

GRANT OVERVIEW

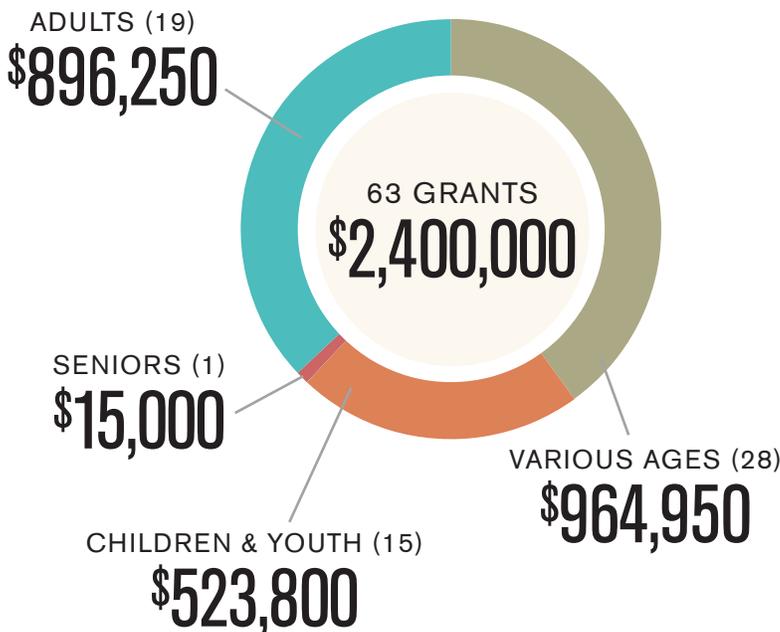
60 GRANTS \$2,215,000 + 3 SPECIAL INITIATIVES \$185,000

VNA Foundation awards grants to agencies that offer home- and community-based healthcare services to the medically underserved in Chicago and the collar counties. As a public health focused funder, we watch the needs of populations and identify disparities and service gaps that can be meaningfully addressed through our support. We know that many needs can be met by replicating proven models or growing the capacity of existing agencies, but some require investment in a new approach or solution. In FY16 VNA awarded 60 grants through our traditional responsive grantmaking (grant requests initiated by applicant agencies) and three Special Initiatives (larger grants initiated by VNA and supporting innovation).

DEMOGRAPHICS

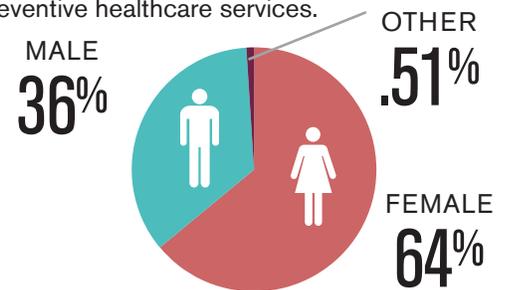
GRANTS BY POPULATION

VNA grantmaking supports the disenfranchised. With most children and many more adults now covered by Medicaid, almost half of recent VNA grants supported healthcare services that provide care to people of various ages – primarily the working poor and those who remain uninsured despite ACA implementation.



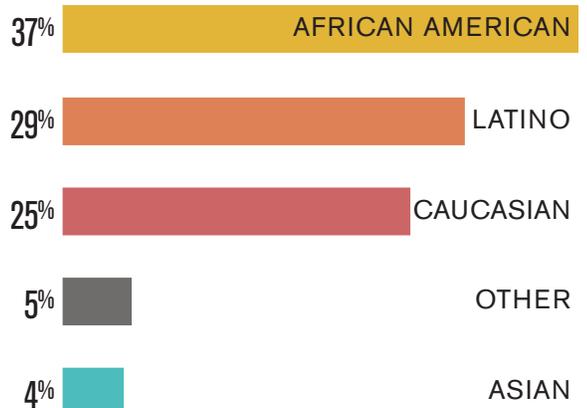
GRANTS BY GENDER

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

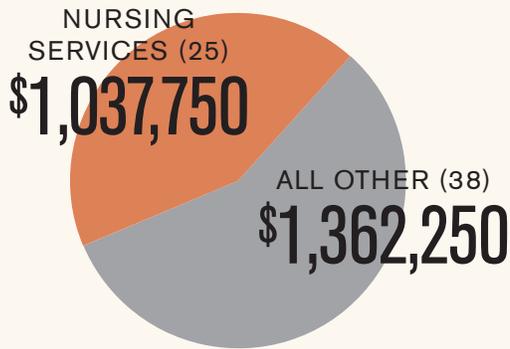
All grants awarded by VNA support services for medically underserved populations, many of whom are impacted by racial disparities.



