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City of Bowie Community Outreach Committee Awards Grants

The Community Outreach Committee (COC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015-2016 Grant Program. Each year the COC reviews grant applications from groups offering programs which provide a needed service to residents of the City of Bowie. Funds are appropriated by the City Council to support these programs. This year's recipients are:

“Women Who Work: A Workforce Development Initiative” – This program was designed by the Institute for Creative Community Initiatives. The program will be implemented through 16 sessions which will take place once each week. Participants will be 10 single mothers, at least 60% will be City of Bowie residents. The program will provide computer literacy training to prepare participants for entry level positions in the workforce. It will also provide participants with career planning resources and services and guide them through the process of obtaining and sustaining gainful employment.

“Understanding the Importance of Mental Health” – This program will be presented by the National Alliance for Mental Health (NAMI) of Prince Georges County. The program is designed to broaden community awareness and understanding of mental health and mental health disorders as well as to increase support for the acceptance of mental health conditions as diseases like many other physical illnesses. The program will be open to the public and will consist of 4 - 90 minute seminars which will be held at the Kenhill Center.

Funding is available for additional projects. Application information will be available on the City website and through the local media after November 1st.

All applications must be received at Bowie City Hall no later than December 1, 2015. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact COC staff liaison, Sally Hein at 301-809-3014 or shein@cityofbowie.org.