

**ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING SFY 2013-14 DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE  
NURSING HOME CASH PENALTY FUND**

From grant applications:

**1. Arapahoe Community College, \$21,647**

The intent of this grant to ACC is to provide scholarships for Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs) who wish to enroll and complete the Eldercare Specialist Certificate program at Arapahoe Community College. The overarching premise for this request is to educate CNAs regarding Culture Change in order to prepare them for their role as an Eldercare Specialist. Eldercare Specialists are able to work in a variety of settings in long term care, providing hands-on care to the elder. This program will provide the needed training to assist CNAs to understand Culture Change and the steps they can take to implement Culture Change in their facilities. The result is a focus on Person-Centered care and a better quality of life for residents, both of which are fundamental goals of evidence-based practice and Culture Change.

**2 Life Quality Institute, \$25,000**

The grant partially funded a pilot execution of the “Life Quality Initiative,” a broad-based and comprehensive effort to improve Person-Centered Care and quality in Colorado by the application of evidence-based palliative care principles and approaches. The Life Quality Initiative is a phased education and consultation program to integrate palliative care approaches and practices into settings “upstream” from hospice, with measurable improvements in quality of care, patient and family satisfaction, and staff competence and turnover, and – ultimately – the healthcare providers’ bottomline. The program comprises four sequential phases: (1) training, (2) implementation and coaching, (3) outcome measurement, and (4) annual renewal with refresher training. In phases (1) and (2), LQI provides comprehensive setting-specific palliative care training to select facility staff and coaches the facility through an implementation process whereby specific palliative practices are integrated into usual care. Implementation focuses on a discrete set of actions and processes that directly apply learned skills to practice in key areas:

advance care planning; mortality assessment and palliative interventions; pain and symptom management; responding to suffering; and preparing for and recognizing the end of life.

**3 Colorado State Veterans Nursing Home (CSVNH) Walsenburg, \$12,000**

CSVNH Walsenburg is a state-run veterans' nursing home in Walsenburg, CO. The purpose of the grant funds was to fund Eden® Education Growth. The Eden Mission is to improve the well-being of Elders and those who care for them by transforming the communities in which they live and work. The vision of Eden is to eliminate loneliness, helplessness and boredom. Currently, approximately 30 staff have received Eden-certification. The goal is to eventually have all staff be Eden certified.

The goal for the funds of this Grant would allow two new training sessions to be attended by groups of ten employees at both trainings, bringing the facility to a total of 50 trained staff. As in past trainings, the facility invited residents to be a part of this training as it will benefit them to grow with the staff during their Culture Change transition. Family members were also invited to participate in this growth process.

**Total award amounts for SFY 2013-14: \$58,800.00**