SERVICES

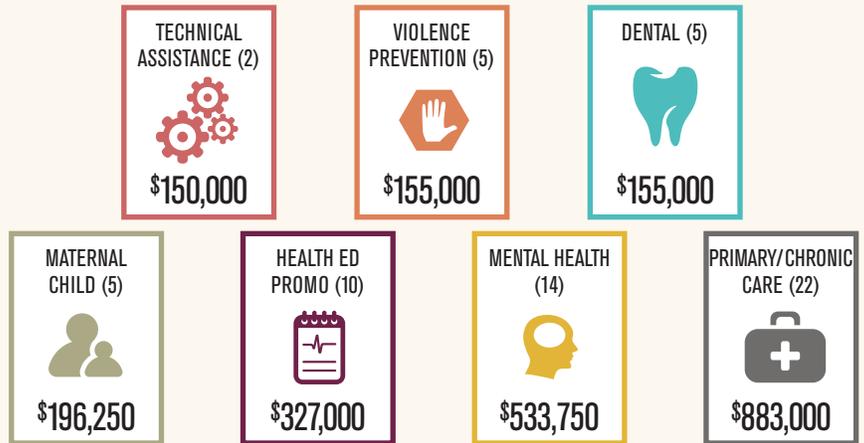
NURSING SERVICES

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 services that involve nursing.



GRANTS BY SERVICE PROVIDED

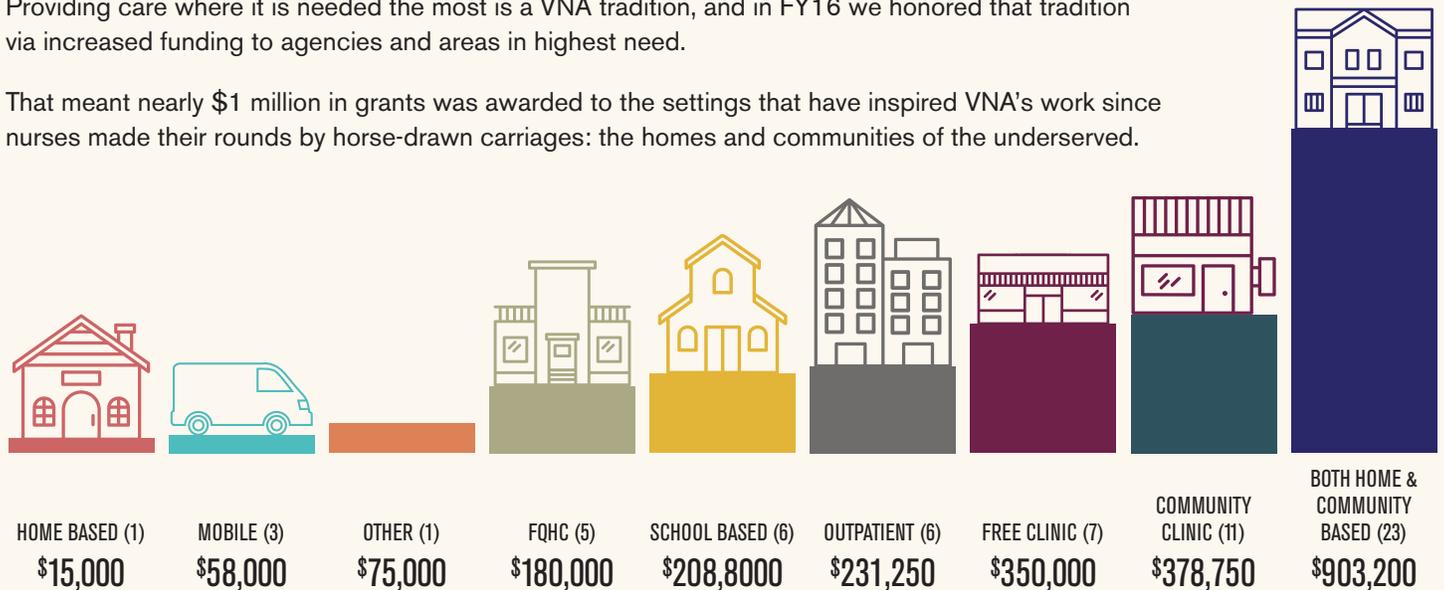
In response to increased needs by our target communities, VNA grant funding for mental health services increased by more than 52% in FY16.



