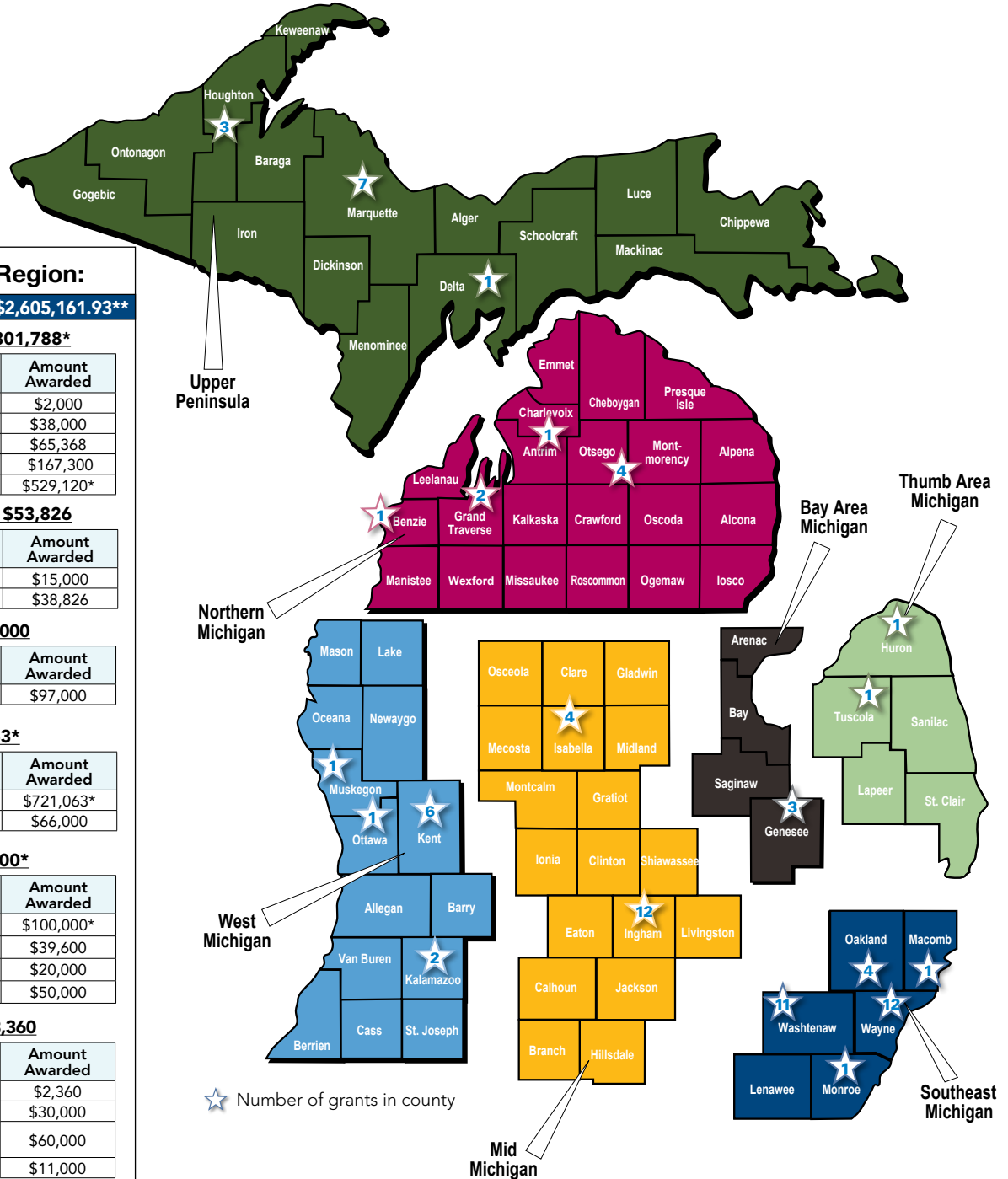


BCBSM Foundation 2023 Grant Highlights



Total Grants by Region:

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED: \$2,605,161.93**

Southeast Michigan: \$801,788*

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Macomb	1	\$2,000
Monroe	1	\$38,000
Oakland	4	\$65,368
Washtenaw	11	\$167,300
Wayne	12	\$529,120*

Thumb Area Michigan: \$53,826

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Huron	1	\$15,000
Tuscola	1	\$38,826

Bay Area Michigan: \$97,000

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Genesee	3	\$97,000

Mid-Michigan: \$787,063*

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Ingham	12	\$721,063*
Isabella	4	\$66,000

