

GRANT OVERVIEW

GRANTS AWARDED FY15
9/1/2014 – 6/30/2015

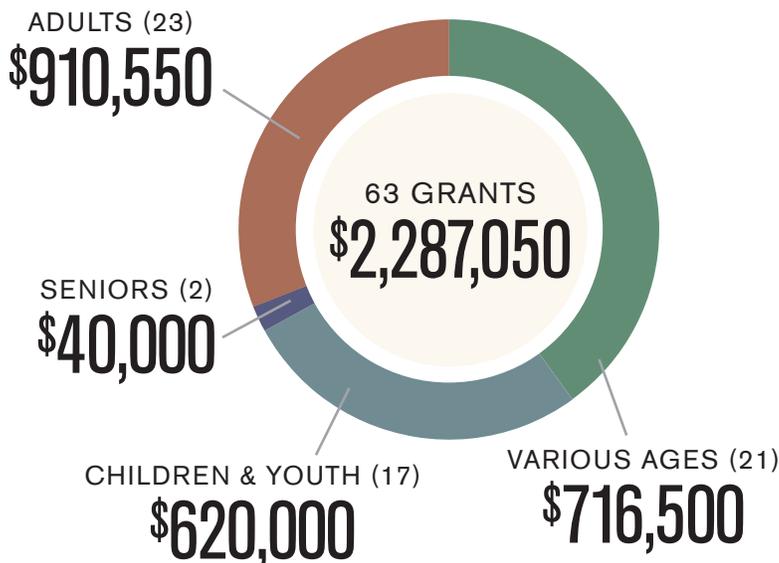
63 GRANTS \$2,287,050 + 2 SPECIAL INITIATIVES \$110,000

DEMOGRAPHICS

VNA Foundation responds to the needs of metro-Chicago's underserved communities. Our grants are awarded across populations, but we specifically avoid "pre-allocating" our grantmaking portfolio, so we can remain as fluid as possible and ready to respond to the often fast-changing needs and priorities of our grantee partners.

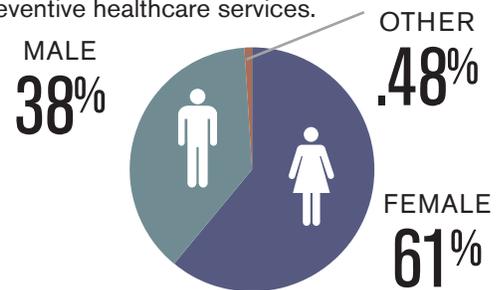
GRANTS BY POPULATION

VNA grantmaking supports the disenfranchised. With most children now covered by Medicaid, more than two-thirds of recent VNA grants supported healthcare services for adults and people of various ages – primarily the working poor and those who remain uninsured despite ACA implementation.



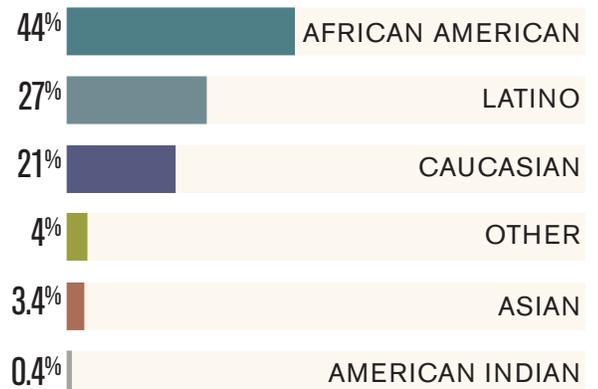
GRANTS BY GENDER

Women are 35% more likely to live in poverty than men. VNA funding helps address this disparity by supporting grants to reduce breast cancer mortality and violence against women, and to increase access to supportive housing and preventive healthcare services.



