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### HIGHLIGHTS

- The three largest grants cover health research, infrastructure upgrades, and opioid crisis intervention assistance.
- Confirmation of additional external funding totaling nearly \$100,000 has been received for Winthrop faculty members to pursue specific initiatives.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA -- Winthrop University received external grants exceeding \$5.5 million during the spring semester. The three largest grants cover health research, infrastructure upgrades, and opioid crisis intervention assistance.

"We are very grateful to receive such significant outside funding for these critical projects," said **President Dan Mahony**. "My thanks go out to the members of the Winthrop community who identify these funding sources, spend significant time applying for these funds, and

then use the funds wisely throughout the implementation process. Their good work supports our strategic efforts as reflected in the [Winthrop Plan](#)."

Learn more about the three largest grants below:

- **The Center for Public Opinion and Policy Research (CPOPR)** received two state contracts totaling \$3.4 million. The center has begun work on the two contracts with the state health department, one valued at \$2.38 million over five years and the other at \$800,000 over four years. One contract will support the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Systems Survey while the other contract will support the Adult Tobacco Survey.
- Winthrop will receive a \$1.2 million grant for electrical upgrades to reinforce the campus' infrastructure to prepare for extreme hazardous weather. The infrastructure improvements will help make the campus more resilient, especially in regard to disaster-related events. The grant was announced by the U.S. Department of Commerce as part of a congressional appropriation for disaster relief and recovery. The project was made possible by the regional planning efforts led by the Catawba Regional Economic Development District.
- The **Department of Social Work** received a \$900,000 federal grant to partner with several other agencies to pilot a three-year project to help defendants with drug addictions in jail at the Moss Justice Center. The project, entitled the South Carolina Medication-Assisted Treatment Court, seeks to combat the opioid epidemic in York County and to reduce the number of repeat drug offenders. Funding for the grant was provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance through the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

Confirmation of additional external funding totaling nearly \$100,000 has been received for Winthrop faculty members to pursue specific initiatives. This additional funding includes \$67,698 for **social work professor Duane Neff's** "Healthy People, Healthy Carolinas" grant from the Duke Endowment, as well as several other smaller grants to various faculty members.

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