West Michigan: \$209,600*

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Kalamazoo	2	\$100,000*
Kent	6	\$39,600
Muskegon	1	\$20,000
Ottawa	1	\$50,000

Northern Michigan \$103,360

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Benzie	1	\$2,360
Charlevoix	1	\$30,000
Grand Traverse	2	\$60,000
Otsego	4	\$11,000

Upper Peninsula: \$552,524.93*

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Delta	1	\$70,194*
Houghton	3	\$41,000
Marquette	7	\$441,330.93*

*Includes partner funding

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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2023		\$240,000*	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Mommies in the D Marketia White	Grant support to address maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity and child development.	\$2,000 Proposal Development Award	Macomb, Wayne
Monroe County Opportunity Program Stephanie Kasprzak	Expansion of nutrition education at the Orchard East Health Hub.	\$38,000 Community Health	Monroe
Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County Ellen Abramson	Expansion of the Caregiver Assessment Respite Education and Support program for caregivers and those receiving care.	\$20,000 Community Health	Washtenaw
Leaders Advancing & Helping Communities Wassim Mahfouz	Improving mental wellness in schools through physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual functioning activities.	\$20,000 Community Health	Wayne
Henry Ford Health Michigan State University Health Sciences Andrew Bossick, MPH, Ph.D.	Develop provider education to improve the care of transgender men undergoing a gender-affirming hysterectomy.	\$60,000 Investigator-Initiated	Wayne
Because of His Love Outreach Lesley Grant, LMSW	Improving maternal and paternal mental health among Maternal Infant Health Program clients. Co-funded with BCBSM Social Mission through the "2023 Advancing Maternal Health Equity" initiative.	\$50,000* Request for Proposal	Wayne, Oakland, Macomb
United Way for Southeastern Michigan Darien Driver Hudson, Ed.D.	Support for the Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative to improve maternal mental health through increased awareness, assessment and treatment of Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders. Co-funded with BCBSM Social Mission through the "2023 Advancing Maternal Health Equity" initiative.	\$50,000* Request for Proposal	Wayne, Oakland, Macomb
JULY 2023		\$295,000*	
Affirmations Lesbian Gay Community Center Inc. Dave Garcia	Expansion of mental health and care management services.	\$30,000 Community Health	Oakland
Michigan Medicine Department of Family Medicine Diane Harper M.D., MPH, MS, FAAFP, FAAP	Conduct a retrospective review of all health records to investigate why Black women forego follow-up testing after an abnormal cervical cancer screening.	\$10,000 Physician Investigator	Washtenaw
Wayne State University Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Sheryl Kubiak, Ph.D.	Improving the response to people experiencing mental health or substance use-related emergencies through crisis care models. Co-funded by the Ethel and James Flinn Foundation and the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.	\$255,000* Request for Proposal	Wayne, Statewide
APRIL 2023		\$266,788	
Michigan School of Psychology Breanna Thornton	Investigate how a woman's spirituality, religious practice and psychological coping contribute to post-pregnancy quality of life and psychological adjustment.	\$2,368 Student Award	Oakland
Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter Jennifer Lepard	Support for the "Arab American Dementia Outreach Program" to increase Alzheimer's disease awareness and knowledge, reduce stigma, and decrease access barriers by providing culturally tailored dementia support services.	\$15,000 Community Health	Oakland, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, Wayne
Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan Paul Propson	Support for increasing access to substance use disorder treatment for the Latino community at La Casa Amiga.	\$18,000 Community Health	Oakland

