

WAY

18

# Community Pharmacy Focus Grants by CPF

CPF Focus Grants support the collaboration between colleges of pharmacy, associations and community pharmacies to demonstrate the value pharmacists play in improving patient care.

<b>Executive Director:</b>	Lou Sesti, RPh
<b>President:</b>	Philip P Burgess, RPh, MBA
<b>Founded:</b>	2001
<b>Status:</b>	Non-Profit
<b>Total Awards to Date:</b>	>\$4,000,000
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.communitypharmacyfoundation.org">www.communitypharmacyfoundation.org</a>



## CPF Background

The Community Pharmacy Foundation is an organization whose primary purpose is to assist community pharmacy practitioners by providing resources for research and development to encourage new capabilities and continuous improvements in the delivery of patient care.

## About CPF Focus Grants

Focus Grants as referenced by the Community Pharmacy Foundation is an exciting opportunity, primarily for colleges of pharmacy and pharmacy associations to work with CPF in designing a major study/project in collaboration with community pharmacies and pharmacists.

Focus grants to date have involved matching funds and/or in-kind services whereby a college of pharmacy or a state pharmacy association has partnered with a local funding organization (i.e. Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation) or a local health plan or PBM to implement Medication Therapy Management (MTM) services through a network of participating community pharmacies. One such network involves a synchronized group of community pharmacists, some retired and others who perform special patient care services on their days off... in the patient homes, by phone or at a cooperating pharmacy in the area.

Focus grants provide the opportunity for more sizable grant awards in order to implement innovative programs by a network of community pharmacies and pharmacists, for which endeavor includes a strong assessment and evaluation component to measure and validate patient outcomes.

## Focus Grants Awarded

To date, CPF has categorized those Grant Awards as "Focus Grants" which greatly exceed its average allocation. Accordingly these Grant Awards can have more significant and/or immediate impact on everyday pharmacy practice. The two Focus Grants to date that were classified this way were associated with applications from the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) and the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). One focused on the then new requirements associated with "HIPAA" and the other on a major "Cost of Dispensing Study" conducted by a major, national accounting firm.

Examples of CPF Focus Grants associated with MTM services:

1. Iowa Pharmacy Association, Farm Bureau of Iowa and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Iowa operating as Welmark
2. Michigan College of Pharmacy and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
3. Wisconsin Pharmacy Alliance and several major state health plans
4. University of California San Francisco College of Pharmacy and the California Public Employees Retirement System ("CalPERS")

## Next Step

For Focus Grants as well as other grant application instructions, visit the CPF website: [www.communitypharmacyfoundation.org](http://www.communitypharmacyfoundation.org)