GRANTS BY ETHNICITY

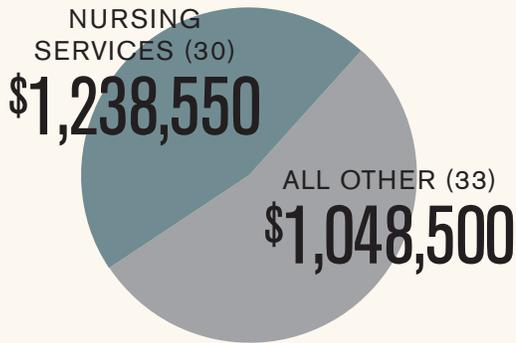
All grants awarded by VNA support services for medically underserved populations, many of whom are impacted by racial disparities.



SERVICES

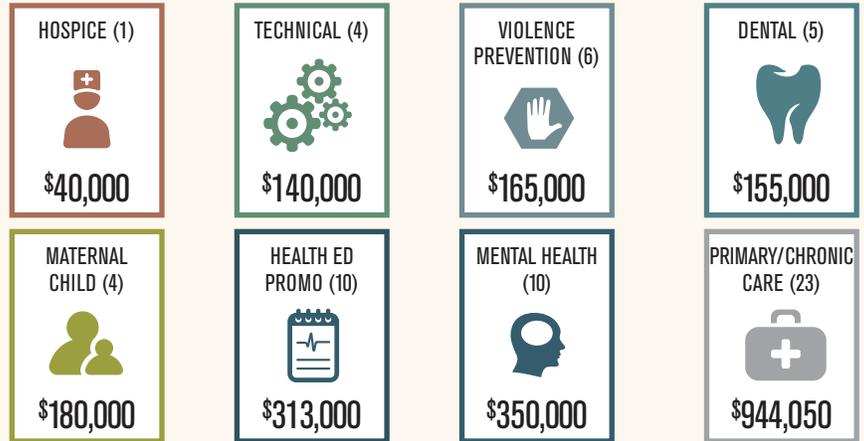
NURSING SERVICES

The needs of medically underserved persons are varied, yet just as in the days when VNA was a service provider sending nurses into the homes of those in need, many health issues today are still best addressed through nursing services.



