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Downtown Monroe and Greater Ouachita Lions Club	CubSight	Lions Clubs visit schools/day cares/head start programs to test the eyes of pre-k/kindergarten/third grade children. The grant provides two additional cameras which are non-invasive and look behind the eye for abnormalities/diseases.	\$ 12,520
Louisiana Center for the Blind	Fitness without Barriers	For over 30 years, the LA Center for the Blind in Ruston has provided blind children/adults training, mentoring, and advocacy for blindness-related challenges, focused on improving educational outcomes and raising the low employment rate among the blind. This grant involves the accessibility barriers that blind people encounter when using conventional cardiovascular equipment in gyms. The program, Fitness Without Barriers, creates a demonstration gym where blind students, the blind community, and fitness professionals can learn how to access gym equipment through smart phone applications and blindness adaptations.	\$ 16,320
Louisiana Emergency Response Network	Stop the Bleed Education	In 2016, the "Stop the Bleed" campaign was launched through the Dept of Homeland Security. With this grant, LERN will educate faculty/staff at 12 of 37 Ouachita Parish schools to recognize life-threatening bleeding and education on how to "stop the bleed", and will also provide Stop the Bleed kits to the 12 schools (at a cost of \$800/kit).	\$ 12,334
Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities	PRIME TIME Head Start: Encouraging Healthy Weight & Nutrition through Sports	Poor health/nutrition are barriers to children's success in school and life. With J. Walker Enterprises, which offers program assistance on organized sports, we will design a sports/nutrition program addressing two major needs: the health of families and engagement of parents, particularly fathers. We will organize a Wee Ball/Tee Ball league, engaging parents/guardians as team coaches. During the monthly games, community partners will lead nutrition classes. Staff will learn from these educators and will reinforce lessons with students/families.	\$ 2,500
Louisiana Tech University - Psychological Services Clinic	Providing Mental Health Services to LGBT-Identified Community Members of Northeast Louisiana	The Psychological Services Clinic (PSC) is a mental health clinic in Lincoln Parish run by LA Tech's Doctoral Program in Counseling Psychology. The LGBT population is at increased risk of mental illness, including high rates of suicide. Funds will provide awareness campaigns for all services at the clinic and will assist to market the services to all populations regarding the availability of the free clinic and its professional programs.	\$ 1,800
Louisiana Tech University - Schools of Nursing, Entrepreneurship, Engineering, BioMed	AI to Reduce AED Response Time	American Heart Association in 2015 reported 356,461 US people experienced sudden cardiac arrest. Rapid use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) provides the best survival, as survival decreases 7-10%/minute if delayed. In 2005 LA passed laws for AED requirements in public buildings, colleges, & schools. AEDs are located in communities, but with no way to access AED location and increase public awareness. Through this grant, mobile app development to locate the closest AED and coordinate community efforts will decrease response time and improve access to lifesaving measures. This is a collaboration of LA Tech's departments of Nursing and Entrepreneurship, and the Ruston Fire Dept. The objective is a comprehensive landscape of equipment, trained users, and response behaviors, and to develop artificial intelligence (AI) software to automate response efforts. The initial phase (software development) will serve as foundation for the second phase of implementation and community education the following year. This AI app, using GPS technology, will link AEDs across the community and decrease response time, thus saving lives and improving quality of life.	\$ 21,477
Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services, Inc.-Outdoor Wilderness Learning Center	The Pegasus Project	The OWL Equine Center, a program of LA United Methodist Children and Family Services, will provide therapeutic riding classes to children with special needs. Therapeutic riding has physical, social, and behavioral benefits for a variety of physical and developmental disabilities. By offering this program as part of the school curriculum, students can participate at no cost to their families. We will offer this program to Lincoln and Jackson Parish students in the 2018-2019 school year.	\$ 15,000
Morehouse Community Medical Centers	Richwood High School Career Center Partnership	Through a partnership between Richwood High School (RHS) and Morehouse Community Medical Centers(MCMC), MCMC will help support the RHS Career Center with professional licensed instructors who will provide on-site educational training for the medical assistant program and/or dental assistant program. MCMC will also purchase some equipment, which will be used in the training program to teach Medical Assistants proper use of equipment. When training is not being conducted, MCMC will be able to utilize the equipment to provide low-cost diabetic eye exams to patients of the health center.	\$ 25,000
Ouachita Parish School Board	Riverbend Community Health Park	The Riverbend Elementary School serves 410 students annually, and has 92% minority, with 88% on Free or Reduced Lunch. In this high poverty area, students are constantly challenged to live a healthy lifestyle. This grant will help us expand upon meeting these challenges by making available the Riverbend Community Health Park. The new Park will be located between the Riverbend Elementary School and the West Monroe Community Center where both will have access to its use, as well as after-school students and parents/families. The park is a project to increase the percent of physical participation among students, faculty, and community. The City of West Monroe and the OPSB are collaborating in this endeavor, and a grant request has been made to Blue Cross Blue Shield of LA for additional funding.	\$ 30,000
Rays Of Sunshine	Healthy You	This grant request is to help expand healthy nutrition services (education, growing gardens, meal planning, shopping on a tight budget, cooking), physical fitness services, and smoking cessation classes to the disadvantaged, uninsured and underinsured population of recovering families with the goal of self-sufficiency, self awareness, and self sustainability.	\$ 23,150