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APRIL 2023		\$266,788	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Eastern Michigan University College of Arts and Sciences Sarah Freeman	Evaluate the acceptability, feasibility, and effectiveness of a revised perinatal Dialectical Behavioral Group Therapy curriculum.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
Eastern Michigan University College of Arts and Sciences Michelle Lobermeier	Explores neuroimaging while resting as a neural (brain) correlate of executive functioning development.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Medical School Courtney Burns	Investigate the under-diagnosis of heart failure in females with cardiovascular disease.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Medical School Zoey Chopra	Aid health systems redesign care practices to overcome biased heuristics and produce equitable outcomes.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Medical School Sophia Gutterman	Identify critical themes that leverage support from family and friends during patients' consideration of bariatric surgery.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Medical School Alesha Kotian	Determine cesarean delivery's maternal/infant benefit for birthing persons with hypertensive disorders.	\$2,800 Student Award	Washtenaw
TRAILS to Wellness Elizabeth Koschmann, Ph.D.	Support for Year 2: Statewide Implementation of Transforming Research into Action to Improve the Lives of Students (TRAILS).	\$50,000 Community Health	Washtenaw, Statewide
Washtenaw Area Council for Children Tim Richey	Expand the scope and availability of abuse prevention education for Head Start and state-funded preschool programs.	\$19,500 Community Health	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Michigan Medicine Calista Harbaugh, MS, M.D.	Measure, understand, and characterize why positive margins occur after colorectal cancer surgery.	\$50,000 Investigator-Initiated	Washtenaw, Statewide
Wayne State University School of Social Work Jennifer Clift	Promote the health and well-being of urban Black and African American emerging adults.	\$3,000 Student Award	Wayne
Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Christina Dandar	Investigate the relationship between hypoxic-ischemic risk and motor functioning.	\$3,000 Student Award	Wayne
Wayne State University School of Social Work Laura Sutherland	Understand how art activities can assuage the biomedicalization of dementia.	\$3,000 Student Award	Wayne
Beaumont Schaefer Internal Medicine Clinic Jonathan Zimmerman, MBA, M.D.	Develop and evaluate a program that compares the impact of blood pressure management by an interprofessional team as compared to patients managed by usual care.	\$9,120 Physician Investigator	Wayne
Avalon Healing Center Kimberly Hurst, MA, MS, PA-C, DFAAPA	Increasing mental and behavioral health services for sexual assault and trafficking survivors through an on-site Advanced Practice Provider.	\$28,000 Community Health	Wayne
Brilliant Detroit Cindy Eggleton	Support for implementing exercise and healthy food initiatives in four neighborhoods on Detroit's eastside, bolstering the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan commitment for the Detroit Neighborhood Initiative.	\$20,000 Community Health	Wayne
Eastside Community Network Donna Davidson	Increasing outreach and case management capacity to respond to the climate crisis.	\$28,000 Community Health	Wayne

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THUMB AREA MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2023		\$15,000	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Scheurer Health Ross Ramsey, M.D.	Support for sustainability planning for the Huron County School-Based Health Clinics.	\$15,000 Community Health	Huron
APRIL 2023		\$38,826	
Tuscola County Health Department Amanda Ertman	Conduct a birth equity and system assessment to develop a birth equity ecosystem map and an action plan as part of the Region 6 Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative.	\$38,826 Community Health	Tuscola, Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Saint Clair, Sanilac, Shiawassee

BAY AREA MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2023		\$40,000	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Flint Odyssey House Ronald Brown	Expansion of substance use disorder treatment services to pregnant and postpartum women to Port Huron.	\$40,000 Community Health	Genesee, St. Clair
JULY 2023		\$57,000	
Motherly Intercession Necole Hayes	Support for the Social Connections Program for women who have experienced or are impacted by incarceration to build their external support system.	\$27,000 Community Health	Genesee
R.L. Jones Community Outreach Center Sandra Jones	Implement a colorectal cancer prevention program for adults between the age of 35-44 years old with Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.	\$30,000 Community Health	Genesee

MID-MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2023		\$534,237*	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Firecracker Foundation Tashmica Torok	Support for maternal mental health programs and maternal health equity.	\$10,000 Community Health	Ingham
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Karren Campbell, Ph.D.	Evaluating programs and services for Pregnant and Postpartum Women enrolled in residential Substance Use Disorders treatment with Flint Odyssey House.	\$60,000 Investigator-Initiated	Ingham, Genesee, Saginaw, St. Clair
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Mona Hanna-Attisha, M.D.	Evaluating cash allowances to address racial and socioeconomic disparities in maternal and child health outcomes.	\$75,000 Investigator-Initiated	Ingham, Genesee
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine B. Keith English, M.D.	Creation of the Upper Peninsula Training and Enhanced Access to Children's Health (UP-TEACH) hub. Co-funded with the Superior Health Foundation and Michigan Health Endowment Fund through the "2023-2024 Pediatric Mental Health Program."	\$389,237* Request for Proposal	Ingham, Upper Peninsula

