

Community Health Funder Alliance



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Over \$3 Million in Grants Awarded to Improve Health in Northern New Mexico

Santa Fe, New Mexico — The Community Health Funder Alliance has awarded more than \$3 million in grants this year, including three new mid-cycle grantees, to support the health and well-being of northern New Mexico residents. This continued investment brings the total funds awarded by the Alliance to over \$8.6 million since its inception in 2019.

This year's funding expansion reflects the Alliance's commitment to ensuring older adults can safely age in place in their homes. Three new nonprofit partners—Coming Home Connection, Life Circle Adult Day Center, and Villages of Santa Fe—have been added to the roster of grantees, all of which are focused on providing critical support and services to improve community health across northern New Mexico.

"Our mission is to design and implement a unified funding strategy to enhance and strengthen systems of care that address the most challenging health and social needs in Santa Fe and northern New Mexico," said Lillian Montoya, President and Chief Executive Officer of CHRISTUS St. Vincent. "By collaborating with community foundations and other partners, we're able to amplify our impact and better serve our communities."

The Alliance is a collaboration between two key funders—Anchorum Health Foundation (AHF) and CHRISTUS St. Vincent (CSV)—working together to build a more equitable and supportive system of care in northern New Mexico.

"We've made significant progress since the Alliance's launch in 2019," said Jerry Jones, President and CEO of Anchorum Health Foundation. "Through our joint efforts, we've built a stronger system of care, and the inclusion of new grantees demonstrates our ongoing dedication to improving health outcomes across the region."

With the 2024 expansion, the focus on serving the older adult community in northern New Mexico has been significantly strengthened by the addition of three exceptional organizations: Coming Home Connection, Life Circle Adult Day Center, and Villages of Santa Fe. These organizations are dedicated to enhancing the lives of older adults in the region. Coming Home Connection provides compassionate in-home caregiving, equipment loans and resources to older adults and their families. Life Circle focuses on improving the well-being of elders through socialization and respite

care, especially for those living with dementia. Villages of Santa Fe promotes a healthy, active lifestyle for seniors through a variety of exercise and balance classes, available both in-person and online, aimed at improving physical and mental well-being.

“Coming Home Connection is very grateful for this grant from the Community Health Funder Alliance,” said Ellen London, CEO of Coming Home Connection. “Their generous support will allow us to continue to serve older adults in our community and to extend our services to those in need of care in the city and beyond.”

The Community Health Funder Alliance goes beyond grantmaking by sharing expertise, building strategic partnerships, and streamlining processes to support nonprofits in their essential work. Over the past three years, the Alliance has awarded over \$8.6 million to more than 40 community health organizations, ensuring they have the resources needed to care for and heal their communities, even in challenging times.

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The Community Health Funder Alliance represents leading funders in northern New Mexico focused on improving health outcomes and promoting health equity. Through grantmaking and partnership, the Alliance helps further solutions that heal, care for, and sustain healthy people and communities. Current members include Anchorum Health Foundation (AHF) and CHRISTUS St. Vincent (CSV).