



2026 Funded Partnership Grant Awards & Summaries

In the 2025 Indiana Legislative Session, funding for Health First Indiana was reduced by nearly 75% for local health departments beginning in January 2026. Therefore, the Health First Allen County external grant program underwent several changes to accommodate the funding reductions yet still attempt to meet as many Core Public Health Services as required under Indiana statutes. The information below shows the organizations with which we will engage in funded programming partnerships in 2026.

Total Public Health Grant Funding Planned for 2026: \$840,000

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A Hope Center

\$50,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Maternal & Child Health

Project Summary:

Providing maternal & child health services such as screenings and referrals (Edinburgh post-maternal mental health screening, for example), as well as continuation of client car seat installation and safety check services.

Amani Family Services

\$75,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Trauma & Injury Prevention

Project Summary:

Continuation of staffing and programming serving the increasing immigrant and refugee populations of Allen County to allow provision of assessments, education and facilitation of support groups with a focus on substance use disorder prevention.

Community Transportation Network, Inc.

\$75,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Continued support for specialized transportation for low-income seniors and people with disabilities, specifically helping those who are not aligned with another agency.

Harold W. McMillen Center for Health Education

\$105,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention, School & Student Health

Project Summary:

Providing vital, effective preventive school health education programs to over 10,000 Allen County students with a focus on nutrition and vaping prevention.

Healthier Moms and Babies, Inc.

\$50,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Maternal & Child Health

Project Summary:

Continuation of programming focusing on the well-being of mothers and children in vulnerable populations, addressing and improving factors that influence infant mortality and birth outcomes (in-home care, access to maternal child health services, etc.).

Lutheran Social Services, Inc.

\$60,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Maternal & Child Health

Project Summary:

Continued provision of the ECHO (Education Creates Hope and Opportunity) program, which assists pregnant and parenting teens and young adults to achieve their high school education, which is a key component to addressing the social determinants of health, while also achieving health outcomes for themselves and their children.

Neighborhood Health Clinic

\$35,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

School & Student Health

Project Summary:

Expansion of school-based health care for Allen County students, including on-site dental care and virtual medical visits.

Parkview Hospital, Inc.

\$90,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Chronic Disease Prevention

Project Summary:

Expansion and continuation of FitKids360 programming, which is an eight-week well-being program designed to empower children and their families by instilling lifelong, healthy behaviors in a supportive and engaging environment.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Indiana, Inc.

\$40,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Continued provision of preventive pediatric care to children 0-18 years of age who lack access to a medical home (in high-risk ZIP codes of the community).

Super Shot, Inc.

\$125,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Immunizations (Child & Adult)

Project Summary:

Continuation and expansion of community immunization clinics, outreach immunization clinics, school-based immunization clinics and overall vaccination education.

Turnstone Center for Children & Adults with Disabilities

\$20,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Trauma & Injury Prevention – FALL PREVENTION

Project Summary:

Continued implementation of “Bingocize,” an evidence-based program to reduce the risk of falls of older adults and people with disabilities

YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne

\$50,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Fatality Review & Prevention

Project Summary #1:

Continuation of the Diabetes Prevention Program to engage new adult populations at risk of or diagnosed with prediabetes, with a focus on reaching low-income households and racial minorities both within and beyond YMCA facilities.

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Core Public Health Service Area:

Trauma & Injury Prevention – FALL PREVENTION

Project Summary #2:

Expansion of the evidence-based “EnhanceFitness” program to its facilities and partner senior living centers, focusing on reducing fall risks among older adults.

YWCA Northeast Indiana

\$65,000

Core Public Health Service Area:

Access & Referrals to Clinical Care

Project Summary:

Through the YWCA’s co-located domestic violence services and addiction recovery program, staff will work to ensure vulnerable populations are connected to necessary health and mental health care services in Allen County through referrals and coordinated support services.