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Osteopathic Heritage Foundation Announces Funding Awards totaling \$2,245,440 For Homeless Funding Capacity Building Initiative in Franklin County, Ohio and Continued Funding for the Osteopathic Research Center at University of North Texas Health Science Center

Columbus, OH—The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation announces the approval of capacity building grants and osteopathic research and education grants totaling \$2,245,440. The Capacity Building Initiative grants were awarded to supportive service and housing providers as part of the multi-year Homeless Funding Priority initiatives in Franklin County, Ohio. The osteopathic medical education and research grant provides a funding extension for the national Osteopathic Research Center at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. The Center conducts research designed to result in improved and enhanced osteopathic medical care.

“These latest grants represent the Foundations’ funding strategy for preventing and reducing homelessness in Franklin County, including support at the local level for system improvements and permanent supportive housing. Funds for the Osteopathic Research Center help advance the principles and practice of osteopathic medicine, research and medical education throughout the United States,” said Richard Vincent, president and CEO of the Foundations.

Homeless Funding Priority: Capacity Building Initiative--Background

The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville have been directing support to its seventeen county rural service area primarily through the Rural Homeless Initiative for Southeast and Central Ohio (RHISCO). In Franklin County, support has been provided to the Community Shelter Board to update the Rebuilding Lives Plan and to develop and implement the Unified Supportive Housing System. Nine (9) grants totaling \$245,440 were approved to support efforts to enhance the capacity of selected Rebuilding Lives providers that serve the homeless population in Franklin County.

Capacity Building Initiative: 9 grants totaling \$245,440

The intent of the capacity building grants is to increase access and enhance services, providing more efficient, effective and sustainable services to chronically homeless individuals and families with children who need permanent supportive housing. Examples of enhancements include new program elements, infrastructure support, computer systems, equipment, curriculum, and training--to enhance service and to enable more clients to achieve positive results.

Information about each of these grants follows, and all grantee organizations are located in Columbus, Ohio.

- Amethyst** - \$25,000 to implement a comprehensive employment training and support program to enhance resident self-sufficiency.
- Columbus Aids Task Force** - \$16,000 to improve operational efficiencies through technology upgrades of client data.
- Community Housing Network** - \$50,000 to enhance capacity through upgrades to client accessed resource rooms, property management training, an upgraded training facility and on-site resident safety monitoring.
- **Maryhaven** - \$25,000 to centralize and coordinate resident transportation for needed health and social services.
- **National Church Residences** - \$50,000 to strengthen capacity in providing resident services through a quality improvement plan, increased supportive service funding and client employment resources.
- **Southeast, Inc** - \$10,320 to enhance access to social services and benefits through the implementation of portable technology for case management staff.
- **Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio** - \$32,300 to strengthen capacity to provide needed resident services by increasing supportive service funding.
- **YMCA of Central Ohio** - \$24,000 to expand and upgrade the computer training and employment resource rooms at two permanent supportive housing locations.
- **YWCA Columbus** - \$12,820 to strengthen capacity to provide needed resident services by increasing supportive service funding.

Osteopathic Medical Education and Research: one grant totaling \$2,000,000

--This four year \$2 million matching grant is a funding extension that will support infrastructure development and extend the national Osteopathic Research Center's clinical and basic science research, expanding its capabilities in new research areas, osteopathic research training, national and international research conferencing, all designed to advance the quality and evidence base of osteopathic medical care. The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth and Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine will provide the required matching funds.

About The Osteopathic Heritage Foundations

The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville (the Foundations) are pre-eminent in supporting community health and quality of life programs in central and southeastern Ohio as well as advancing, on a national scope, osteopathic medical care, biomedical research and osteopathic medical education. The mission of the Foundations is to improve the health and quality of life in the community through education, research and service consistent with the principles of its osteopathic heritage and the philosophy of osteopathic medical care. The Foundations advance this mission through a broad spectrum of funding awards, initiatives and funding methods.

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