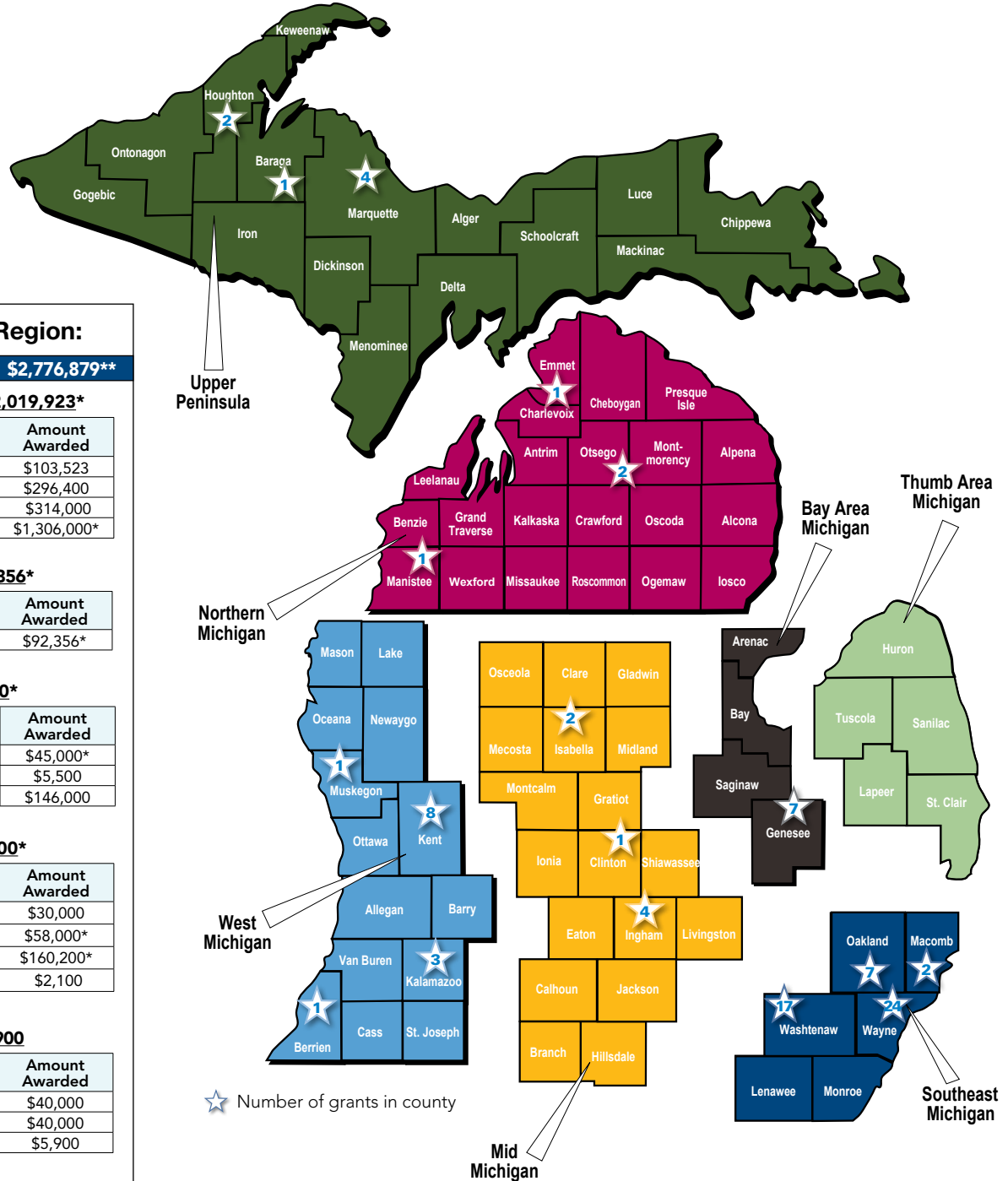


# BCBSM Foundation 2024 Grant Highlights



Blue Cross  
Blue Shield  
Blue Care Network  
of Michigan



## Total Grants by Region:

**TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED: \$2,776,879\*\***

### Southeast Michigan: \$2,019,923\*

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Oakland	7	\$103,523
Macomb	2	\$296,400
Washtenaw	17	\$314,000
Wayne	24	\$1,306,000*

