

Sunshine Health Offers \$200,000 in Grants to 53 Florida Nonprofits - Feb 20, 2024

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Feb. 20, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- [Sunshine Health](#), a wholly-owned subsidiary of [Centene Corporation](#) (NYSE: CNC), is proud to announce the latest winners of their Community Connections Grants, which support nonprofit community organizations across Florida. This round of grants was targeted to groups that provide storm relief assistance or address food insecurity, housing and other social service needs.

Many Floridians are rebuilding their homes and communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Idalia. Sunshine Health awarded two levels of Storm Relief and Preparation grants to 17 nonprofit organizations providing storm-related assistance to people impacted by recent storms. Each organization received up to \$10,000 to help meet needs, whether it was storm recovery or disaster preparedness.

"Hurricane Idalia left many communities with significant damage," said Sunshine Health CEO Nathan Landsbaum. "These funds support the recovery efforts in impacted areas, and help families plan and prepare for future storms. Sunshine Health is proud to partner with local organizations that are actively engaging in storm relief and preparation."

Sunshine Health also awarded \$100,000 to 36 nonprofit organizations to address social and environmental factors that can impact health outcomes in underserved areas. Each grantee received up to \$3,000 to expand or build upon the vital resources they provide to their communities.

"The Family Support Service of North Florida's (FSSNF) Center of Hope is so thankful for Sunshine Health awarding us the funds to expand our crisis services to families in need in the 32209 community of Jacksonville," said Jada Hunter, Executive Director of Community Reinvestments, a FSSNF initiative. "As the Center of Hope continues to empower and strengthen families living in the 32209 community, this grant will help mitigate the financial crisis of these underserved families."

FSSNF Center of Hope will use their grant funds to assist families with housing, rental assistance, transportation, food and utility assistance.

"Youths Left Behind, Corp. is grateful for the grant from Sunshine Health," said Hassan Hill, Director of the nonprofit in Tallahassee. "Because of this funding, we will be able to continue providing mentorship and resources through our After-School Peer Empowerment Program that serves communities that are deemed underserved, with the overall goal of creating a respectful and responsible community."

Youths Left Behind will use their grant to provide groceries and nutritious meals to families participating in their program.

Since 2021, Sunshine Health has invested nearly \$800,000 through its Community Connections grant program and continues to support local organizations that are committed to building healthy communities across Florida.

Storm Relief and Preparation Winners

Organization	Counties Served	Grant Purpose
Boys and Girls Club of North Central Florida	Taylor County	Relief assistance to club participants in Taylor County.
Healthy Living United Center Partnership for Strong Families	Lee County	Tools and resources for families impacted by storms.
Autism Society of Florida	Alachua County	Outreach and education in advance of the 2024 hurricane season.
Center for Multicultural Wellness and Prevention	Seminole County	Hurricane/disaster sensory kits for individuals with autism and their families.
Children's Home Network	Orange County	Storm prep education for Caribbean Communities.
Children's Home Society of Florida	Hillsborough County	Hurricane preparation and evacuation planning for the children at the Kids Village Residential Campus.
Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida	Leon County	Storm prep and disaster kits for families in need.
Dr. Stanley and Pearl Goodman Jewish Family Services	Orange County	Services and programs for individuals and families struggling with homelessness in Central Florida.
Family Initiative	Broward County	Financial assistance, mental health counseling, and access to clothing for victims of domestic abuse.
	Lee County	Sensory kits and other materials for children with Autism.

One More Child	Polk County	Food, water, and other resources for children and families impacted by Hurricane Idalia.
FMB Strong	Lee County	Essential supplies and support to residents impacted by Hurricane Ian.
Healthy Start Coalition of Orange County	Orange County	Hurricane preparedness bags and emergency rental assistance.
Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison and Taylor Counties	Jefferson, Madison and Taylor Counties	Community storm relief and recovery.
Taylor Recovery Center	Taylor County	Counseling services to residents dealing with trauma and depression related to Hurricane Idalia.

