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## **BUSH FOUNDATION COMMUNITY INNOVATION GRANT**

Family Tree Clinic Will Be Offering Trans Hormone Care Summer of 2015

**SAINT PAUL, MN, NOVEMBER 12, 2014** – Family Tree Clinic has been awarded a Bush Foundation Community Innovation Grant for Trans Hormone Access Project, a community-driven pilot program.

"We're incredibly enthusiastic to embark on this community collaboration. We are working to fill a need and deliver patient centered hormone care via a process informed by the transgender community. We are thrilled that the Bush Foundation saw the need as well," said Family Tree Clinic executive director, Alissa Light.

Established in 2013, the Community Innovation Grant program is designed to inspire and support communities to use problem-solving processes that lead to more effective, equitable, and sustainable solutions. Projects receiving Community Innovation Grants can be at any stage in the problem-solving process, which includes: identifying the need, increasing collective understanding of the issue, generating ideas, and testing and implementing solutions.

"Community Innovation Grant recipients are tackling community problems in a way we believe most likely to result in real breakthrough solutions. They are engaging the community, collaborating with other organizations, and making the most of existing assets; in short, all of the things it takes to create a true community innovation," said Molly Matheson Gruen, Bush Foundation community innovation manager.

Family Tree Clinic will primarily be partnering with the Minnesota Transgender Health Coalition to move this program forward. The expected launch date is the summer of 2015, and hormones will be offered on a sliding fee scale.

## **About Family Tree Clinic**

Family Tree Clinic is a nonprofit community clinic that provides sexual and reproductive health services, as well as minor illness care. Besides our clinic services, we provide community education and operate the MN Family Planning + STD Hotline. Via all of our programming we serve over 18,000 people each year. During the 40 plus years our doors have been open, we've never turned a patient away if they couldn't pay. And we never will.

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