.00
HealthConnect Fellowship – Strengthening Early Warning and Response Systems for Surveillance, Developmental Screening, and Follow-up Services in Iowa.

United Way of Central Iowa • $5,000.00
Vision to Learn

VNS of Iowa • $5,000.00
Medicaid Modernization Stakeholders convening
VNS of Iowa • $5,000.00
Navigator Media Support

Young Women’s Resource Center • $32,000.00
Youth Resiliency Matters
It is the goal of the YWRC to have a profound impact on the lives of girls and young women locally through incorporation of resiliency skills and protective resource building in program curriculum, development of data systems to track long-term impact, and recording of lessons learned to share with the community.

Youth Policy Institute of Iowa • $50,000.00
HealthConnect Fellowship – Housing safety and stability for youth aging out of foster care.