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Peter G. Dodge Foundation Announces 2017 Mission Grant Recipients

The Peter G. Dodge Foundation (PGDF) is pleased to announce our 2017 Mission Grant recipients. Mission Grants fund work by exemplary non-profit organizations in the United States in alignment with our primary objective: helping people lead lives free from the effects of alcohol addiction.

Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation (HBFF) – <http://www.hazeldenbettyford.org/> PGDF will support “*Addiction Medicine for the Primary Care Provider*,” a one-day conference to be co-hosted by PGDF and HBFF and held in Rancho Mirage, CA in October 2018, featuring keynote appearances by Dr. Nora Volkow, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and Dr. George Koob, Director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The program will give primary care providers essential tools that will allow them to appropriately treat and refer patients with addiction in their practices.

The Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation is a force of healing and hope for individuals, families and communities affected by addiction to alcohol and other drugs. It is the nation's largest nonprofit treatment provider, with a legacy that began in 1949 and includes the 1982 founding of the Betty Ford Center. With 17 sites in California, Minnesota, Oregon, Illinois, New York, Florida, Massachusetts, Colorado and Texas, the Foundation offers prevention and recovery solutions nationwide and across the entire continuum of care for youth and adults.

McLean Hospital – <http://www.mcleanhospital.org/> PGDF will support a pilot study led by Dr. Marc Copersino to design and deliver developmentally appropriate treatment curricula for people with developmental disabilities (DD). Standard addiction treatment programs are cognitively demanding, requiring skills that exceed those of most people with DD. Alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment programs are, at present, mostly absent from the community. This project will develop alcohol and other drug refusal skills while supporting client independence, self-determination, and community inclusion.

McLean Hospital is a comprehensive mental health care facility committed to providing a full range of high quality, cost effective, mental health services. It was named America's number one psychiatric hospital in the U.S. News & World Report 2017-2018 "Best Hospitals" survey. McLean Hospital staff, faculty, students, volunteers and supporters are dedicated to improving the lives of people and families affected by psychiatric illness. As the largest psychiatric affiliate of Harvard Medical School, McLean has been meeting the needs of individuals and families with psychiatric illness since its founding in 1811.

David Lynch Foundation (DLF) – <https://www.davidlynchfoundation.org/> A two-year commitment supports the hiring of a DLF staff member to initiate and build a program establishing Transcendental Meditation (TM) as a tool for reducing stress and building resilience for people with alcohol and other drug addiction. PGDF Founder Peter Dodge uses TM in his own recovery and has become an advocate for its use to support treatment for addiction.

The David Lynch Foundation helps to prevent and eradicate the all-pervasive epidemic of trauma and toxic stress among at-risk populations through promoting widespread implementation of the evidence-based Transcendental Meditation (TM) program in order to improve their health, cognitive capabilities and performance in life.

Partnership for Drug Free Kids - <https://drugfree.org/> PGDF will support the development of a mobile-friendly version of AlcoholScreening.org, one of the top alcohol feedback websites in the world. Nearly 45% of users access the site via

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mobile phone, but the site is not currently compatible with mobile technology. This grant will dramatically increase the number of users who can effectively access and use the site to assess their drinking and find help if needed.

The Partnership for Drug-Free Kids is committed to helping families struggling with their son or daughter's substance use. They empower families with information, support and guidance to get the help their loved one needs and deserves. They also advocate for greater understanding and more effective programs to treat the disease of addiction.

Alano Club of Portland - <http://www.portlandalano.org/> PGDF will support Alano Club of Portland's *Recovery Toolkit Series*, providing recovering individuals with a free, comprehensive scope of tools to help them achieve sobriety and/ or avoid relapse.

The Alano Club of Portland has been a leading source of recovery support in the Portland, Oregon area for 60 years and counting. The Alano Club exists to provide a welcoming, compassionate and accessible recovery support environment for individuals and families recovering from alcoholism, drug addiction and other addictive disorders. By owning and operating a beautiful, historic community center that hosts the largest and most diverse offering of mutual-aid support meetings and recovery services in Oregon, the Alano Club of Portland is able to bring healing, hope and solutions to more than 10,000 visitors each month. There's no other recovery support center of its kind in the area, where recovering individuals can go, free of charge, to receive the level of life-long support they need in their journey to addiction recovery.

Pinhead Institute – www.pinheadinstitute.org PGDF renews its support of Pinhead Institute's Pintern program, sponsoring two exemplary high school students each year to work at the renowned Scripps Research Institute in the lab of Dr. Olivier George on alcohol addiction research.

Pinhead Institute is a Smithsonian Affiliate based in Telluride, Colorado that promotes STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education locally and globally. An international network of the world's leading scientists supports their many programs, providing unparalleled opportunity for high-level STEM inquiry in rural Colorado. Pinhead Institute educates and inspires children and adults in the greater Telluride region about the wonders of science and technology.

Faces & Voices of Recovery - <https://facesandvoicesofrecovery.org/> PGDF sponsored *America Honors Recovery 2017*, the signature gala event of Faces & Voices of Recovery, held on Monday, July 17, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC. *America Honors Recovery* is the largest and most prestigious gathering of nonpartisan, public and private sector leaders in the nation who convene to network while celebrating the achievements of the recovery community.

About The Peter G. Dodge Foundation:

The Peter G. Dodge Foundation (PGDF) is dedicated to helping people lead lives free from the effects of alcohol addiction. By increasing treatment options, elevating awareness, and facilitating access, we work to create a new paradigm for what treatment and recovery can be.

"The Peter G. Dodge Foundation is intended to be a driving force for improving the lives of people with alcohol use disorder. AUD creates incalculable amounts of human misery and economic expense, yet despite the enormity of the problem, diagnosis and treatment can be haphazard and largely ineffective. We are working to change that by funding research for new treatments, sharing information, and supporting programs and organizations that are making a difference."

–Peter G. Dodge

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