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Baptist Hospital Foundation/Wolfson Children's Hospital	Duval County	Community resources to improve health outcomes for children.
Barnabas Center	Nassau County	Resources and programs to uninsured adults with chronic diseases.
Better Together	Collier County	Expand the Better Families program.
Brehon Institute For Family Services	Leon County	Transitional housing, education and support services for adult homeless, pregnant women and their infants.
Children's Safety Village of Central Florida	Orange County	Safety education programs.
Christian Service Center for Central Florida	Orange County	Utilities, transportation and food assistance.
Citrus County Family Resource Center	Citrus County	Connections Homeless Outreach Center's medical clinic.
Cove Behavioral Health	Hillsborough County	Mental health education to high school students.
Dress for Success Greater Orlando	Orange County	Health and wellness programs at Orlando locations.
Family Outreach Community Center	Seminole County	Food pantry and rental assistance/housing program.
Family Support Services of North Florida	Duval County	Housing, rental assistance, transportation, food and utility assistance.
Florida Association for Infant Mental Health	Miami-Dade County	Events for National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.
Gilda's Club South Florida	Broward County	Financial assistance for patients undergoing cancer treatment.
Grace Marketplace	Alachua County	Outreach and daily necessities for the homeless.
God's Protected Harbor	Lee County	Health and wellness programs for adults with disabilities.
Heart2Heart Outreach of South Florida	Broward County	CARE companionship program for seniors.
Hearts and Hope	Orange County	Women's event focused on education and community resources.
Hernando County Community Anti-Drug Coalition Corp.	Hernando County	Partner with primary care physicians to increase awareness about mental health and substance abuse issues.
Marian Center School and Services	Miami-Dade County	Maintenance and repairs for the Marian Center Cottage Group Home for women.
NWF Health Network	Leon County	Support young adults (ages 18-23) with lived foster care experience who are participating in the Independent Living program.
People Helping People in Hernando County	Hernando County	Walk-in clinic and mobile health services for residents.
Reach St. Pete	Pinellas County	Mobile food pantry in Pinellas County.
REACHUP	Hillsborough County	Resources for expecting and new moms.
Safe Future Foundation	Duval County	Food pantry program to Medicaid eligible mothers and their children.
Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay	Hillsborough County	Resources and assistance for veterans and military families.
Spirit of Giving Network	Palm Beach County	Resources for At-Risk Palm Beach County Children program.

Sunshine Physical Therapy Clinic	Indian River County	Financial assistance for physical therapy care.
TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness	Broward County	Assistance for people experiencing homelessness.
The 1000 Dollar Start-Ups Consortium	Nassau County	Funding for small businesses/startups in underserved communities.
Transitioning Thru Trauma To Triumph	Escambia County	Financial assistance for victims of domestic violence.
United Way Emerald Coast	Okaloosa County	Food and snacks to students in Okaloosa County and Walton County School Districts.
Wheelchairs 4 Kids	Pinellas County	Wheelchairs, home and vehicle modifications and equipment to children with physical disabilities.
Women's Circle	Palm Beach County	Language and literacy programs for disadvantaged women.
Youths Left Behind Corp.	Escambia County	Mentorship and resources for students.

About Sunshine Health

Headquartered in Broward County and with offices across the state, Sunshine Health is among the largest healthcare plans in Florida. Offering coordinated care and a network of support for our members, Sunshine Health is transforming the health of the community, one person at a time. It offers government-sponsored managed care through Medicaid, Long Term Care, the Health Insurance Marketplace (Ambetter), and Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans (Wellcare). Its specialty plans include the Child Welfare Specialty Plan serving children in or adopted from the state's Child Welfare system; the Serious Mental Illness Specialty Plan for people living with serious mental illness; and the Children's Medical Services Health Plan, operated by Sunshine Health on behalf of the Florida Department of Health for children and adolescents with special healthcare needs. Sunshine Health is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation, a leading healthcare enterprise that is committed to helping people live healthier lives. For more information, visit SunshineHealth.com or follow us on Facebook and Twitter @SunHealthFL.

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