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**Williamsburg Health Foundation Promotes Health,  
Maintains Long-Term Relationships with Grantees**

WILLIAMSBURG, VA –

On Monday December 7, 2015, the Williamsburg Health Foundation’s Board of Trustees approved 19 grants worth over a total of 1.3 million dollars to be granted to 16 agencies. “This is the smaller of our two annual rounds of grant awards,” explained Jeanne Zeidler, President and CEO. In the first round of grants for 2015, the Foundation distributed more than three million dollars.

Of the \$1.3 million awarded, just over \$100,000 is directed towards programs new to the Williamsburg Area and over \$1.2 million to ongoing funding of existing programs and agencies.

“Many foundations only seek to fund the latest approaches to their community’s oldest problems. That’s not how we work. We believe that there are programs and agencies that merit continued support. We don’t need a new name or remixed explanations for long-standing, effective programs. ”

Zeidler emphasized that the Foundation is also willing to support agencies to try new ideas that have promise. For example, Bacon Street Youth and Family Services has

been working with families in Williamsburg for over 40 years. It has recently begun to work in closer collaboration with local agencies trying to find support for their clients who have a history of substance-use. “United Way and Avalon do good work getting people into transitional and/or permanent housing. Some of the housing clients may have had substance-use issues in the past and may need additional support. In our experience, meaningful agency collaboration is an effective means for combating persistent problems.”

Since its inception in 1996, the Foundation has distributed approximately \$65 million in grants to help improve the health of the community. In addition to grant making, the Foundation brings groups together to solve community health challenges that cannot be addressed by one entity alone. For more information on the Foundation visit [www.williamsburghealthfoundation.org](http://www.williamsburghealthfoundation.org) or facebook.com/WilliamsburgHealth.

A full list of grantees, programs, and award amounts is attached here.

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