MICHIGAN HEALTH ENDOWMENT FUND AWARDS MORE THAN $13 MILLION TO PROGRAMS BENEFITING MICHIGAN’S CHILDREN AND SENIORS

LANSING, Mich. - The Michigan Health Endowment Fund has awarded $13 million to 33 projects working to improve the health of Michigan seniors and children in communities across the state. The grants range in amounts from $100,000 to $500,000 and are split into two categories: Healthy Aging and Special Projects & Emerging Ideas. Healthy Aging grants support programs for older adults in Michigan. The Special Projects & Emerging Ideas program allows the Health Fund to partner with statewide organizations and agencies on innovative new programs that could influence best practices and future policy solutions. The full list of grant recipients is listed below as well as here with additional project description information.

“The Health Fund is proud to support this impressive list of organizations working to improve the lives and health of Michigan’s children and seniors,” said Health Fund Chief Executive Officer Paul Hillegonds. “We had a tremendous response to the grant opportunities and as a result we are able to fund innovative projects with the potential for lasting impact.”

The Healthy Aging category includes almost $5 million in grants supporting projects that are local, regional, or statewide in scale. This includes $499,381 for Home-Based Transitional Telecare for Older Veterans, a Regents of the University of Michigan program that will assist older veterans with declining health after they are discharged from the hospital. Also, $441,987 will be awarded to Lake Superior Hospice to expand and enhance existing hospice services in the Upper Peninsula.
The Special Projects & Emerging Initiatives grant recipients were invited to apply based on conversations with state agencies and other stakeholders. Awardees in this category include $500,000 for the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for the Flint Kids Fund, to support positive outcomes for the children of Flint. Additionally, $500,000 will be awarded to Michigan State University for a program that assesses key risk factors in pregnant women to prevent adverse outcomes. In West Michigan, the Spectrum Health Foundation will receive $500,000 to improve infant care and eliminate disparities in birth outcomes.

“We are excited to be partnering with the Health Fund to support programs that establish statewide best practices to support the health of Michigan children and seniors,” said Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Nick Lyon. “These are innovative ideas that now can be tested, put into practice and grown.”

Additional information can be found at the Michigan Health Endowment Fund website at mhealthfund.com.

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2016 Healthy Aging Grant Awards

Luella Hannan Memorial Foundation - Care Coordination for Working Caregivers, $404,250.00

Lake Superior Hospice - Community Care - Palliative Services to Support Aging in the U.P., $441,987.00

Michigan Oral Health Coalition - Creating a Dental Home for Low-Income Kent County Seniors, $203,171.00

The Regents of the University of Michigan - Home-based Transitional Telecare for Older Veterans, $499,381.00

ACLU Fund of Michigan - Improving Care to LGBT Older Adults, $399,400.00

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency - Integrated Care Readiness Project, $415,895.00
Henry Ford Health System - Knock & Check: Reduce Social Isolation and Improve Healthcare for Frail Seniors, $197,768.00

United Methodist Retirement Communities - Positive Approach Training: Enriching the Lives of those with Dementia and Caregivers, $495,050.00

Area Agency on Aging 1-B - SameAddress - New Services and Program Expansion, $499,913.00

Region 3B Area Agency on Aging - SW Michigan Aging Mastery Program® (AMP), $476,655.00

Wayne State University - The Center for Financial Safety and Health, $333,923.00

Trinity Home Health Services - Whatever It Takes: A 24/7 Triage and Treatment Service, $495,000.00

**2016 Special Projects & Emerging Ideas Grant Awards**

Michigan State University - An Integrated Model for Personal Assistant Research and Training (Impart), $500,000.00

Michigan League for Public Policy - Assessment of Michigan Medicaid’s Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Program, $480,000.00

Altarum Institute - Building a MediCaring Community in the Huron Valley PACE Program, $492,574.00

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health - Correctional Care Integration Project, $393,087.00

Michigan Association of Health Plans Foundation - Creating Healing Communities: A Statewide Initiative to Address Adverse Childhood Experiences in Michigan, $451,144.00

The Regents of the University of Michigan - Enhancing Michigan Workforce Capacity for Behavioral Dementia Care Using the DICE Approach (MiDICE), $405,850.00

Community Foundation of Greater Flint - Flint Child Health & Development Fund, $500,000.00

Valley Area Agency on Aging - Flint Seniors Matter, $500,000.00

Michigan State University - Geriatric Education Center of Michigan Reimagined, $376,593.00
Michigan Health Council - Geriatric Workforce Resource Center, $424,954.00

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services - Infant Mental Health Home Visiting Project, $500,000.00

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services - Integrated Service Delivery Portal, $500,000.00

Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program - Medigap Subsidy Counseling and Outreach (MMAP), $100,000.00

Western Michigan University School of Medicine - Michigan Crisis Intervention System (MI-CIS), $500,000.00

Michigan Department of Safe and Human Services - Michigan Infant Safe Sleep Program: A Systems Approach, $500,000.00

Michigan State University - Pregnancy Surveillance In Michigan to Reduce Infant and Maternal Mortality, $500,000.00

Michigan Public Health Institute - Revision of the Medical Examiner System in Michigan, $285,923.00

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services - Secondary Trauma Assessment & Training, $400,000.00

Spectrum Health Foundation - Strong Beginnings, $500,000.00

School Community Health Alliance of Michigan - Sustainable Financing For School Health Services, $496,170.00

District Health Department of Dickinson-Iron, Marquette, Delta and Menominee Counties - UP Wide Health Needs Assessment, $100,000.00