Michigan Health Endowment Fund awards $4 million to health projects across Michigan

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Health Endowment Fund (Health Fund) has announced grants for 50 Michigan organizations with more than $4 million in new investments. Organizations from the urban corridors of metro Detroit to the pristine wilderness of the Upper Peninsula will receive between $15,000 to $100,000 as part of the Health Fund’s Community Health Impact program. (A full list of grant recipients and project descriptions can be found at the end of this release.)

“We’ve found that the biggest community health changes happen when we can empower communities to meet their own needs,” explained Health Fund program officer Megan Murphy. “This grant round is about big ideas and local connections — piloting projects with real potential for expansion or replication in the future.”

One notable project addresses the Health Fund’s focus area of foster and adopted children: Calvin College in Grand Rapids will be establishing PEERS, a curriculum that helps at-risk internationally adopted teens with social skills and peer relationships. The training will be group-based, providing the children with a space to interact with each other and incorporate the skills they learn. Calvin College received $50,970 for this project.

In the Upper Peninsula, UPCAP Services’ Benjamin Rose Institute Care Coaching program brings support and resources to informal caregivers. Those providing care to family members will receive personalized coaching, empowering them to manage care with simple, practical solutions. The telehealth-based model is well-suited to meet the geographical challenges of service delivery in this underserved area.
The Community Health Impact grant awards support projects that benefit the health and wellness of communities across Michigan. Grant applications had to align with the Health Fund’s overall mission and address at least one of the Health Fund’s eight focus areas: food access; behavioral health; foodborne illness; health-related transportation; health services for foster and adopted children; infant mortality; technology enhancements; and wellness and fitness.

About the Health Fund

The Michigan Health Endowment Fund works to improve the health and wellness of Michigan residents and reduce the cost of healthcare, with a special focus on children and older adults. The foundation has five annual grant programs and are currently accepting applications for the 2019 Community Health Impact program. For more information about the Health Fund and its grantmaking, visit mihealthfund.org.

2019 Community Health Impact Grants

Access of West Michigan
Healthy Food Retail Markets | $100,000

Area Agency on Aging 1-B
Caring for the Caregiver 2.0: Assessing How Well Communities Support Caregivers | $95,690

Ascension Genesys Foundation (AGF)
Diabetes Resources for Education and Motivation (DREAM) | $100,000

Ascension St. John Foundation
Mother Nurture Lactation College Sustainability Project | $54,200

Battle Creek Family YMCA
Passport to Wellness | $75,000

Big Green
Learning Garden Expansion to Detroit Public School District | $100,000

Black Mothers’ Breastfeeding Association
Stakeholder-Driven High-Tech Innovation | $100,000

Bridging Communities, Inc.
Senior Meal Delivery | $53,000

Brilliant Detroit
Health Platform | $100,000

Calvin College
Intervention to Address Social Skills Among Internationally Adopted Children | $50,970
CATCH Global Foundation
Lansing CATCH Coordinated School Health Initiative | $72,800

Chaldean Community Foundation
Caregiver and Client Health, Wellness, and Aging Training and Outreach | $99,964

Children’s Healing Center
Integrating Trauma Informed Care with Good. Clean. Fun | $70,750

Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation
Wayne County Expansion and Implementation of English/Spanish FitKids360 | $94,650

Common Ground
Children’s In-Home Stabilizer | $84,000

Community Action House
Community Food Club of Holland | $100,000

Delta-Schoolcraft ISD
Building Behavioral Supports Through Leadership Development and Community Collaborations | $100,000

District Health Department #10
Healthy Students, Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities | $100,000

Eastern Michigan University
EMU Geropsychology - Detecting and Managing High-Conflict Care Situations | $99,041

GiGi’s Playhouse Detroit
GiGiFit | $30,000

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan
CenteringPregnancy with Healthy Food | $100,000

Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation
Improving Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Ridership in Grand Traverse and Benzie Counties | $50,000

Greater Flint Health Coalition
Community Health Hub Project | $100,000

Greater Midland
Long-term Sustainability for Community Impact | $100,000

Great Lakes Recovery Centers, Inc.
New Hope Maternity House Planning Grant | $41,517

Henry Ford Health System
Integrating Behavioral Health Sustainability Modeling | $99,999

Hope Hospitality & Warming Center, Inc
Complex Care Coordinator | $100,000

Humans First Detroit
Project Cohere | $100,000

Hurley Medical Center
Food FARMacy – Addressing Barriers to Achieving Food Security in Genesee County | $78,538

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County
The WISE Program: Enhanced Service Delivery through Technology Improvements and Universal Assessment | $100,000
Keep Growing Detroit
Garden at the End of Regie’s Rainbow Project | $34,617

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Debweyendan Indigenous Gardens | $100,000

 Livingston County Catholic Charities
Creating a Caregiver Corps in Livingston | $100,000

Maggie’s Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan, Inc.
Support Groups for Children & Teens with Health Challenges | $15,000

Michigan Center for Clinical Systems Improvement
Planning for Community Health Information Exchange | $93,500

Michigan Health Improvement Alliance
Catalytic Support for Resilience-Building Communities in the Great Lakes Bay Region (Building Resilience) | $96,866

Michigan State University
Enhancing the Quality of Life Among Elders Facing Cognitive Decline | $100,000

Midland County Cancer Society, INC.
Better Odds for Survival | $100,000

Oakland University
PAL Prescription for Healthy Families | $100,000

Pediatric Foundation of Michigan
Michigan Residency Program ACEs Screening Learning Collaborative | $98,250

Region 7 Area Agency on Aging
Primary Health Care & Rx @ Home | $100,000

Shelter Association of Washtenaw County
Shelter Association Medical Recuperative Care Program | $100,000

Superior Health Foundation
Medical Transportation in the U.P. | $50,000

The Regents of the University of Michigan
Training Community Health Workers and Peer Support Specialists to Promote Oral Health: The Family Oral Health Project | $89,562

UPCAP Services, Inc.
Benjamin Rose Institute (BRI) Care Coaching Program | $100,000

Washtenaw Area Council for Children
Cyber Safety and Resiliency Program | $15,000

Washtenaw County Health Department
HealthyOne | $100,000

Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency
A Community Solution to Trauma: Improving children’s behavioral health access & outcomes at Wayne Metro | $50,000

Wayne State University
Youth Advancing Community Health (YACH) | $100,000

West Michigan Partnership for Children
Kent Coalition for Family Resilience | $100,000