

## **Health Clinic in Muscatine, Iowa**

### **Proposed recipient:**

Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine  
104 W. Second Street  
Muscatine, Iowa 52761

### **Requested amount:**

\$4,000,000

### **Explanation of request:**

The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine is leading a \$18 million project to build a new, three-floor, 42,000 square foot health clinic facility aimed at strengthening rural health access and equity in Muscatine County. This collaborative community health solution will directly and immediately expand and improve patient equity and care, creating multi-generational, social, and economic success for families of Muscatine County and portions of the adjacent underserved Louisa County. The existing 30,000 square foot Mulberry Health Clinic facility was built in 1975 and provides critical Family Practice, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Gynecology, and Surgery services, averaging 50,000 visits annually. The Mulberry Health Clinic building has served the community well throughout its forty-seven years, but it is aging and has regulatory safety concerns being temporarily mitigated at significant expense via interim life safety measures. To improve health access equity, the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine is leading a project to replace this deteriorating health clinic building with a modern health clinic facility that is connected to the county's only hospital. This connectivity will provide easy client access and service delivery for emergent issues, prescribed in-patient and out-patient services, lab, and radiology needs. New facilities will enable continued and expanded services, improved recruitment of physicians, and equitable access to all who live in this rural community. The facility has been designed to flex and meet potential changes in health service, including layout and technological changes for the coming decades. The structure of the project allows for continued operation of the current clinic while construction of the new space occurs, and the location of the clinic in Muscatine minimizes transportation as a barrier to accessing care, which reduces the chance of complications from acute symptom management.