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JULY 2023		\$96,000	
Michigan State Medical Society Foundation Rebecca Blake	Support for the 27th Annual Conference on Bioethics: Capacity and Consciousness.	\$36,000 Community Health	Ingham, Statewide
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Todd Lucas, Ph.D.	Develop and evaluate a community-informed intervention to educate and encourage younger adults to engage in colorectal cancer prevention with R.L. Jones Community Outreach Center in Flint.	\$50,000 Investigator-Initiated	Ingham, Genesee
Isabella County Child Advocacy Center Britnee Neitzke	Increasing access to child abuse and neglect prevention education.	\$10,000 Community Health	Isabella
APRIL 2023		\$156,826	
Michigan State University Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology Basma Klump	Develop an evidence-based approach to incorporate opioid, vaping and marijuana misuse topics in high school.	\$3,000 Student Award	Ingham
Michigan State University College of Nursing Teresa Ng	Understanding the relationships between family resilience, adolescents' intrapersonal resilience, and adolescents' experiencing suicidal ideations.	\$3,000 Student Award	Ingham
Michigan State University College of Social Science Hannah Tokish	Improve autism intervention services for under served families by understanding the factors influencing active parent engagement in intervention sessions.	\$3,000 Student Award	Ingham
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Orezime Uyeh	Assess African American mental health literacy to decrease mental health disorder stigma and enhance help-seeking efficacy using comic illustrations.	\$3,000 Student Award	Ingham
Michigan League for Public Policy Monique Stanton	Measuring the health and well-being of children to improve the lives of Michigan's children and families via Kids Count in Michigan.	\$50,000 Community Health	Ingham, Statewide
Michigan Public Health Institute Renee Branch Canady, Ph.D.	Increase provider referrals to at-risk patients with postpartum depression as part of the Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative.	\$38,826 Community Health	Ingham, Wayne, Macomb, Oakland
Central Michigan University College of Medicine Paige Benard	Identify the challenges pregnant people with intellectual and developmental disabilities face in obtaining healthcare.	\$1,500 Student Award	Isabella
Central Michigan University College of Medicine Nicholas Sirhan	Identify the challenges pregnant people with intellectual and developmental disabilities face in obtaining healthcare.	\$1,500 Student Award	Isabella
Central Michigan University Department of Psychology James Gerhart, Ph.D.	Evaluate a healthcare provider's program supporting patients experiencing illness, health-related anger, and conflict.	\$53,000 Investigator-Initiated	Isabella

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WEST MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2023		\$106,400*	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Bronson Health Foundation, Inc. Terry Morrow	Support for the Southwest Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative to improve maternal mental health through increased awareness, assessment and treatment of perinatal loss. Co-funded with BCBSM Social Mission through the "2023 Advancing Maternal Health Equity" initiative.	\$50,000* Request for Proposal	Kalamazoo, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Saint Joseph, Van Buren
Young Women's Christian Association of Kalamazoo Lisa Rodriguez	Continued support for a home-visiting Community Health Worker. Co-funded with BCBSM Social Mission through the "2023 Advancing Maternal Health Equity" initiative.	\$50,000* Request for Proposal	Kalamazoo
Baxter Community Center Sonja Forte	Grant writing support to increase health care access and services and health programs.	\$1,500 Proposal Development Award	Kent
Fulton Street Farmers Market Inc. Dana Eardley	Grant writing support to decrease food and nutrition insecurity in Kent County.	\$1,000 Proposal Development Award	Kent
Safe Haven Rachel VerWys, MSW	Grant writing support for current and new programs that enhance client physical and behavioral health outcomes.	\$2,700 Proposal Development Award	Kent
StoreHouse of Community Resources Jessica Johns	Grant writing support to address the social determinants of health needs of community members.	\$1,200 Proposal Development Award	Kent
JULY 2023		\$80,000	
Hope College Department of Nursing Anita Esquerro-Zwiers, Ph.D.	Implement and evaluate the My Mother's Milk for Michigan Infants Lactation Coach program.	\$50,000 Investigator-Initiated	Ottawa, Calhoun
AYA Youth Collective Lauren VanKeulen	Provide on-site and low barrier, trauma-informed, and relational physical and behavioral health care and Medicaid enrollment.	\$30,000 Community Health	Kent
APRIL 2023		\$23,200	
Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan Jameela Maun, MA	Grant writing support for increased programming for children and families.	\$3,200 Proposal Development Award	Kent
Public Health-Muskegon County Kathy Moors	Address infant mortality by expanding the "Mom Mentoring" and "Safe Sleep" programs.	\$20,000 Community Health	Muskegon

