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Family Tree Clinic Receives Major Grant to Expand Network of Gender-Expansive Health Care Providers

Family Tree Clinic has received a \$757,000 Community Innovation Grant from the Bush Foundation to develop a replicable model for training and supporting health care providers to deliver gender-affirming care in their home communities across Minnesota, North and South Dakota and the Native nations that share that geography.

Beginning in 2022, this five-year program will build a network of trained providers to transform the landscape of trans and gender-expansive health care across our region. Through this approach, providers will gain the expertise and peer support needed to offer trans and gender-expansive healthcare in their own communities.

"We're excited about supporting Family Tree Clinic's work to spread its gender-affirming care model to communities across the region," said Ramla Bile, Grantmaking Officer at the Bush Foundation. "This project has potential to address the absence of medical infrastructure impacting transgender and gender expansive people whose intersecting physical and mental health needs are often overlooked and not prioritized."

Family Tree's Executive Director Alissa Light said, "This investment from the Bush Foundation builds upon the tremendous success of our gender-affirming hormone care program. Patients travel from a seven-state region to receive care at Family Tree, but we want people to have access to quality, inclusive care in their own hometowns. This project will move the needle on health care equity for trans and gender-expansive people in our region."

About Family Tree

Family Tree Clinic, a sexual health clinic and education center founded 50 years ago, opened in its new location at 1919 Nicollet Avenue in Minneapolis in November 2021. Family Tree centers its work on people often pushed to the margins of healthcare. In 2020, 60% of clinic patients identified as LGBTQ, 36% had no insurance, and 44% lived at or below the federal poverty level. Most Family Tree patients are young, with 92% under the age 36. And across all programs, 57% of participants are Black, Indigenous or People of Color. Learn more at familytreeclinic.org.

About the Bush Foundation

The Bush Foundation invests in great ideas and the people who power them in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the 23 Native nations that share the same geography. Established in 1953 by 3M Executive Archibald Bush and his wife Edyth, the Foundation supports organizations and people who think bigger and think differently about what is possible in their communities. The Foundation works to inspire and support creative problem solving — within and across sectors — to make the region better for everyone.