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Grantmakers Respond To Katrina

As the Gulf Coast struggles to cope in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, public and private organizations nationwide have responded with grants supporting a monumental recovery effort that will likely extend months, even years into the future.

The Federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded several grants aimed at various aspects of the physical, emotional and psychological damage inflicted by the disaster.

Among the grants:

- **\$27.25 million in emergency energy assistance:** To assist states hit hardest by Hurricane Katrina, this release of funds reflects initial requests from the affected states and their current ability to distribute the funds. Further releases are anticipated when additional information becomes available and the states' ability to distribute the funds effectively is increased.

The funding, released to Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), can be used for a wide range of purposes, including transportation to shelters for individuals whose health is endangered by loss of access to cooling, utility reconnection costs, repair or replacement costs for furnaces and air conditioners, insulation repair as well as paying energy costs.

"This energy aid is being sent to help those in most need, particularly the disabled, the disadvantaged and the elderly," said Dr. Wade F. Horn, assistant secretary for children and families. "The Bush Administration is responding quickly with this energy assistance to help the people of the Gulf region in their recovery process."

The grant uses emergency contingency funds which have been authorized by Congress, and are over and above \$1.9 billion provided to states so far this season plus an additional \$250 million in emergency assistance.

- **\$15 million to Head Start and Early Head Start programs:** The funds will enable Head Start and Early Head Start grantees to provide

services to evacuee children and families over the next 30 days. To receive services, a family must have been forced to leave their home because of Hurricane Katrina.

“Services will be available to help children even if their parents do not have their child’s birth certificate on hand,” Horn said.

In addition, HHS is collaborating with Head Start and Early Head Start grantees to ensure health services associated with Head Start are provided to the needy as quickly as possible.

- **\$600,000 for mental health assessment and crisis counseling:** The grants are Emergency Response Grants from HHS’ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that will be dispersed among Louisiana, Alabama, Texas and Mississippi to insure that mental health assessment and crisis counseling are available in areas impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

These immediate support grants are provided to state and local political jurisdictions when local resources are overwhelmed. States were asked to identify their highest priority need in mental health and substance abuse for immediate support.

“It is just as important to deal with the emotional and psychological wounds of this crisis as it is to care for the physical wounds,” HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt said. “These emergency funds will help ensure that the victims of Hurricane Katrina – and those who have come to their aid – will receive the counseling they need to cope with the aftermath of this disaster.”

Charitable foundations nationwide have also responded to the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina with grants critical to both immediate, and long-term recovery efforts. With funds supporting organizations like the American Red Cross, the Healing Hands Coalition, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation as well as general relief efforts, The Foundation Center reports that as of Sept. 22, total foundation giving has reached nearly \$90 million.

Among the grants (as reported via the Foundation Center website):

- **Lilly Endowment** (\$20 million): Funds will support the American Red Cross and Salvation Army relief efforts. Red Cross funds will go towards the Disaster Relief Fund to provide food, shelter, counseling and other assistance to hurricane victims. Salvation Army funds will be used to purchase specific items needed by affected families.
- **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** (\$15 million): To support general relief efforts
- **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** (\$10 million): Various schools and organizations in the Gulf coast area including Dillard University, Xavier University of Louisiana, Associated Colleges of the South and the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra as well as general relief efforts
- **Michael and Susan Dell Foundation** (\$5 million): To support general relief efforts
- **Walton Family Foundation** (\$4 million): Salvation Army
- **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** (\$3 million): The American Red Cross, America’s Second Harvest, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- **Rockefeller Foundation** (\$3 million): The Greater New Orleans Foundation, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the Enterprise Foundation, Habitat for Humanity and the Urban League of Greater New Orleans
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** (\$3 million): The American Red Cross and the CDC Foundation
- **Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust** (\$2 million): United Way of Central Louisiana

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Breast Cancer Research Funding Sees 40 Percent Increase At Komen Foundation

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation awarded 202 research grants totaling more than \$45.1 million as part of its Award and Research Grant Program. The amount of research grants funded this year represents a 40 percent increase over last year's research grants funding of just over \$32.2 million.

The Komen Foundation's funding milestone means that critical investigative inroads can be made into the most important questions about breast cancer. The Foundation awards grants in the United States and abroad that investigate how breast cancer and normal cells function (cell biology), the causes of breast cancer (etiology), risk reduction measures, early detection strategies, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, scientific model systems and cancer control.

"The ability to make our largest research investment to date is directly attributable to the successful efforts of our more than 100 Komen Affiliates across the country," said Dr. Rebecca Garcia, vice president of health sciences for the Komen Foundation. "They are instrumental in raising the money needed to fund research addressing the 'here and now' breast health needs of specific population groups, such as ethnic minorities or the medically underserved, as well research that provides hope for the future."

The Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant Program is funded by at least 25 percent of all funds raised by Komen Affiliates and Komen Race for the Cure events across the country, as well as by private and corporate donations. In awarding research grants, the Komen Foundation adheres to a blind, peer-review process that is recognized by the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

The Komen Foundation supports innovative breast cancer research at leading institutions throughout the United States and around the world. Since its inception in 1982, the Foundation has awarded more than 1,000 breast cancer research grants totaling approximately \$190 million. The Foundation invests in cutting-edge

research that might not be funded elsewhere and remains the world's largest private source of funding for breast cancer research and community outreach programs.

Komen Foundation research grants are awarded in two categories: basic, clinical and translational grants of up to \$250,000 over two or three years and post-doctoral training grants of up to \$45,000 for three years.

"The Komen Foundation's research grants reflect the value the Foundation places on nurturing the careers of talented young researchers through the awarding of post-doctoral training grants," Garcia added. "We appreciate the care taken by our scientific review team and lay advocates in guiding us to allocate money to the research projects with the greatest potential to impact the fight against breast cancer."

Address: The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 505 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244; (972) 855-1600, www.komen.org.

HRSA Grant To Serve HIV Outpatients

The Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting proposals for its Title III: Categorical Grant Program to Provide Outpatient Early Intervention Services with Respect to HIV Disease. The purpose of the funding is to provide, on an ongoing outpatient basis, high quality early intervention services/primary care to individuals with HIV infection.

HRSA's program will increase the present capacity and capability of eligible ambulatory health service entities. These expanded services become part of a continuum of HIV prevention and care for individuals who are at risk for HIV infections or are HIV infected.

All early intervention services (EIS) programs must provide:

- HIV counseling and testing
- Counseling and education on living with HIV
- Appropriate medical evaluation and clinical care

- Other essential services such as oral health care, outpatient mental health services, outpatient substance abuse services and nutritional services and appropriate referrals for specialty services.

Preference will be given to the following applicants:

- Applicants in an area experiencing an increase in the burden of providing services regarding HIV disease, as described by AIDS cases, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, drug abuse, lack of availability of early intervention services, lack of primary health providers other than the applicant, and the distance patients have to travel for care.
- Applicants that provide services in rural (outside urbanized areas and urban clusters as described by the U.S. Census Bureau) or underserved communities where the HIV epidemic is

At a Glance...

Name of Funding Program: **Outpatient Early Intervention Services With Respect to HIV**

Sponsor/Funder(s): **Health Resources and Services Administration**

Total Funding Available: **\$35.6 million**

Deadline Date: **Jan. 16, 2006**

increasing and in areas that receive limited or no Ryan White CARE Act monies.

- Organizations serving communities of color that are highly impacted by HIV/AIDS, and are supported by the communities of color proposed to be served.
- Applicants are limited to public or private nonprofit entities that are currently funded Title III programs whose project periods expire in FY 2006 and new organizations proposing to serve the same patients and populations currently being serviced by these existing projects.

Address: Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14-45, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-3376, www.hrsa.gov.

Suicide Prevention Efforts Bolstered By \$9.7 Million In SAMHSA Funding

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced 37 grants with a first year total of \$9.7 million to support national suicide prevention efforts. The grants will support a suicide prevention resource center, suicide prevention efforts on college campus and state and tribal youth suicide prevention and early intervention programs across the country.

“The need for these new programs is great. Last year alone approximately 900,000 youth made plans to commit suicide during their worst or most recent episode of major depression, and 712,000 attempted suicide during such an episode of depression,” said SAMHSA Administrator Charles Curie. “These new grants were made possible through the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act for youth suicide prevention

programs signed by President Bush last October and will help invigorate our national effort to prevent suicide.”

The three grant programs will be administered by SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services.

- **Suicide Prevention Resource Center:** The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) grant will fund and operate a national resource center to assist State, Territories, Tribes, communities and SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services grantees in their efforts to plan for the development, implementation and evaluation of suicide prevention programs. The grant was awarded to the Education Development Center Inc. of Newton, Mass. The annual award is expected to be almost \$2.6 million per year for five years depending upon funding availability.

- **Campus Suicide Prevention Grants:** The Campus Suicide Prevention Grants will support institutions of higher education to enhance services for students with mental and behavioral health problems. The Campus Suicide Prevention Grants program is authorized under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act. The awards will range up to \$75,000 per year for up to three years, with an equivalent match from the application organization. Continuation of these awards is subject to availability of funds, as well as the progress achieved by the grantees.
- **State-Sponsored Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Program:** The State-

Sponsored Youth Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention Program will support states and tribes in the development and implementation of statewide or tribal youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies. The awards for 2005 are up to \$400,000 per year for three years in total costs. Continuation of these awards is subject to availability of funds, as well as the progress achieved by the grantees.

