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SEATTLE — Project Access Northwest recently received a \$334,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Washington, for Behavioral Health Care Coordination. This grant supports Project Access Northwest's efforts to provide behavioral health care services to the region's vulnerable and uninsured patients. Its new Pro Bono Counseling program will replicate successful programs in Maryland and Colorado, which provide talk therapy addressing concerns such as depression, anxiety, abuse, self-esteem, relationships, divorce, grief, trauma and life transitions. With this grant, Project Access Northwest will hire a licensed therapist to help coordinate strategic partnerships, establish clinical processes and help recruit a network of volunteer mental health specialists.

"This grant is key to getting our Pro Bono Counseling program launched, and we are so grateful for the support," said Gary Renville, executive director of Project Access Northwest. "We are now actively seeking licensed professionals and student interns to join our network as volunteers. There is a huge need for quality mental health care services in our community, especially for low-income and uninsured patients, and we are excited to be part of the solution."

ABOUT PROJECT ACCESS NORTHWEST

Project Access Northwest, a non-profit 501(c)3 formed in 2006, improves access to specialty health care for vulnerable and uninsured patients. It provides no-cost care in more than 50 specialties

through a network of more than 1750 volunteer health care providers and regional hospital systems. Project Access Northwest care coordinators match pre-screened patients with volunteer specialists who will provide the care they need, resulting in more than 62,000 patient appointments since its founding.

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ABOUT M.J. MURDOCK CHARITABLE TRUST

M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, created by the will of the late Melvin J. (Jack) Murdock, provides grants to organizations in five states of the Pacific Northwest—Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington—that seek to strengthen the region’s educational and cultural base in creative and sustainable ways.

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