2024 to 2028 Thiel Funding Priorities

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Priorities Identification for the 2024 to 2028 Funding Model

The 2024-2028 Thiel funding priorities were determined utilizing both qualitative and quantitative input from the Wyoming County Health Trends and Impacts Report 2023 commissioned to guide the process. The Community Foundation solicited input from the Thiel Roundtable which is comprised of Wyoming County service providers and experts who have extensive knowledge of the current health and social care needs landscape to advise, review, and approve the report. The report is available online at: https://www.cfgb.org/nonprofits/grants/william-thiel/

Members of the Roundtable met in late September 2023 to review the report findings and compare the past priorities list to the current needs and trends. The report revealed that, consistent with the rest of the country, the community has experienced a fundamental shift in needs and that improving outcomes calls for deeper focus that leans toward new priorities, strategies, and tactics. In all cases, the Roundtable encourages consideration of the use of evidence-based and promising programs/models where possible.

The requests for funding will be reviewed by the Thiel Advisory Council, a group of Wyoming County healthcare professionals and community members, who will make final funding decisions.

Funding Priorities

The Thiel Advisory Council will prioritize applications addressing the following six funding priorities and associated bullets.

- **Multi-year funding of up to three consecutive years is available for those organizations who have received a Thiel grant within the past five years**

1. *Access and Navigation*:
   - Resource Directory
   - Referral Management
   - Invest in Community Health Workers
   - Develop process to connect residents to resources

2. *Chronic Disease and Related Health Behaviors:*
   - All types of cancer, but especially:
     - Breast Cancer, late-stage incidence
     - Colon and rectal cancer
   - Heart disease hospitalizations
   - Congestive heart failure deaths
   - Tobacco use
   - Obesity

3. *Emergency Assistance for Low-Income Residents*: Discretionary funding for case managers/care coordinators to support and connect individuals or families in their care to resources needed to stabilize and/or meet basic needs.

4. *Food Security*:
   - Establish Food Security Council
   - Enhance relationship with FoodLink services

5. *Mental Health/Behavioral Health*:
   - Suicide prevention
   - Adult binge drinking
   - Alcohol-related motor vehicle injuries and deaths
   - Opioid overdoses
   - ACEs and Trauma Informed Care:
     - Staff trainings
     - Establish/support countywide trauma informed network
     - Screening and data aggregation for ACEs for services planning
   - Stigma reduction:
     - Focus on addressing real and perceived barriers to accessing behavioral health care services
     - Education of families about warning signs of mental illness

6. *Transportation:*
   - Countywide Mobility Manager
   - Medical transport out of county
   - Transport for behavioral health patients in-county

7. *Other:*
   - The Thiel Advisory Council is open to reviewing applications for other needs, but the six Funding Priorities will be addressed first before any other requests are supported.