Address: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 8-1054, Rockville, MD 20857; (240) 276-2000, www.samhsa.gov.

Chronic Disease A Top Priority At Medtronic Foundation

The Medtronic Foundation seeks to support and empower individuals suffering with chronic disease. Through its three distinct health-related grant programs, Patient Link, HeartRescue and Health in the Community, the foundation continues its mission to alleviate pain, restore health and extend life.

Patient Link: Patients with chronic conditions often seek information and a means to act. Through Patient Link grants, the Medtronic Foundation supports programs that improve the lives of people with chronic diseases by partnering with patient associations that educate, support and advocate on behalf of patients and their families. Patient Link seeks to:

- Empower patients to become active partners in their healthcare
- Engage patients from cultural communities who have not had access to health information and healthcare
- Provide support to patients through what can be difficult emotional times.

Patient Link grants are awarded for specific projects, programs and capacity-building activities. Unsolicited proposals are not accepted. To be eligible for consideration, a patient association must be nominated to The Medtronic Foundation Patient Link program by a Medtronic business unit.

HeartRescue: Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the leading cause of adult death in the United States. Every hour, 42 people die in the United States alone. The key to survival for most victims is immediate care and a strong chain of survival that includes early access to an automated external defibrillator (AED) and follow-up care to assess the need for an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD). Through HeartRescue grants, the Medtronic Foundation partners with communities and organizations to initiate or enhance early defibrillation programs to save lives that would otherwise be lost to SCA.

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Name of Funding Program: **Patient Link**

Sponsor/Funder(s): **Medtronic Foundation**

Total Funding Available: **\$10,000-\$175,000 per grant**

Deadline Date: **Jan. 15**

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Name of Funding Program: **Heart Rescue**

Sponsor/Funder(s): **Medtronic Foundation**

Total Funding Available: **\$5,000 - \$30,000 per grant**

Deadline Date: **Oct. 15**

The Medtronic Foundation seeks to increase the number of lives saved from SCA by expanding its focus to prevent SCA, and to support patients after an SCA event.

Health in the Community: Health in the Community supports programs that provide healthcare to socio-economically disadvantaged people in communities where our employees live and work. Medtronic gives priority to programs that help people develop and maintain healthy lifestyles, with particular interest paid to those programs that reduce racial disparities in healthcare.

The elimination of health disparities in the following areas is of particular importance:

- Cardiovascular disease
- Infant mortality
- Diabetes
- Cancer and HIV/AIDS

For more information regarding individual grant programs, visit the Medtronic Foundation website at <http://www.medtronic.com/foundation>.

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Name of Funding Program: **Health In The Community**

Sponsor/Funder(s): **Medtronic Foundation**

Total Funding Available: **Varies**

Deadline Date: **Rolling**

Blue Shield Of California Awards Nearly \$2 Million For Statewide Healthcare Initiatives

The California Regional Health Information Organization (CalRHIO) has received a \$1 million, 18-month grant from the Blue Shield of California Foundation aimed at helping healthcare organizations that care for underserved populations participate in building a statewide healthcare data exchange. CalRHIO is a collaborative statewide initiative whose mission is to improve the safety, quality and efficiency of healthcare through the use of information technology and the secure exchange of health information

“We want to make sure that underserved and vulnerable populations aren’t left behind as California moves toward securely exchanging vital healthcare information at the point of care,” said Lisa Payne Simon, Blue Shield of California Foundation’s director for health and technology,

The Foundation grant will go toward funding membership in CalRHIO for organizations such as public hospitals, safety-net clinics, rural providers and Medi-Cal managed care plans. It will also enable them

to participate in projects such as linking hospital emergency departments, supporting enhanced safety in medication management, improving the efficiency of administrative functions and creating online personal health records.

“The Foundation and CalRHIO share common goals,” said Molly Coye, CEO of HealthTech, which is managing CalRHIO. “We are both focused on using information technology to make healthcare safer and more efficient throughout California. The grant will go a long way toward making this goal a reality for Californians who might otherwise not receive the benefits of having their healthcare provider be a part of an information network.”

The Blue Shield of California Foundation has awarded \$990,000 for 11 California hospitals to participate in a demonstration program aimed at preventing hospital-borne infections. Such infections are responsible for an estimated 9,000 deaths, causing an additional \$2.4 billion in healthcare costs each year in California.