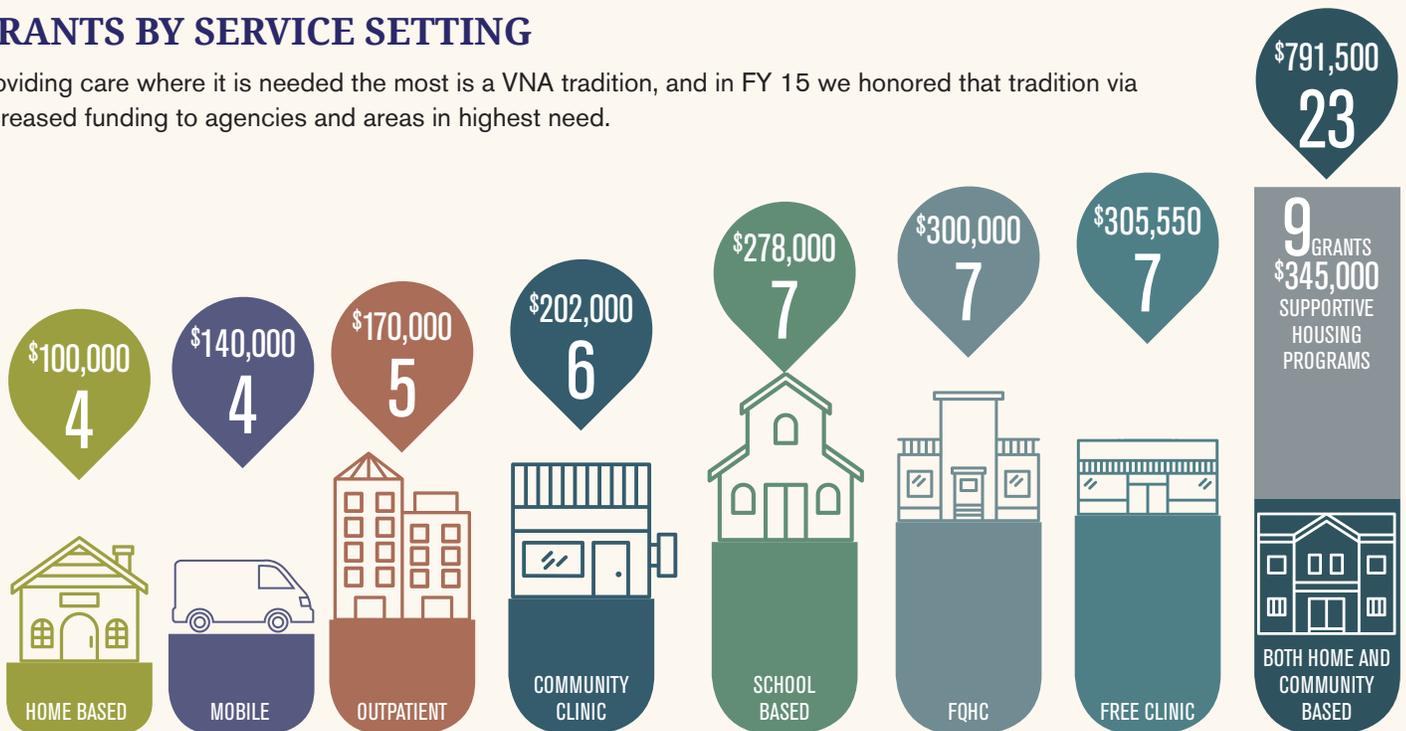
GRANTS BY SERVICE PROVIDED

In response to increased needs by our target communities, VNA grant funding for mental health and oral health services increased by 40% and 35%, respectively. Funding for violence prevention also saw a substantial increase.



GRANTS BY SERVICE SETTING

Providing care where it is needed the most is a VNA tradition, and in FY 15 we honored that tradition via increased funding to agencies and areas in highest need.



GRANTS BY TYPE OF SUPPORT

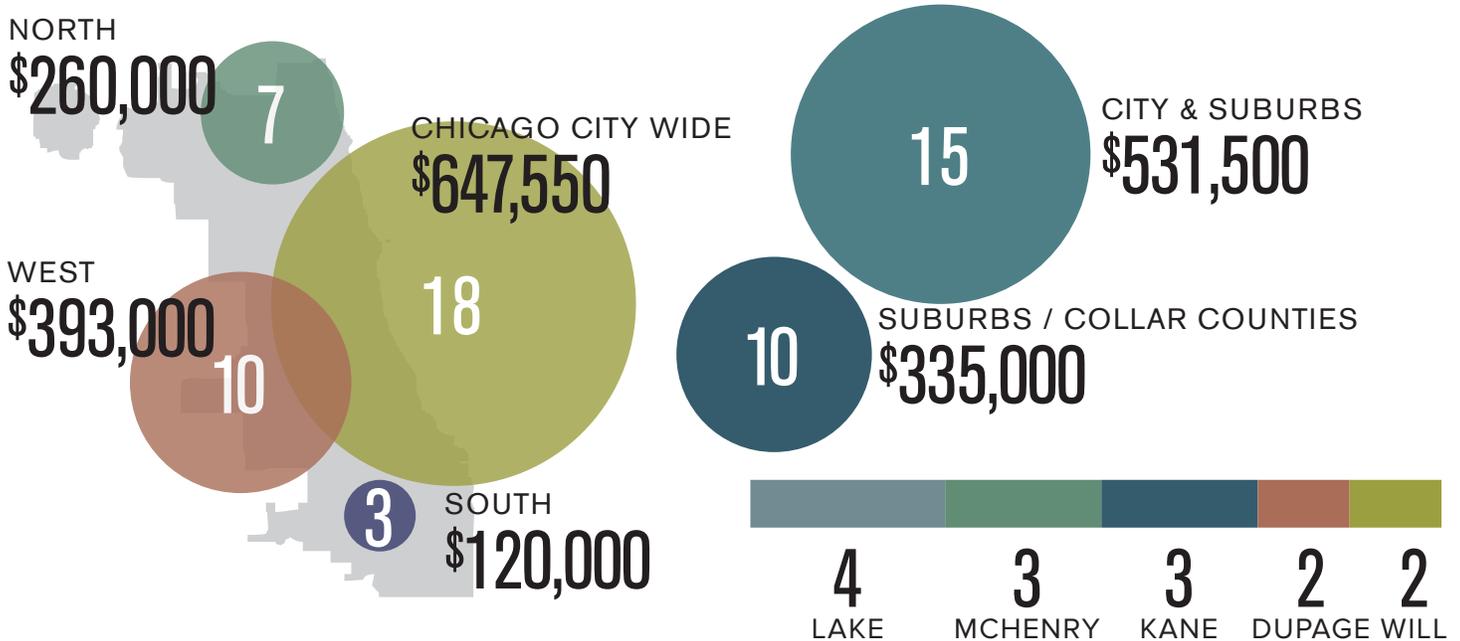
VNA recognizes that sometimes the most effective grants are ones that fund general operations or pay the salaries for program staff. We look forward to continuing to provide the types of support that best address the needs of our grantee partners.