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
JULY 2023		\$62,360	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Benzie Wellness and Aquatic Center Diane Tracy	Grant writing support for increased wellness activities in Benzie County.	\$2,360 Proposal Development Award	Benzie
Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan, Inc. Gina Aranki	Support for mental health services for families in Northwest Michigan.	\$10,000 Community Health	Grand Traverse, Northern Michigan
The Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities Tricia Phelps	Increased access to fresh produce consumption by connecting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-eligible communities to online ordering of fresh produce and nutritious food.	\$50,000 Request for Proposal	Grand Traverse, Baraga, Ingham, Lake, Luce, Oakland, Washtenaw, Wayne
APRIL 2023		\$41,000	
Health Department of Northwest Michigan Dan Thorell	Increase access to health care for school-age children by piloting telehealth services in rural Michigan school districts.	\$30,000 Community Health	Charlevoix, Antrim, Emmet, Otsego
Crossroads Ministries, Inc. Tamara Nemeth	Support program expansion of a fatherhood initiative, in-depth mentoring to moms, reproductive loss recovery, sexual risk avoidance education.	\$2,500 Community Health	Otsego
Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center Rebecca Yuncker	Support for child abuse prevention and awareness programs to staff at schools, daycare centers, physician offices, and other child-focused agencies.	\$1,500 Community Health	Otsego
Otsego County Commission on Aging Dona J. Wishart	Improve the quality of life, physical functioning and physical fitness among seniors.	\$3,500 Community Health	Otsego
Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan Gail Kloss	Support programming for emergency and ongoing services for domestic abuse and/or sexual assault survivors.	\$3,500 Community Health	Otsego

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UPPER PENINSULA GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2023		\$528,524.93*	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Catholic Social Services of the U.P. Kyle Rambo	Improve access to mental health treatment for young people. Co-funded with the Superior Health Foundation and Michigan Health Endowment Fund through the "2023-2024 Pediatric Mental Health Program."	\$70,194* Request for Proposal	Delta, Upper Peninsula
Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly Carol Korpela	Provide non-emergency medical transportation to individuals aged 60 and over.	\$35,000 Community Health	Houghton
Great Lakes Recovery Centers, Inc. Greg Toutant	Increased access to mental health treatment. Co-funded with the Superior Health Foundation and Michigan Health Endowment Fund through the "2023-2024 Pediatric Mental Health Program."	\$160,000* Request for Proposal	Marquette, Alger
Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency Greg Nyen, Ed.D.	Pilot a school-based universal mental health screening program. Co-funded with the Superior Health Foundation and Michigan Health Endowment Fund through the "2023-2024 Pediatric Mental Health Program."	\$24,492* Request for Proposal	Marquette, Alger
Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency Greg Nyen, Ed.D.	Expansion of the Youth Wellness Task Force. Co-funded with the Superior Health Foundation and Michigan Health Endowment Fund through the "2023-2024 Pediatric Mental Health Program."	\$46,000* Request for Proposal	Marquette, Alger
Northern Michigan University Elise Bur	Creation of the U.P. Behavioral Health Education Hub. Co-funded with the Superior Health Foundation and Michigan Health Endowment Fund through the "2023-2024 Pediatric Mental Health Program."	\$36,673* Request for Proposal	Marquette, Upper Peninsula
Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions Inc. Melissa Holmquist	Establish a behavioral health and health care provider network to improve care access. Co-funded with the Superior Health Foundation and Michigan Health Endowment Fund through the "2023-2024 Pediatric Mental Health Program."	\$106,165.93* Request for Proposal	Marquette, Upper Peninsula
Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions Inc. Melissa Holmquist	Continued support for expanding the Upper Peninsula Maternal Opioid (and other substance) Misuse Model by partnering with the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department. Co-funded with BCBSM Social Mission through the "2023 Advancing Maternal Health Equity" initiative.	\$50,000* Request for Proposal	Marquette, Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon
JULY 2023		\$18,000	
Northern Michigan University Center for Rural Health Elise Bur	Implement a publicly available regional digital health and social resource locator for residents of the Upper Peninsula.	\$18,000 Community Health	Marquette, Upper Peninsula
APRIL 2023		\$6,000	
Michigan Technological University College of Engineering Seyedehfatemeh Razaviamri	Design self-activating antimicrobial hemostatic nanoparticles to satisfy all the criteria for an effective hemostatic material.	\$3,000 Student Award	Houghton
Michigan Technological University College of Engineering Seyedmostafa Rezaeitaleshmahalleh	Develop a machine learning tool to investigate how the intraluminal thrombus structure may correlate to abdominal aortic aneurysm growth.	\$3,000 Student Award	Houghton

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