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**Community Partners Receive 2-year Grant to Develop and Promote
Community Health Improvement Website**
Eau Claire Healthy Communities

EAU CLAIRE- Nov. 13th, 2013 – Five community organizations have been awarded a two-year development grant for \$200,000 from the Medical College of Wisconsin. This grant will enable the organizations to work together to test an innovative use of technology to improve information and communication about health throughout Eau Claire County.

The funding will be applied to developing the new Healthy Communities website and educating others on its features and uses. The [Healthy Communities](#) website collects and displays local health data, such as the prevalence of diseases like diabetes and cancer, or health behaviors such as nutrition and physical activity. It provides health information resources as well as information about current efforts to improve the health of the community.

Data is available on this website in a consistent format that can be accessed easily by individuals, providers, or organizations. Health care leaders say they hope the abundance of data on this website will enable community organizations to collaborate in identifying and implementing programs that address health priorities at the local level.

Community members are invited to a demonstration of the website at 9 a.m. Thursday, November 14, in Room G302 at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, 720 Second Avenue.

“This grant shows that Eau Claire is being recognized for being innovative with its action around public health.” says Lieske Giese, Director of the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. “The funding will help us research ways to use Eau Claire Healthy Communities website as an educational tool to make a difference in the health of our community.”

The grant partners are: [Eau Claire City-County Health Department](#), [Marshfield Clinic](#), [Mayo Clinic Health System](#), [Sacred Heart Hospital](#), [United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley](#) and the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The Eau Claire Healthy Communities website is available at www.ehealthycommunities.org. For more information, contact the Eau Claire City-County Health Department at 715-839-4718.

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