Receiving grants in the amount of \$90,000 each are:

- Anaheim Memorial Medical Center
- California Hospital Medical Center, Los Angeles
- City of Hope National Medical Center, Duarte
- Enloe Medical Center, Chico
- Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Fontana
- Mission Hospital Regional Medical Center, Mission Viejo
- Paradise Valley Hospital, National City
- Saint Agnes Medical Center, Fresno
- San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center
- Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital
- University of California, San Francisco Medical Center

Based on a successful program in Alabama, the foundation is partnering with Birmingham-based MedMined Inc. to use its Data Mining Surveillance technology to identify where and when infections may originate early enough for hospital staff to change their practices to reduce unnecessary illness, length of stay, cost and most importantly, death.

“Usually, inspections discover what went wrong after the fact,” said Crystal Hayling, president and CEO of the Blue Shield of California Foundation. “This technology will revolutionize hospital practices, allowing real-time monitoring and control to keep infections from occurring in the first place.”

Currently, healthcare-associated infections cause 88,000 deaths per year nationwide. They affect 5-10 percent of all hospital admissions, are responsible for 50 percent of all hospital complications and add an average of 8.7 extra days of hospital care per case. Other pilots using the Data Mining Surveillance technology have reduced infection rates by 10-20 percent and saved hospitals \$4 for every \$1 they invest in preventing hospital-borne infections.

Address: Blue Shield of California Foundation, 50 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-1819; (415) 229-5785, www.blueshieldcafoundation.org.

The Mario Lemieux Foundation Grants \$2 Million To Support Infant Care

The Mario Lemieux Foundation made a \$2 million grant to The Children’s Home of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pa., the largest contribution ever made to the 112-year-old organization. The award will name the family living center in the new facility and three Austin’s Playrooms.

The Foundation’s grant will support the expansion of The Children’s Home’s three existing programs: Adoption, Transitional Infant Care (T.I.C.) Hospital and Child’s Way, enable the organization to consolidate all of its services to one location, and provide for much needed additional space. It will also support the development of a new program – Pediatric Transitional Care – which will provide transitional care, respite and hospice care for pediatric patients who are technology dependent and who may suffer from life threatening illnesses.

The new Children’s Home of Pittsburgh and Lemieux Family Center campus will be located at 5324 Penn Avenue in the Friendship area of Pittsburgh. The project is scheduled to break ground in late fall of 2005. The three-story building, which is being designed by Pittsburgh architectural firm Perkins Eastman, will total 63,000 square feet.

“This generous contribution will have a tremendous impact on The Children’s Home’s ability to meet its mission and continue to provide unique services that focus on the family,” said William M. Wycoff, chairman of the board of directors for The Children’s Home. “This is a seminal event, a true turning point in securing the philanthropic support necessary to make a real difference in our community. It takes charitable contributions such as this to make an impact on the care of fragile children and families in our region.”

The Mario Lemieux Foundation was created in 1993 by hockey legend Mario Lemieux to support

cancer research and other important medical initiatives. The Lemieux Foundation has also established the Playroom Project initiative, in honor of Mario and Nathalie Lemieux's healthy son, Austin, who was born prematurely. The Playroom Project seeks to benefit families and improve the quality of a child's hospital experience whether a visitor or a patient.

“We sincerely believe that this gift will help The Children's Home of Pittsburgh meet the increasing need for their programs while continuing to provide critical healthcare services,” said Tom Grealish, president and executive director of the Mario Lemieux Foundation.

Address: Mario Lemieux Foundation, 920 Fort Duquesne Boulevard, Pittsburg, PA 15222; www.mariolemieux.org

PA Department Of Health Receives Over \$3 Million For Cancer Prevention From CDC

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has received more than \$3.1 million in grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program for comprehensive cancer prevention and control programs on the state level.

“Cancer continues to be the second leading cause of death in Pennsylvania - claiming an average of 81

lives each day,” Secretary Johnson said. “These funds will help us improve our cancer prevention efforts and our education and outreach programs with the goal of reducing the number of cancer-related deaths in Pennsylvania.

The CDC grants received include:

- \$255,306 to help implement Pennsylvania’s Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.
- \$536,936 for the National Program of Cancer Registries.
- \$2.1 million for the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

Two new grants have been received through the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, a national resource for supporting comprehensive cancer control efforts. It has supported state, tribal, and territorial health agencies to establish broad-based comprehensive cancer control coalitions, assess the burden of cancer, determine priorities for cancer prevention and control, and develop and implement comprehensive cancer control plans.

The National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program grants include:

- \$155,392 for colorectal cancer education; and
- \$127,283 for prostate cancer education.

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