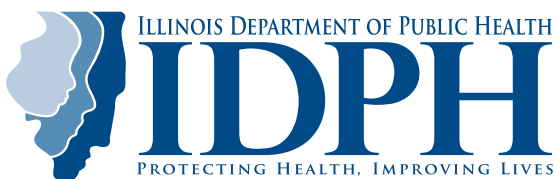




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Per the requirements of Public Act 099-0917, this report serves to provide the governor and the General Assembly a summary of the Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure lottery ticket sales, grants awarded, and the accomplishment of the grantees.

## Background

The Carolyn Adams Ticket for the Cure is issued by the Illinois Lottery with net proceeds funding grants issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to support "breast cancer research and supportive services for breast cancer survivors and those impacted by breast cancer and breast cancer education." The Ticket for the Cure Advisory Board, consisting of 10 members, provides advice and recommendations to IDPH on the grant program.

## Ticket Sales

Tickets are sold in May and October. Fiscal 2021 generated \$2,455,947 in sales with \$643,172 made available to IDPH be awarded as grants. Proceeds from ticket sales carry over year-to-year so the amount available increases.

## Grants Awarded

Over the last two years, breast cancer screenings have declined, mainly due to barriers caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. For this grant cycle, the board decided to use funds to have grantees either create or build upon an existing breast cancer patient navigation program to increase screenings, to reduce barriers and to guide patients through the continuum of care if/when the patient receives a diagnosis.

This report covers the fiscal 2022 community grant aligned with Grant Accountability and Transparency Act requirements. The term for these grants is July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Seven grants were awarded, totaling \$922,437.

- Cass County Health Department (\$100,000)
- Equal Hope dba Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force (\$200,000)
- Fulton County Health Department (\$200,000)
- Heartland International Health Centers (\$111,242)
- Lester and Rosalie Anixter Center (\$101,161)

- Mercer County Health Department (\$100,034)
- Stephenson County Health Department (\$110,000)

### Grantee Accomplishments

Grantees are required to submit quarterly, mid-year and annual progress reports. Performance measures have been submitted for the first quarter but, due to a delay in execution, grantees were not able to begin work until November.

To date, the grantees have either hired or trained a current staff member as their new patient navigators. Since patient navigators work one-on-one with patients as they traverse the health care system, several grantees have created barrier assessments modeled after Boston Medical Center's Mental Health Action Program Patient Navigation Toolkit. These assessments track a variety of components including patients who complete screenings, patients who completed and attended follow-up appointments, and patients receiving vouchers or other assistance. They also track transportation, insurance, financial assistance, pharmaceuticals, food, housing, and daycare barriers. Some grantees have also created tools to track and follow-up with patients who receive abnormal mammograms and patients with breast cancer so that the navigator can closely follow their progress and assist when needed. Grantees have partnered with their local clinics, hospitals, and non-profit organizations to establish a list of priority populations overdue for mammograms/screenings. This collaboration is valuable for patient navigators to identify barriers and to assist patients in scheduling and attending appointments while also providing services to the under/uninsured.

Outreach events have been a valuable outlet for grantees to provide community education and disseminate patient navigation program information. Grantees have mailed program information to clients, focusing on those who have missed screening appointments. Workshops and educational videos have been developed to offer breast cancer health literacy programs culturally tailored to meet patient needs. Grantees have utilized social media, radio, and billboard ads to reach patients, and have teamed with local doctors to share information via Facebook Live events.

Grantees will continue to build their patient lists and provide needs assessments to identify high risk priority communities and vulnerable populations based on social determinants of health. One grantee is creating an individual intervention plan to set goals and strategies to reduce patient barriers that are client specific. Grantees will continue to partner with local providers to identify patients past due for mammograms or follow-up visits and to provide care coordination services to complete screenings. Grantees will partner with their support service agencies to identify individuals in need and provide one-on-one patient-centered navigation to obtain needed services, such as transportation, food, housing, insurance, pharmaceuticals, financial assistance, and, if needed, referrals to mental health support.

Grantees are hosting outreach events to provide patients with educational materials and to promote their navigation programs and the importance of screenings and early detection via radio, social media, billboards, and program brochures, and are preparing events for National Breast Cancer Month in October.