GRANTS BY SERVICE SETTING

Providing care where it is needed the most is a VNA tradition, and in FY16 we honored that tradition via increased funding to agencies and areas in highest need.

That meant nearly \$1 million in grants was awarded to the settings that have inspired VNA's work since nurses made their rounds by horse-drawn carriages: the homes and communities of the underserved.



GRANTS BY TYPE OF SUPPORT

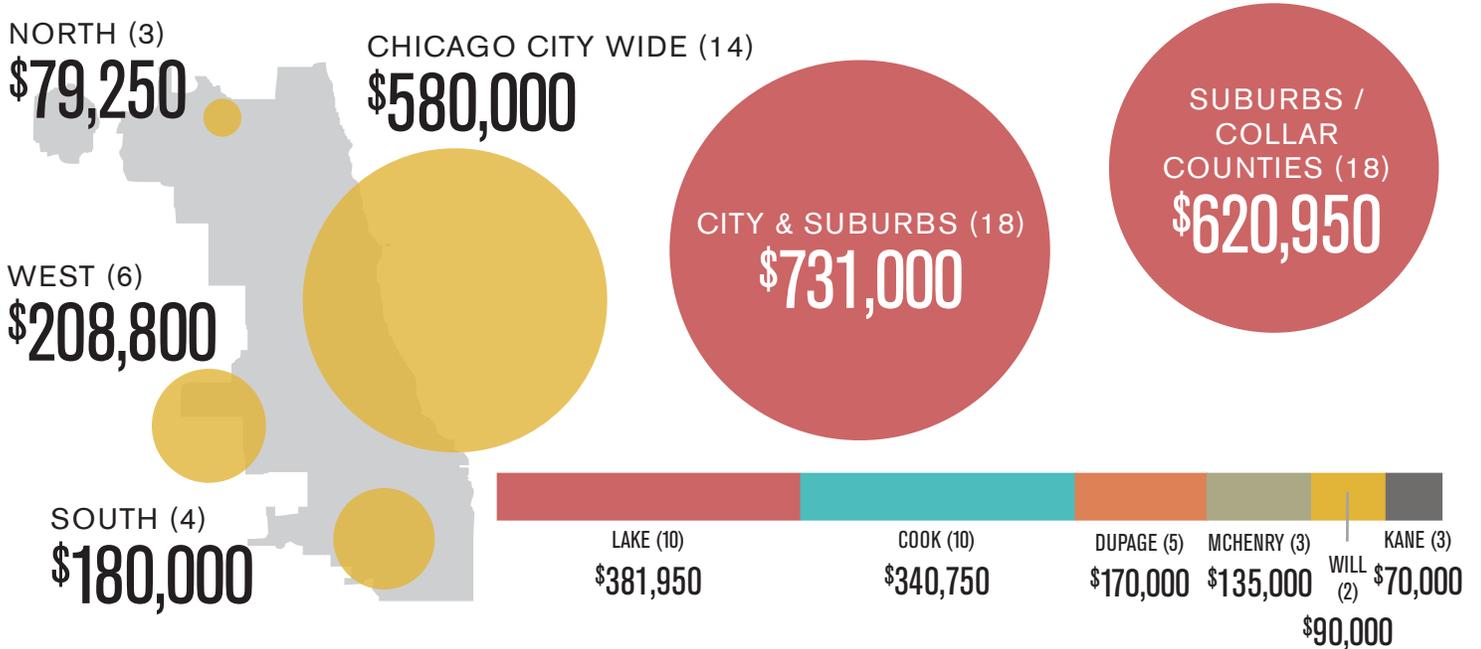
VNA recognizes that sometimes the most effective grants are ones that fund general operations or pay the salaries for program staff. We look forward to continuing to provide the types of support that best address the needs of our grantee partners.



GEOGRAPHY

GRANTS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

As impoverished populations have spread from the city to the suburbs, so have VNA grants. In FY16, awards to suburban and collar counties increased by 85%, and grants that support agencies serving both the city and the suburbs increased by more than 37%.



Lake County

Many foundations tend to overlook needs beyond urban centers like Chicago, yet healthcare needs in Lake and other collar counties are real, urgent and growing. VNA Foundation and a handful of other funders work together to contribute not just dollars but also their significant knowledge and expertise. Our collaboration results in greater good than if we acted alone.

