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### **Sierra Health Foundation awards \$1 million in grants for safety-net services**

**Sacramento, Calif.** – In response to the economic downturn and resulting increase in demand for basic human needs, Sierra Health Foundation recently awarded grants totaling \$1 million to 42 nonprofit organizations and public agencies in Northern California. Grants up to \$25,000 each will support efforts to get food, clothing, shelter and other emergency services to the growing number of people who need them.

“When we heard about people in our region being turned away from food banks and shelters, we knew we had to respond,” said Sierra Health Foundation President Chet Hewitt. “We wanted to do our part to mitigate the challenges people in our communities are facing.”

These funded programs serve residents in 23 counties of Sierra Health’s 26-county funding region. Sierra Health received almost 250 grant applications by the Jan. 15 deadline. After a thorough review, final grantee selection was based on the Responsive Grants Program selection criteria, geographic representation across the funding region and a minimum 30 percent set-aside for projects serving rural areas.

Sierra Health was pleased to partner with the Sacramento Region Community Foundation to leverage its Community’s Greatest Need Fund, increasing the number of grants awarded to organizations in Sacramento County. As a result of the partnership, the following grantees received funding from both foundations: Francis House of Sacramento, Senior Gleaners, St. John’s Shelter for Women and Children, and The Gardens Family Care Community Center.

Sierra Health began the Responsive Grants Program in 2008 with a goal to promote health and well-being in Northern California communities by asking nonprofit organizations and public agencies to explain their community needs and how a grant from Sierra Health could help address them. In the first funding cycle, Sierra Health awarded \$1.2 million for 31 projects serving 23 counties, with 35 percent awarded for projects serving rural areas.

A list of grantees is below. For a full list including project descriptions, please visit Sierra Health’s Web site at [www.sierrahealth.org](http://www.sierrahealth.org).

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- Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency (Amador County)
- Asian Resources, Inc. (Sacramento County)
- California Emergency Foodlink (Sacramento County)
- Campus Life Connections/Collings Teen Center (Yolo County)
- Catholic Charities of Stockton (San Joaquin County)
- Center for Fathers and Families (Sacramento County)
- Chico Community Shelter Partnership (Butte County)
- Community Action Partnership of Solano (Solano County)
- Community Housing and Shelter of Stanislaus County (Stanislaus County)
- Enloe Hospital Foundation/Enloe Children's Health Center (Butte County)
- Francis House of Sacramento (Sacramento County)
- Glenn County Human Resource Agency (Glenn County)
- Good News Rescue Mission (Shasta County)
- Gospel Center Rescue Mission (San Joaquin County)
- Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus (Stanislaus County)
- Human Resources Council, Inc. (Calaveras County)
- Incorporated Senior Citizens of Sierra County (Sierra County)
- Jamestown School District (Tuolumne County)
- La Familia Counseling Center, Inc. (Sacramento County)
- North Roseville Recreational Education and Creative Center (Placer County)
- Oak Valley District Hospital Foundation (Stanislaus County)
- Plumas Crisis Intervention and Resource Center (Plumas County)
- Project MANA (Nevada and Placer counties)
- Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (Sacramento County)
- San Joaquin AIDS Foundation (San Joaquin County)
- San Joaquin County Human Services Agency (San Joaquin County)
- Scott Valley Focus, Inc. (Siskiyou County)
- Second Harvest Food Bank of San Joaquin and Stanislaus County (San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties)
- Senior Gleaners, Inc. (Sacramento, Shasta, Sutter, Amador, Butte, El Dorado, Placer, and Yolo counties)
- Short Term Emergency Aid Committee (Yolo County)
- Spare-a-Dime, dba Crossroads Ministries (Lassen County)
- St. John's Shelter for Women and Children (Sacramento County)
- St. Mary's Interfaith Community Services (San Joaquin County)
- St. Vincent de Paul Society, Roseville Area Conference, Inc. (Placer County)
- Sutter-Yuba Mental Health Department (Sutter and Yuba counties)
- Tehama County Department of Social Services (Tehama County)
- The Gardens Family Care Community Center, Inc. (Sacramento County)
- Training, Employment and Community Help, Inc. (Modoc County)
- Volunteers of America (Sacramento County)
- WEAVE, Inc. (Sacramento County)
- Womens Empowerment (Sacramento County)
- Womenspace Unlimited South Lake Tahoe Women's Center (El Dorado and Alpine counties)

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