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Voices in Our Community: Funding Partners

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History:

- The first CHI grants were awarded in 1996-1997.
- In 22 years, CHI grants have awarded \$10.3 Million in grants to 49 agencies.
- The longest running continuously funded agencies are HEALS clinics and the Community Free Clinic.

Overview:

- Mission:
 - The mission of Community Health Initiative is to improve the health status of the citizens of Madison County through collaboration with local agencies in support of health related programs. The programs and projects of Community Health Initiative are primarily focused on education, prevention, and early detection of disease especially related to Cardiovascular Disease, Cancer, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Teenage Pregnancy as well as general access to health care by the medically uninsured and under-served. Each request is reviewed on its own merit for its ability to help improve the health of our community.
- The current annual grant total is \$500,000.
- Grant cycle follows Huntsville Hospital's fiscal year: July 1st of current year to June 30th of following year.
- Requests for formal proposals are issued to the community in early March via news releases and Huntsville Hospital social media accounts. Previous year's applicants are also directly notified and provided with request and applications. The deadline for returning completed applications is mid-April.
- Proposals are individually reviewed and voted upon by a 19 member volunteer committee.

Tips:

- Research/Investigate
- Meet the Mission
- Personal Touches