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## Health Department Awards 13 Mini-Grants to Address Chronic Disease Risk Factors

**PITTSBURGH** – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) recently awarded 13 mini-grants totaling \$113,552 to local organizations in African American communities to complete projects that will increase access to healthy foods, options for physical activity, and connect residents to clinical care.

The 13 organizations receiving mini-grants are: Macedonia FACE, Obama PTSA, Homewood Children's Village, Civically, Youth Opportunities Development/Grind Hard Training, Olivia E. Doswell, Pittsburgh Major Taylor Cycling Club, Pittsburgh Black Pride, Allen Place, Homewood Concerned Citizens, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Women Empowered for Entrepreneurial Excellence, and Kenny's Homewood.

"Thanks to funding through our Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) grant, and with additional funding provided by the Highmark Foundation, we are very pleased to announce these awards to local organizations that are tackling health equity and chronic disease risk factors in their communities," said ACHD Deputy Director of Community Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Dr. Roderick Harris. "We look forward to continuing to work with these groups so that we can better understand and address critical issues in these high-risk, priority areas."

The selected organizations will conduct nutritional demonstrations, organize fitness activities, provide health screenings, host community discussions and forums, and hold community events that promote a healthier lifestyle. Organizations will also share information about available programs and resources with families in these areas.

Activities will take place through August of 2020 in the following communities: McKeesport, Clairton, Northside, Garfield, Larimer/Homewood/East Hills, Wilkinsburg, and the Hill District.

"Highmark Foundation has been a strong supporter of the Allegheny County Health Department's efforts to help more people live healthy, sustainable lives. These mini-grants will be highly effective in improving rates of chronic disease and health outcomes," said Yvonne Cook, President, Highmark Foundation. "By working together to expand the health department's capacity to address health equity we will continue to break down barriers to healthy living and work to create healthy communities."

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