GEOGRAPHY

GRANTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

As impoverished populations have spread from the city to the suburbs, so have VNA grants. In FY 15, awards to suburban and collar county agencies grew by 72%, and grants that support agencies serving both the city and the suburbs increased by 27%.



LESSONS LEARNED

Even a Small Investment, Well-Placed, Can Make an Impact on an Entrenched Problem

“Because of our efforts, supported in part by VNA over three years, Illinois state leadership has embraced supportive housing as well as financing services through Medicaid. The state is one of eight states receiving intensive support to create a Medicaid benefit for supportive housing with an action plan to be created by the end of 2016.”

– Betsy Benito, *Corporation for Supportive Housing*

“NSHSS first received VNA funding to support our onsite nurse practitioner in 1998, and we have adapted her role as needed to best parallel changes to Chicago’s homeless care system and the needs of our clients. These experiences, along with the experiences of other supportive housing providers, helped us to determine the usefulness of home visits and ultimately move toward a new model that provides home-based health education and advocacy for highly-vulnerable, formerly-homeless men and women. We are now in discussions to examine MCO collaboration with supportive housing agencies.”

– Margaret Kushiner, *North Side Housing and Support Services*

Achieving Desired Outcomes Can Sometimes Take Patience (and Renewed Funding)

“We just completed the fifth year of our school-based health center prenatal care program. Our focus has always been on accessible, culturally-relevant prenatal care, but over the years we’ve been able to expand that care to include parenting teens, family planning and other services. Our work is helping the students we serve to achieve academic success, graduate from high school, and many pursue higher education. And the Rush students who help staff the clinic benefit too, as they get firsthand exposure to the healthcare needs of vulnerable populations and training that will prepare them to be more effective clinicians.”

– Sally Lemke, DNP, WHNP-BC, *Rush University Medical Center*

“I am the only full-time employee of the Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics. As such, any time I spend fundraising is time away from the Association’s critical mission of strengthening Illinois’ health care safety net. In addition, as a newly revised and reemerging organization, a top priority was to establish the Association’s place and role in our state’s healthcare landscape. For these reasons, the multiyear funding we received from VNA was invaluable. It gave us the core support we needed to build membership, implement programming and raise visibility. Dependable and substantial funding results in increased capacity and achieved goals, and thankfully VNA knows that.”

– Leslie Ramyk, *Illinois Association of Free & Charitable Clinics*

AGENCIES RENEWED

\$50K or more



\$45K or less



\$25K or less



OUR MISSION

Our mission today is the same as it was in 1890: To support home- and community-based healthcare for the medically underserved in the Chicago metropolitan area.

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