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**Investing in Our Community: Confluence Health and Wenatchee Valley Medical Group  
Announce Application Opening for Community Partnership Grant**

**North Central Washington:** Confluence Health and the Wenatchee Valley Medical Group today announced that their Community Partnership Fund would begin accepting applications beginning Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to provide grants for local community causes and organizations.

The grant is funded jointly by Confluence Health and the Wenatchee Valley Medical Group (WVMG), the largest physician group affiliated with Confluence Health, and is managed by the Community Foundation of North Central Washington. Created to help support causes and organizations in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan counties, the fund aims to award up to \$500,000 each year in grants that focus on health and wellness, education, or arts and culture. In particular, the fund looks to award grants that have a significant benefit to the community or that drive local, positive economic impact. For those grants that promote education, a special focus is also given to applications for events that target math and science education.

“As an organization with a mission to be local care by and for our community, investing in this special place through these grants is just one of the ways we can help contribute to all those groups that make this region so great,” remarked Dr. Andrew Jones, CEO of Confluence Health. “We’re extremely proud of all the benefits this funding can bring to so many deserving groups.”

To be eligible, applicants must be either a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, a public agency, or a public school serving students in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, or Okanogan counties. Each organization or group is limited to one grant proposal per grant cycle, with the exception of public schools where applications are limited to one grant proposal per school building and one grant proposal for a district-wide request per grant cycle. Private schools, churches, or faith-based organizations, even if the grant is intended for non-religious purposes, are not eligible for the grant.

Once the applications are submitted, the Community Partnership Fund Committee reviews all submissions to determine awards. While there is no set number of grants given each year, each grant awarded will range between a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$15,000 per grant, with funds being disbursed to the selected causes and organizations in October.

Grants can be submitted starting June 1, 2024 with an application deadline of July 31, 2024. Questions about the application or the process can be directed to Jennifer Short, director of community grants at the Community Foundation, either by email to [jennifer.s@cfncw.org](mailto:jennifer.s@cfncw.org) or by calling (509) 663-7716. More information and the grant application itself can be found on the Community Foundation website at <https://cfncw.org/CommunityPartnershipGrant/>.

“Our partnership with Confluence Health in this fund helps to make a real impact and it’s always exciting each year to see the many creative and excellent causes and projects that receive funding,” reflected Dr. Jennifer Jorgensen, president of the Wenatchee Valley Medical Group. “We’re looking forward to seeing what excellent, community-focused awards are granted this year and encourage everyone who meets the criteria to submit their application.”

**About Confluence Health**

Confluence Health serves the largest geographic region of any healthcare system in Washington State, covering over 12,000 square miles of Okanogan, Grant, Douglas, and Chelan counties. Confluence Health is one of only two locally-lead healthcare systems in the state with the purpose of maintaining availability and access to high-quality, cost-effective healthcare services for North Central Washington. The Confluence Health Board of Directors provides governance for Confluence Health and includes nine community board members and six physician board members.

**About the Wenatchee Valley Medical Group**

Wenatchee Valley Medical Group serves North Central Washington as the largest physician group affiliated with Confluence Health. Its history began with the founding of the Wenatchee Valley Clinic (WVC) by three physicians in the 1940s, born from a vision of bringing high-quality, multispecialty, integrated healthcare to the Wenatchee Valley. Over the next 70 years, WVC grew to become Wenatchee Valley Medical Center (WVMC) a large healthcare system that provided care across its four-county region and included 300 physicians in roughly 50 primary care and specialty disciplines. In 2013, WVMC and Central Washington Hospital affiliated to form Confluence Health with the vision to continue to provide high level, comprehensive care locally.

**About the Community Foundation of North Central Washington**

The Community Foundation of North Central Washington is a tax-exempt philanthropic organization that helps individuals, families, businesses, and agencies support charitable causes throughout North Central Washington. Its mission is to grow, protect, and connect charitable gifts in support of strong communities throughout Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties. Established in 1986, the Community Foundation manages \$130 million in assets through 600+ individual funds and has awarded over \$55 million in grants and scholarships.

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