RiseBoro Community Partnership Receives $780,000 Innovation Grant from OneCity Health

(New York, NY — June 13, 2018) – RiseBoro Community Partnership announced today that it has received a $780,000 grant from the OneCity Health Innovation Fund to implement its project, Wellness Rising Initiative.

The funding will enable RiseBoro an opportunity to meet with individuals throughout the community who experience above-average levels of obesity, diabetes, and hypertension. Clients throughout RiseBoro’s housing, community, and senior centers will receive individualized help through community health workers to learn about quality nutrition, lifestyle, and navigating the healthcare systems.

“Access to healthy food, an active lifestyle, and understanding the healthcare systems are essential resources to help communities thrive, said Scott Short, CEO, RiseBoro Community Partnership.” “We are thrilled to lead the Wellness Rising Initiative along with our partners LISC NYC, NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull, New York Academy of Medicine, and Make The Road New York. With our dedicated staff and an inclusive approach, we look forward to equipping every individual with health resources that enable them to become agents of change in their lives and communities.”

OneCity Health, the NYC Health + Hospitals Performing Provider System under New York State’s Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program, selected eight community partners to receive funding from its $5 million Innovation Fund to implement programs that will reduce avoidable hospitalizations, improve community health outcomes, and address social determinants of health, like food security and health literacy.

The $5M Innovation Fund was open to all OneCity Health partners, which includes more than 160 community-based organizations, hospitals, physician practices, pharmacies, behavioral health practitioners and others. OneCity Health encouraged partners to collaborate and submit joint applications, and ultimately received 41 applications from 55 partners.

“Congratulations to our partners for submitting creative ideas that cover a range of topics, from opioid dependency to improving connections to care. Their innovations will help improve the health of our patients,” said Israel Rocha, CEO, OneCity Health. “Each project represents two important aspects of the DSRIP program, innovation and community collaboration. These innovative solutions help to bridge the gap to a value-based payment environment, and the collaborations between our community partners demonstrate a holistic approach to creating an
integrated delivery system. We look forward to helping to foster these programs over the next year and seeing their results.”

The $5M fund was one of the largest allocations set aside by a Performing Provider System across the State to support more community collaborations, innovations, and best practices.

**About RiseBoro Community Partnership**

At RiseBoro Community Partnership, we unleash the potential of communities to thrive, no matter the odds. Since 1973, RiseBoro has offered services designed to support every generation and meet the needs of communities. Our divisions encompass seniors, housing, education, health and empowerment. Our unique model of holistic community revitalization works by developing neighborhood assets, like affordable housing, to create the foundation for a more vibrant and diverse community. We build upon this foundation with programs designed to connect people to essential resources to help everyone in the community thrive, especially our most vulnerable populations. This inclusive approach helps unleash the potential of the community and ensures that nobody is left behind in times of growth. For more information, visit www.riseboro.org

**About OneCity Health**

OneCity Health is the [NYC Health + Hospitals](https://www.nychamber.org)-sponsored Performing Provider System, formed under the auspices of the New York State Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program. Comprising hundreds of healthcare providers, community-based organizations, and health systems, OneCity Health is the largest Performing Provider System in New York City.