

2023 HTO CHIP Grant Debrief

Mini-Grants support community health

Healthier Together Oregon (HTO) is Oregon's 2020-2024 state health improvement plan (SHIP). An important part of HTO is the PartnerSHIP, a steering committee of community members advising Public Health staff about implementing HTO. The PartnerSHIP chose a new way to use its funding by investing in community health improvement efforts through mini grants. These mini grants were awarded to organizations whose work aligned with HTO, supported their local community health improvement plans (CHIPs), and partnered with neighbor agencies.

 12 unique grant recipients

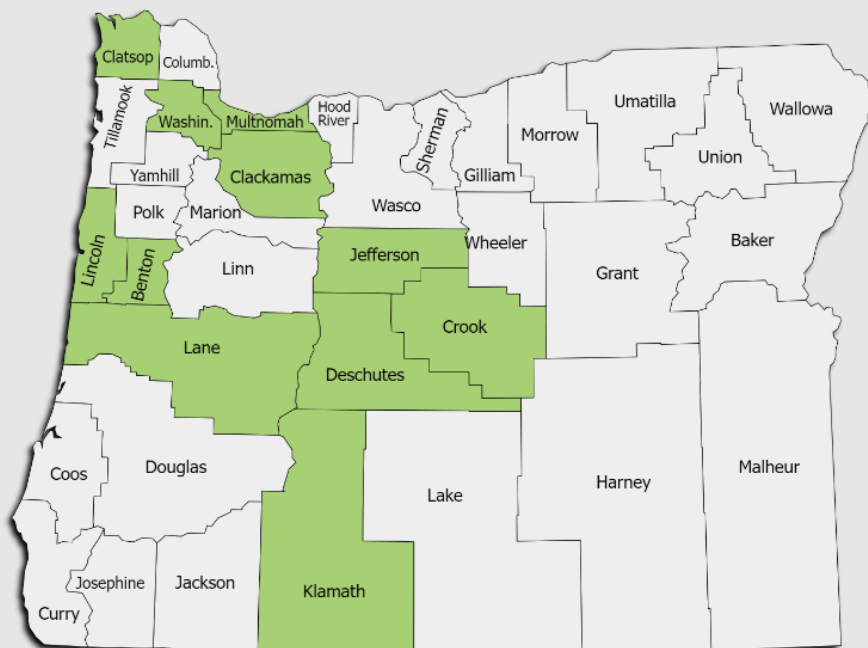
 \$109,991 total awarded

 7 of 8 HTO priorities supported

 11 counties served

Grant recipients made impacts in their communities

2023 HTO CHIP Grant Funded Counties



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12 grant recipients from 11 counties engaged in projects that supported their local CHIPs from

July - September 2023. \$109,991 was awarded and \$97,838 was spent. Many awardees used their funds to host community events like resource fairs, culturally specific movement classes, and a climate change project with youth. One awardee created and facilitated a behavioral health network with a charter. Four awardees reported directly reaching 575+ community members. One awardee launched a social media campaign that recruited and onboarded 4 new health providers to serve uninsured community members while another campaign created multigenerational [housing education](#) and [fall prevention](#) videos for the Somali community in Multnomah county.

Organizations funded:

- Center for African Immigrants and Refugees
- Clatsop County Department of Public Health
- Community for Positive Aging
- Greater New Hope Charities
- Korean Society of Oregon
- Lane Senior Support Coalition
- Lincoln County Health and Human Services
- Nurturely
- Project Access NOW
- Sky Lakes Medical Center/Healthy Klamath
- South Benton Food Pantry
- Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades



"This kind of funding provides not only financial stability but also an opportunity for creative thinking and innovation. It allows us to think outside the box, experiment with new approaches, and tailor our efforts to the unique needs of our communities."

2023 grant recipients' feedback improved the 2024 grant cycle

Timing: Awardees shared that having more time to complete their CHIP projects and spend down the award funds would have been helpful. The limited timeline also prevented awardees from forming meaningful partnerships with neighbor agencies to accomplish their community work, especially smaller organizations who have not yet fostered relationships with Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs)/Local Public Health Authorities (LPHAs). **The HTO team doubled the timeline for the 2024 grant cycle. Grantees will now have 6 months to complete their projects instead of 3 months.**

Funding: Awardees shared that while the funds were helpful, the amount available limited the impact they wished to have in their communities. If possible, an increase in funding amounts in future years could enable awardees to do more. **The HTO team took this feedback and increased the individual funding amount from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for the 2024 CHIP Grant cycle.**

Awareness: Awardees shared that since these funds are meant to support projects aligned with their local CHIPs and HTO, increased education on what CHIP and HTO are and where to find information about them would have benefitted their application processes. **The HTO team provided a link in the CHIP Grant application site for applicants to find their local CHIPs during their application process.**