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Public health funds released to fight obesity epidemic

Today, officials from the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), in partnership with the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHIMC), awarded \$4 million in obesity prevention funding to 41 agencies in suburban Cook County including: schools, local governments, faith-based organizations, healthcare entities and not for profit and community organizations.

This one-time funding is made possible by the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) grant that was awarded from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to CCDPH and PHIMC in March 2010.

Grantees are receiving funding to:

- Promote breastfeeding,
- Make healthy foods more available and unhealthy foods less available,
- Create more safe and convenient places for walking, biking and other physical activities,
- Increase opportunities for physical activity in schools,
- Support children in walking and biking to/from school, and
- Increase access to services for adults at-risk or with chronic conditions, including obesity.

In suburban Cook County, nearly 1.2 million or almost 63% of adults are overweight or obese and approximately 40 percent of all children are overweight or obese. Obesity is a serious problem facing communities. People who live in neighborhoods with safe areas to walk, bike, play and have access to fresh fruits and vegetables are less likely to become obese and develop serious health conditions such as diabetes and heart disease.

“Today is a day of transformation for the communities of suburban Cook County,” said CCDPH chief operating officer Stephen A. Martin, Jr., Ph.D., M.P.H. “The allocation of these resources will serve as a catalyst for significant community-level change that will lead to a reduction in the incidence of chronic disease. It is one step in the fight to make healthier choices the easier choices for our residents.”

Today’s award is a part of the Cook County Department of Public Health’s Model Communities program. The goal of the program aligns with the nationwide effort of developing local-level policy, system and environmental change that result in residents having increased access to healthy foods and having safe places to be physically active.

Please see the attached for the list of grantees. For more information please visit www.cookcountypublichealth.org.

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Funded agencies include:

Schools:

Arlington Heights School District 25 (\$117,000)
Brookwood School District 167 (\$85,000)
Chicago Ridge school district 127 ½ (\$141,000)
Cicero Elementary School District 99 (\$114,000)
Community High School District 218 (\$143,000)
District 63 Education Foundation-TLC (\$119,000)
Harvey School District 152 (\$170,000)
J. Sterling Morton High School District (\$125,000)
Matteson School District 162 (\$71,000)
Maywood-Melrose-Broadview School District (\$67,000)
Oak Lawn Community High School 229 (\$33,000)
Thorton Fractional Township High School District (\$145,000)

Community Based Organizations

Asian Health Coalition (\$60,000)
Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition (\$50,000)
Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (\$145,000)
Crossroads Coalition (\$75,000)
Fourth Episcopal District AME Church (\$150,000)
Illinois Action for Children (\$148,000)
Little Company of Mary Hospital (\$120,000)
Northwest Community Hospital Foundation (\$65,000)
Prevention Partnership, Inc. (\$150,000)

Local Governments

Broadview Park District (\$135,000)
City of Berwyn (\$140,000)
City of Blue Island (\$75,000)
City of Countryside (\$25,000)
City of Des Plaines (\$90,300)
Village of Brookfield (\$51,660)
Village of Elmwood Park (\$25,000)
Village of Forest Park (\$145,000)
Village of Hoffman Estates (\$48,000)
Village of Lemont (\$48,040)
Village of Midlothian (\$145,000)
Village of Oak Park (\$25,000)
Village of Palos Park (\$50,000)
Village of River Forest (\$25,000)
Village of Riverdale (\$125,000)
Village of Schaumburg (\$145,500)
Village of Skokie (\$91,500)
Village of Tinley Park (\$126,000)
Northwest Municipal Conference (\$66,000)
South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (\$135,000)