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NARBHA Provides a Half Million Dollars to Northern Arizona through the Community Reinvestment Program

Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority (NARBHA) launched its **Community Reinvestment Program** in June 2008, requesting proposals from programs and agencies looking to provide funding for worthwhile projects and programs related to behavioral health. **NARBHA** has announced a \$500,000 investment into the behavioral health community through program and capital support of 25 behavioral health proposals.

NARBHA received 47 proposals during its submission period and narrowed the recipients down to twenty-five. Funded proposals include the funding of:

- Transitional housing program for the adolescent residents of Aspen House (Flagstaff);
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) for Hualapai and Havasupai Tribal communities for one year;
- Northern Arizona Consumers and (NAZCARE) for vans in Bullhead City and Flagstaff;
- Multi-Media Psycho-Education Resource Project for resource materials for six NAZCARE Recovery Centers;
- Support to NAZCARE to fund continuation of a statewide toll-free warm line managed and staffed by consumers;
- Support to NAZCARE for a down payment on a Recovery Center and Housing in the Verde Valley;
- Child and Family Support Services to improve the living environment for young adults with a serious mental illness residing in the Emerald House in Prescott Valley;

- 25 Scholarships for Peer Support Specialists to obtain national certification, along with a study program to help prepare the recipients for national certification;
- Develop a permanent supportive housing program through Catholic Charities Community Services;
- Purchase a minivan for the Skills Training and Respite (STAR) Program (Yavapai County);
- Establish Employment Training Materials Project (throughout northern Arizona); and,
- Offer Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) classes focused on behavioral health and developmental disabilities throughout northern Arizona.
- Support for Homeless Improvement and Planning (Flagstaff Shelter Services);
- Upgrade of Telemedicine equipment to be used for the provision of behavioral health services in rural areas of Arizona (Navajo County);
- Support to Behavioral Consultation Services of Northern Arizona to assist with gaining licensure so the organization can become a provider specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of autism (Coconino County);
- Support for National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), Flagstaff facilitators and consumer art program;
- Support for Catholic Charities Community Services to provide general support to expand the Homeless PATH program in Fredonia, the Grand Canyon area, and north Sedona in Coconino County;
- Support to NAMI of Yavapai County for creation of a crisis intervention team training program, using the Train the Trainer model, for police officers and sheriff deputies;
- Support to the Hualapai Tribe's Health and Human Resources Department in order to teach the Case Life Skills Program, using the Train the Trainer model;
- Five stipends for licensure for Behavioral Health Technician toward careers as Behavioral Health Professionals
- Six awards for NAZCARE to support community arts projects in six cities and towns in northern Arizona;
- Award towards a van purchase for transportation of members to/ from clinics; and,
- Award for technological purchases to allow for mobile clinical services (Page).

In addition to the monetary awards and as part of the **Community Reinvestment Program, NARBHA** donated 60 computers to behavioral health providers to provide Internet access for consumers, including: The Guidance Center (Flagstaff); Community Counseling Centers (Winslow & Holbrook); Little Colorado Behavioral Health Services (Springerville & St. John's); Verde Valley Guidance Center (Cottonwood/ Camp Verde); AzPire House (Flagstaff); NAZCARE (six recovery and two housing locations throughout northern Arizona); Devereux Residential Treatment Center (Scottsdale); and Amity Foundation (Tucson).

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