



National Association of County & City Health Officials

The National Connection for Local Public Health

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Margaret Yao Pursell
Senior Director, Marketing and Communications
Direct: 202.507.4235
mpursell@naccho.org

NACCHO FUNDS 167 INNOVATIVE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Washington, DC, April 5, 2016—Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units around the country are in the forefront of creating projects that address public health needs in their communities. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Medical Reserve Corps Program Office funded a total of 167 innovative community projects in the amount of \$2.5 million from volunteer MRC units across the country.

“We’re very pleased to support the MRC Challenge Awards for the fourth year,” said NACCHO Executive Director LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH. “The program’s focus on innovation in areas that align with national health initiatives are significant at the local level, and often serve as the backbone for efforts to strengthen public health, improve emergency response capabilities, and build resiliency.” Beginning in spring 2016, the Challenge Awards will fund projects that benefit local communities in one of four focus areas: Community Resiliency, Chronic Disease Prevention, Partners for Empowered Communities, and Mental and Emotional Wellbeing.

The Medical Reserve Corps is a national group of nearly 200,000 local volunteers dedicated to improving the health and safety of their communities. Through a cooperative agreement with the MRC Program Office, NACCHO works to increase awareness and understanding of the MRC program; promote, support, and build capacity within the MRC network; enhance cooperation between the MRC Program Office and local and state

authorities to support and increase MRC capacities at the local level; and expand the efforts and capabilities of local MRC units to support their community-based public health, preparedness and response initiatives.

ABOUT NACCHO

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is the national nonprofit association representing the approximately 2,800 local health departments (LHDs) in the United States, including city, county, metro, district, and tribal agencies. NACCHO's vision is health, equity, and security for all people in their communities through public health policies and services. NACCHO's mission is to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for local health departments in order to ensure the conditions that promote health and equity, combat disease, and improve the quality and length of all lives.

#