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North Central District Health Department Awarded Funding to Address Vaccine Inequities

The North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) is pleased to announce a grant award of **\$266,577** from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) to address COVID-19 vaccine inequities in and outside of their jurisdiction. This funding opportunity, entitled “Vaccine Equity Partnership Funding” (VEPF), is intended to increase access and availability of COVID-19 vaccines to the medically underserved vulnerable populations in our communities.

NCDHD serves the towns of East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Stafford, Suffield, Vernon, Windham, and Windsor Locks, and provides vaccination services to the town of Somers. The Health District’s ongoing vaccination efforts include collaboration with Vernon’s Regional Vaccination Program and Priority Urgent Care of Ellington. The VEPF funding will include additional partnerships with ACCESS Community Action Agency, Hartford HealthCare, and Eastern Highlands Health District.

Diane Wheelock, Board of Health Chair, said that she is pleased that the Health District has received robust funding to expand vaccination efforts. “The Board has vigorously supported COVID-19 response efforts through every step of the pandemic. We are now focusing our efforts on reaching deeper into our communities to provide vaccination opportunities to underserved and vulnerable populations.”

The proposed grant activities will focus on cultural and language-appropriate outreach and education as well as broadly increasing vaccination opportunities for the underserved.

“We are enthusiastic about working with additional partners with deep roots in the community to amplify vaccination efforts in and outside of our community”, said District Director of Health, Patrice Sulik. “Working with our partners, we will bring vaccine education and vaccine opportunities directly to people.” People throughout the region can expect to see a variety of mobile and pop-up clinics where they live, work, shop, and play.

