

Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission 2008 Community Health Grant Award Recipients

<i>Grant Recipient</i>	<i>Grant Award</i>	<i>Grant Description</i>
City of Plumerville	\$35,000.00	The City of Plumerville will use this grant to fund a Walking Trail for the community. The walking trail will be located in an existing community park that the city has put a great many resources into so it will be a safe and attractive area for residents to come to. The city anticipates many citizens in their rural community will utilize this walking trail for exercise, thus improve the health of area residents.
Delta Area Health Education Center	\$29,356.00	The Delta AHEC will use this grant to fund a tobacco prevention outreach effort to over 3,000 area school children. Reducing tobacco rates among young people is a proven way to avoid the costly impact smoking has on the future adult population. The Delta AHEC is excited to use the award winning Healthy Lungs curriculum from American Lung Association, as well as Get Healthy program. They hope this program will impact the lives of these young people, teaching them the importance of good health for their long-term futures.
Kids for Health Program	\$48,839.00	Kids for Health plan to use the funds from this program to develop a new tobacco prevention training DVD. Kids for Health is known for its production of health related teaching materials that focus on impacting the lives of children. This grant will also allow for this new resource to be distributed for free to over 250 Arkansas schools.
Southwest Area Health Education Center	\$23,145.00	The Southwest AHEC will use this grant for an expansion of their existing TEENS WITH A BEAT program. This fantastic program focuses on Peer-to-Peer education and influence – a proven method to impact the decisions of young people. TEENS WITH A BEAT provide support, encouragement and education to other teens in order to show them the importance of staying tobacco free. With their impressive results in the existing program, Southwest AHEC anticipates this expansion will let them impact an even greater number of young people with a positive message of staying tobacco free.
Southern Good Faith Fund	\$45,000.00	The Southern Good Faith Fund plans on using the ATSC Community Health Grant for continuation of a successful education mentoring program that has been in existence for several years. This program focuses on mentoring high school students to increase graduation rates and directing these students toward careers in healthcare. The mentors encourage students to seek their RN, LPN, or CAN and then come back to their home community to begin their careers. 776 individuals have graduated the program to date. In 2008, the Southern Good Faith Fund plans to graduate an additional 127 students from this successful program.

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Foreman Recreational Park	\$48,300.00	The City of Foreman Recreation Department will use this grant to fund a Walking Trail for their rural community. The walking trail will be located in the cities new community park and will be open to all citizens. The city feels very strongly that this walking trail will be very useful to many local residents, due to the fact there are no local fitness centers or other health outlets.
Paces, Inc.	\$42,100.00	Paces, Inc., which is a non-profit community organization dedicated to assisting the health and wellness needs of area residents, will use this funding to expand an existing program focused on educating pregnant teens. Paces will bring on additional motherhood case managers to reach 150 young people, both pregnant young women as well as the young fathers. A strong emphasis will be placed on educating teens against tobacco use, especially while pregnant. Also, Paces will focus on educating these young people to avoid risky activities and increase their positive parenting skills.
Tobacco-Free Marion County	\$16,050.00	Tobacco Free Marion County will use these grant funds to discourage tobacco use in their rural communities. The program will establish a "YES" Team in Marion County which will use the proven peer influence system to encourage other teens to avoid tobacco use. Also, the program will focus on specific and targeted media advertising to discourage tobacco use in their isolated community.
Mission Outreach of Northeast Arkansas	\$41,600.00	The Mission Outreach of Northeast Arkansas provide important medical services to needy area residents through their Charitable Health Clinic. The Clinic will use this grant funding to serve additional Arkansans who need medical treatment and are uninsured. For the grant period, the Clinic hopes to provide treatment to an additional 500 local residents with this funding.
St. Vincent Foundation	\$35,608.00	St Vincent Foundation will use this funding to assist with the transportation of poor and home-bound patients to the St. Vincent Hospital for needed medical treatment and procedures. Over the course of the year, they estimate this program will assist over 2,000 people by providing this vital transportation service. St. Vincent Foundation has also committed to raising the funds to continue this program after the grant funding cycle is complete, so the long-term benefit to Arkansans is maximized over the years.

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St. Francis House NWA, Inc.	\$46,000.00	St. Francis House of Northwest Arkansas serves many underprivileged and uninsured area residents. This funding would allow the organization to expand their services to reach an additional 3,500 uninsured Arkansans over the next year, with 1,700 of those served being children. Also, the St. Francis House will work closely with the Department of Human Services to enroll eligible families in the ARKids First program, with their goal of bringing this important health coverage to an additional 1,300 children.
Alliance on Community Health, Inc.	\$37,002.00	The Alliance on Community Health works to promote education on health issues to citizens living in the Arkansas Delta. With rising numbers of Arkansans contracting sexually transmitted diseases, and especially increasing contractions of HIV/AIDS, the Alliance hopes this education will impact citizens with knowledge to decrease the number of contractions of these diseases. The Alliance will work toward providing education and assistance to over 700 area residents through this program.
Wilbur D. Mills Substance Abuse Treatment Center	\$32,000.00	The Wilbur D. Mills Substance Abuse Treatment Center helps Arkansans with substance abuse problems overcome their addictions and re-enter society with tools to cope with their addiction. This grant funding will be used to assist these patients focus on relinquishing their tobacco addictions, along with their substance abuse addictions through proven and tested methods. Patients who give up both tobacco and substance abuse are more likely to avoid relapsing in the future.
White River Rural Health Center, Inc.	\$20,000.00	The White River Rural Health Center will use these funds to create a Walking Trail for the local community. The walking trail will be located near the White River Rural Health Center and will be open to all citizens. The center is hopeful many of its patients and other members of the public will use the walking trail to improve their health.