– **Ernest Vasseur**, Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County

Cook County

In Evanston alone, more than 3,000 people experience homelessness annually, and poor health is both a cause and result of homelessness. Connections for the Homeless recently conducted an assessment, and nearly 30% of respondents reported that their healthcare needs are not being met. The need for additional funding to care for the often complicated medical issues of those living in extreme poverty, particularly suburban residents with limited access to public medical facilities, is urgent.

– **Betty Bogg**, Connections for the Homeless

DuPage County

DuPage County's service sector is unique in its diligence and success in building coalitions that efficiently serve community needs. CMF is proud to partner with these coalitions to help fill service gaps and ensure sustainable program growth. Similarly, we believe our strong partnerships with the VNA Foundation and other funders allow us to achieve the greatest progress towards our goals of reducing health inequities, and creating the healthiest region in the country through our Regional Health and Human Services Agenda.

– **Nanette Silva**, Community Memorial Foundation (CMF)

McHenry County

McHenry County's poverty is hidden, and the County does not have the infrastructure and array of services available in urban areas. As a result, it is important that we reach out to those in need, and always remain nimble enough to meet the diverse and changing needs of our communities. We believe that the VNA Foundation's focus on building and maintaining organizational capacity has contributed much to our success, and is a model for impactful funding.

– **Suzanne Hoban**, Family Health Partnership Clinic

Will County

The rapid population growth in Will County and the recent decline in social service and healthcare agencies is particularly problematic for women, who make up more than half the county's population. As the sole domestic violence service agency in the eastern portion of Will County, South Suburban Family Shelter keeps its doors open almost entirely with the support of funders from outside the County. Additional funding support is desperately needed to meet the needs of our expanding population.

– **Jennifer Gabrenya**, South Suburban Family Shelter

Kane County

Many people view any Illinois city outside Chicago as farmland, even though Aurora, Elgin and other larger cities in Kane County are heavily populated. Tri City Health Partnership is one of the only free and charitable clinics in Central Kane County providing medical and dental care to a diverse population. TCHP relies solely on grants, donations and fundraising to provide care. Increased funding is desperately needed to improve the capacity of current providers and the reach of new providers.

– **Kim Lamansky**, Tri City Health Partnership

SPECIAL INITIATIVES

VNA Special Initiatives are proactive grants for innovative purposes, and represent the foundation's highest level of philosophical and financial commitment.

For more information or to discuss how you might partner with VNA in any of these Special Initiatives, visit our website at www.vnafoundation.net/special-initiatives or give us a call at 312-214-1521.



STREETLIGHT CHICAGO

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) was awarded \$75,000 to develop and pilot **Streetlight Chicago**, a mobile phone application ("the app") to give homeless youth in Chicago real-time information about nearby health services, emergency shelter, and a variety of other services key to their survival and progress. CCH developed the app in conjunction with **Young Invincibles (YI)**, a national organization with a Chicago office and an impressive track record of applying modern technology to help solve healthcare access and delivery issues for young people. The overall goal of the app is to empower young adults by improving their health and well-being, thereby decreasing the isolation and hopelessness experienced by many precariously-housed young adults, and positioning them for transition out of homelessness. The app also benefits providers by streamlining databases to make it simpler for them to convey information about their services both to their target audience and fellow providers.

WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH PROJECT



In FY16 VNA also awarded a third year of Special Initiative funding to **Thresholds** for its **Women Veterans Health Project**. In FY14, VNA Foundation's Board of

Directors approved a three year grant in support of the Project, beginning with a year one award of \$150,000 – the largest single grant in VNA Foundation history – and \$100,000 each in FY15 and FY16. The Project responds to the increasing number of women veterans requiring a broad range of mental health and social services to manage the impact of military-related traumas. A first-of-its kind in the Chicago area, the Project partners Thresholds with the VA and social service agencies to help service women get the resources they need to live hopeful, healthy and productive post-military lives.



MOBILE DENTAL PROGRAM

The **Anne M. Davis Mobile Health Award (AMDMHA)** is awarded up to once per year, at the discretion of the VNA Foundation Board of Directors, to a grantee using mobile health services in a particularly innovative, effective and/or impactful way. In FY16 the **Mobile Dental Program of Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center** received the AMDMHA, and a \$10,000 gift, for its outstanding work delivering free and low-cost dental services via a 39-foot van. The Mobile Dental Program, launched in 1999, helps Chicagoans who find it difficult to get dental care, including senior citizens living on fixed incomes, low-income families unable to afford dental care for their children, men and women with disabilities, and people who are homeless.



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*For Excellence in Care
to Underserved Communities*

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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