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## Siemens Foundation Provides \$75K to Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services in Cleveland to Support COVID-19 Recovery and Social Equity

- **Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services (NEON) is one of eight additional community health centers receiving financial support from the non-profit organization, raising the total to more than \$2M to 20 providers since April.**
- **Locations chosen to address the needs of the medically underserved, underrepresented and uninsured, advancing the Foundation's long-term commitment to social equity and justice.**

The [Siemens Foundation](#) today announced it is providing \$75,000 to Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services in Cleveland, Ohio, to help in the COVID-19 crisis recovery and address racial disparities in accessing quality, affordable healthcare. The community health center is one of eight receiving financial support from the non-profit organization established by Siemens USA. These grants complement the \$1.5 million in grants provided by the Siemens Foundation in April to 12 community health centers across the country.

“In 2019, we served over 27,619 individuals who represented more than 88,461 visits. We can only accomplish our mission with the support of funders and community partners, such as the Siemens Foundation, who share our vision for a healthy Greater Cleveland,” **said NEON President and CEO Willie F. Austin.** “As we approach our 54<sup>th</sup> year of service, we are grateful for our partners that make our services possible. Thank you Siemens Foundation for joining us in our work to keep individuals well and out of the hospital.”

Operating since 1962, Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services has seven locations and a dental mobile van that serves the Greater Cleveland area. A designated COVID-19 testing site, NEON continues to need appropriate testing kits, personal protective equipment and support staff, including a clinical team. Through operating funds donated by organizations such as Siemens Foundation, NEON will be able to make COVID-19 testing available to even more residents in the Greater Cleveland area.

“The Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Service is a lifeline for many communities in the greater Cleveland area who need access to quality health care,” **said U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH)**. “This funding will help provide resources needed to assist the communities that have been disproportionately affected during this COVID-19 pandemic. I’m grateful to the Siemens Foundation for their commitment to provide this assistance and support to those most in need during this crisis.”

The Siemens Foundation has made a commitment to support these critical healthcare providers so they can recover and rebuild from the repercussions of the pandemic. The grants reinforce the Foundation’s continued resolve to promote diversity, equity and inclusion amid national efforts to address racism and promote racial justice.

“Six months into the pandemic, COVID-19 continues to disproportionately affect people of color, particularly Black people,” **said David Etwiler, CEO, Siemens Foundation**. “Our commitment to eliminating health, education, and social justice disparities experienced by Black people is stronger than ever.”

The community health centers were identified using equity criteria developed by the Siemens Foundation in consultation with the National Association of Community Health Centers and the Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers.

The centers will receive funds over the next few weeks and are free to allocate it where it is needed most.

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