The Health Hut	La Salud de La Familia - Part 2	We will purchase supplies for our Diabetics and provide basic lab work in our work with the Spanish-speaking population. Also, we will increase the translator's time to two days a week. The Health Hut, mainly funded by the Lincoln Health Foundation, will incur all other expenses- including staffing, clinic facility, outreach, and marketing.	\$ 18,998
The Northeast Louisiana Children's Museum	Eat Well, Play Well	Grant funding will provide the 3 month rental of Eat Well, Play Well, a traveling exhibit from The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. This 1000 square foot exhibit features 9 bilingual exhibits including hands-on interactives, graphic panels, and text. Visitors discover what an appropriate serving size looks like, see firsthand what it takes to burn off calories, test their flexibility and balance, and review clinical research to learn about reducing their risk of disease with healthy choices. The Children's Museum will commit to finding other funding sources for the admission fees for 1,000 at-risk school children within Ouachita and the surrounding parishes.	\$ 4,500
The Salvation Army of Monroe	The Salvation Army of Northeast Louisiana in Monroe Assistance Programs	Funding will provide for repair of the warehouse roof where items are stored for the Angel Tree and the Thrift Store. In addition, capital equipment will be purchased including a security door with window, commercial washer/dryer, and fencing to separate men's and women's areas.	\$ 25,000

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Union General Hospital	PROMOTING HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY	Funds will provide for equipment and supplies for fitness and wellness classes offered to the public at the hospital. The funds requested will be used to pay for project and office supplies and materials, printing and publications, advertising, and project equipment. We will also incorporate wellness education aimed to mental health and teach the community about the value of vaccines by bringing a Registered Nurse to provide information and answer questions.	\$ 8,300
University of Louisiana at Monroe - Kitty Degree School of Nursing (KK)	Healthy Today, Healthy Tomorrow	Faculty from the Colleges of Pharmacy and Health Sciences are collaborating on this project. Faculty supervised teams of ULM Interprofessional Education students will conduct health activities including: Blood Pressure Screening, Glucose Screening, Total Cholesterol Screening, Breast Health Education, Diabetes Health Education, and Cardiovascular Health Education. The funds will be used for the purchase of medical supplies and educational material. Funding will also be requested through BCBS sponsorship.	\$ 2,500
University of Louisiana Monroe - Kitty Degree School of Nursing (RH)	Mobile Bridge to Health	The Kitty DeGree School of Nursing and the Marriage & Family Therapy and Counseling Studies will work with homeless clients in three agencies: the Salvation Army, Family Promise, and the Desiard Street Shelter. We will provide physical/mental assessments to identify health care needs and make appropriate referrals. This is a partnership between agencies delivering services to the homeless, multiple ULM departments, and local health care organizations. The goal is to take free mental health and health services to a population in need, to gain trust and stabilize health conditions, and to facilitate transition to other healthcare settings. During this initial phase, funding will provide program establishment.	\$ 26,000
University of Louisiana at Monroe - OT Clinic	Occupational therapy services for adults who are	The OT clinic will purchase needed equipment and supplies to continue expansion of the services. These will include an electronic medical record system for proper documentation on clients and other equipment needed for the clients.	\$ 20,000
ULM College of Pharmacy	Promotion of enhanced access to health care	To bring increased awareness of prostate cancer and overall men's health, we propose two phases of a project. The first phase will be a Prostate Cancer Awareness & Celebration 5K Run/Walk. The 5K event will feature health information/education, free PSA screenings, a free health fair, and testimonials from prostate cancer survivors. The second phase will be to host a Men's Health Summit including all aspects of men's health: mental, physical and various diseases including cardiovascular, endocrine and cancer.	\$ 13,500
The Wellspring Alliance for Families, Inc.	The Wellspring "YES!" Program	LWF dollars will be used to provide an extension of The Wellspring's Project START, which provides children facing adversity with socio-emotional learning (SEL) and education skills. Services will be provided in group SEL sessions, led by a degreed, professionally trained facilitator, and utilizing the evidence-based 2nd Step curriculum, which has been highly successful in Union Parish. Family engagement and juvenile health events will also be provided in cooperation with schools and the local healthcare community, providing mental health resources and referrals to area health and wellness providers. Funding will provide salary and fringe benefits for project staff, project supplies, and materials needed to provide direct services to children and families.	\$ 10,000
Workforce Development Board SDA-83, Inc	NELA Nursing Adjunct Faculty Project	Funds will address the demand for nurses prepared to meet the healthcare needs of our twelve (12) parish region by providing a portion of the matching funds required by the primary grantor, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana, and will help assure the existence of accessible, affordable healthcare in the region by addressing the critical nursing shortage. This grant will assist to enable the development of a pilot program that is a true collaborative effort of multiple healthcare facilities and regional training providers. The clinical training will be conducted at nontraditional times such as evenings and weekends. The project will fund two (2) FTE adjunct faculty members at each school (ULM, LA Tech, and Delta) for a total of six (6) clinical instructors. The addition of adjunct faculty members will produce approximately sixty (60) nurses into the regional workforce annually. This is a collaboration with regional education providers and healthcare providers in seeking matching funds in support of the BCBSLA 3-year Collective Impact Grant.	\$ 44,000
Totals			\$ 332,899