The Summit Endowment addresses the community’s health needs by supporting the development of programs and activities of nonprofit organizations that measurably improve the health of our neighbors.

The Endowment also strives to better understand and address the social determinants of health and the distinct needs of vulnerable populations, supporting health initiatives and improving health where people live, learn, work, and play.

Priorities

The Summit Endowment Committee prioritized grant-making based on findings from the 2012 Summit Health Community Health Needs Assessment. The key issues identified were access to care, nutrition, education, and mental health. Specific objectives that aligned with the Healthy People 2020 leading health indicators were utilized to categorize and better align grant-making to address these unmet needs.

Grant recipients were required to participate in a Healthy Franklin County Task Force as they continued collaborative efforts in planning, supporting, and measuring their work. Grantees consistently reported the benefits of task force participation, including resource sharing, relationship building, and a new excitement regarding the emerging potential to collaboratively achieve real and lasting impact.

Greencastle-Antrim Endowment, a component of the Summit Endowment, awarded seven one-time scholarships to graduating seniors at Greencastle-Antrim High School pursuing careers in health care. It also awarded eight renewal scholarships for students in their second, third, or fourth years of college. The Endowment awarded $24,000 in scholarships this year.
Summit Endowment Grants

This year, Summit Endowment provided $268,424 in grants. Grants awarded in Fiscal Year 2016 included:

**Homes for America** for the Senior Nutrition Program. This grant provides a senior nutrition program to residents of the Tower at Falling Spring. The program partners with local farmers markets and restaurants to provide weekly continental breakfasts and bi-monthly meals from October through March.

**Healthy Communities Partnership** for the Kids POP Club. This grant has helped expand the Kids POP (Power of Produce) Club at North Square Farmers Market to empower kids to make healthy eating choices and educate them about where their food comes from.

**Summit Health Community Health** for the Eat Well, Play Hard program. This grant targets Head Start classes and focuses on improving nutrition and physical activity behaviors of preschool-aged children, their families, and caregivers. It includes educational strategies and skill-building activities to promote behavior change to increase fruit and vegetable consumption, decrease electronic screen time, and increase physical activity.

**South Central Community Action Programs, Inc.** for the Double Dollars Project. This grant partners SCCAP and the North Square Farmers Market to offer double dollars for produce purchased using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and also pilot a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project in cooperation with local farms. The initiative works to increase produce consumption among individuals eligible for SNAP benefits. It encourages SNAP recipients to purchase fresh, local produce from regional markets by doubling their purchasing power through a match of up to $10 per visit on SNAP-eligible purchases.

Capacity Building Workshops

The Endowment offered education to help community organizations enhance skills to achieve success.

**Two Grant-Making Workshops** (Chambersburg and Waynesboro areas) were provided to support nonprofit organizations in preparing successful applications for Summit Endowment funding. These workshops helped teach hopeful grantees the importance of outcome measurement as they’re preparing their applications.

Greencastle-Antrim Endowment Scholarships

Greencastle-Antrim Endowment, a component of the Summit Endowment, awarded a total of $24,000 in scholarships this year to Greencastle-Antrim High School students pursuing careers in health care. The Endowment awarded seven one-time scholarships to graduating seniors and eight renewal scholarships for students in their second, third, or fourth years of college.
Waynesboro Community and Human Services for the Community Nurse Program. This grant has helped expand home nursing care services to include the Borough of Mont Alto, South Mountain, Blue Ridge Summit, and Quincy Township. The program previously was available only within the Borough of Waynesboro. The Community Nurse Program assists vulnerable individuals who, for varying reasons, may have difficulty traveling to a doctor’s office by providing long- or short-term nursing services. Services are provided daily, weekly, monthly, or occasionally.

Summit Physician Services and Waynesboro Hospital for the Paramedic Collaborative. This grant provides patients who could benefit from periodic monitoring, such as those recently discharged from the hospital, an improved quality of life by conducting checks to decrease potential hospital readmissions. Services provided through this program include home safety checks and reconciliation of medications.

Summit Health Community Health for the “PreventT2” diabetes prevention program. This grant provides an evidence-based program designed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to promote lifestyle change and prevent diabetes. The goal is to implement a year-long community health program in partnership with primary care offices and Franklin County employers for people who have been diagnosed with prediabetes. The program helps those people make lifestyle changes such as increasing physical activity, eating healthier, learning to problem solve, and equipping them with healthy coping skills.

Healthy Communities Partnership for the Truancy Intervention Project, “Check and Connect.” This program is supplemented by Early Intervention strategies to reduce truancy and help increase high school graduation rates. The program has been implemented at Chambersburg elementary, middle, and high schools through collaboration with Chambersburg Area School District.

South Central Community Action Programs, Inc. for The Gleaning Project. The goal of this project is to provide the under-resourced population of Franklin County with fresh, locally grown produce to help reduce hunger, improve nutrition, and prevent produce from going to waste. In 2015, approximately 300,000 lbs. of fresh, local produce was donated from 80 farms, orchards, and personal gardens. The fresh fruits and vegetables were then distributed for free to more than 23,000 community members in need with assistance from 70 community partners.