### Bay Area Michigan: \$92,356\*

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Genesee	7	\$92,356*

### Mid-Michigan: \$196,500\*

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Clinton	1	\$45,000*
Isabella	2	\$5,500
Ingham	4	\$146,000

### West Michigan: \$250,300\*

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Berrien	1	\$30,000
Kalamazoo	3	\$58,000*
Kent	8	\$160,200*
Muskegon	1	\$2,100

### Northern Michigan \$85,900

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Emmet	1	\$40,000
Manistee	1	\$40,000
Otsego	2	\$5,900

### Upper Peninsula: \$131,900\*

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Baraga	1	\$35,000
Houghton	2	\$6,000
Marquette	4	\$90,900

\*Includes partner funding

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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2024		\$1,644,000*	
Organization Investigator/Project Director	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Dutton Farm Jeanette Brown	This program will provide financial literacy training for adults with intellectual disabilities.	\$25,000 CHMG	Oakland
Life Lab Kids Foundation Jai Reddy	Grant writing support to enhance LifeLab Kids' programs for children.	\$2,600 PDA	Oakland
The Mel Bornstein Clinic for Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy Marc Rosen, MD	Grant writing support to hire a case worker and to continue providing high-quality psychotherapy to residents of southeast Michigan.	\$2,000 PDA	Oakland
Strategic Community Solutions Deborah Royal	This program will provide support for respite opportunities for family caregivers located in Southeast Detroit.	\$266,400* RFP	Macomb, Oakland, Wayne
Metro Solutions Gaylotta Murry	This project focuses on diversifying the maternal health workforce and to decrease maternal deaths.	\$30,000* RFP	Macomb, Oakland, Wayne
Hospice of Michigan, Inc Chantal Currell	The program will support pediatric bereavement to reduce anxiety, depression, and isolation.	\$25,000 CHMG	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Alex Peahl, MD, MSc	Project focuses on increasing access and improving health outcomes for birthing people with opioid use disorders.	\$45,000* RFP	Washtenaw, Wayne, Livingston, Monroe
University of Michigan Lindsay Bornheimer, PhD, MSW	Increasing crisis line usage for individuals with Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders.	\$48,000 II	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Erin Isenberg, MD	This project will conduct a study investigating the pay for performance model.	\$10,000 PIRAP	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Patrick Johnson, MD, MPH	This project will review the Michigan motorcycle helmet law.	\$10,000 PIRAP	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Leah Schoel, MD	The purpose of this project is to perform a pilot feasibility and implementation trial of the Abdominal Hernia Questionnaire.	\$40,000 II	Washtenaw
Brilliant Detroit Regina Reid	This work will support a mental resiliency platform focused on providing mental health programming for the populations they serve.	\$150,000* RFP	Wayne
Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance Kenyetta Campbell	The program will develop a holistic, accessible system for connecting residents to mental health services.	\$150,000* RFP	Wayne
Genesis Harbor: Genesis HOPE Jeanine C. Hatcher	To increase their capacity to connect seniors to mental health care.	\$150,000* RFP	Wayne
Harlee and Harper Women's Association Asia Raines	The Power of a Mom is a program designed to address longstanding maternal health disparities in the Detroit community.	\$5,000 CHMG	Wayne
Haven Homes of Detroit Aaron Detweiler Short	The program supports the direct-care staff of Haven Home's 4-step program that specializes in effective case management.	\$20,000 CHMG	Wayne
Henry Ford Health System Alan Baptist, MD	This proposal aims to expand on a previously implemented behavioral intervention for older adults with asthma.	\$10,000 PIRAP	Wayne
Leaders Advancing & Helping Communities (LAHC) Kelly Citron	The project will provide expectant immigrant families with vital pre/postpartum resources.	\$45,000* RFP	Wayne
Teen HYPE Youth Development Ambra Redrick	This program will expand the services and support provided to close the opportunity gap for mental health services for youth in Detroit.	\$150,000* RFP	Wayne

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The Detroit Association of Black Organizations (DABO) Rev. Horace Sheffield	This program will increase mental health access and wellness.	\$150,000* RFP	Wayne	
The Yunion Nicole Wilson	This program will serve middle and high-school participants and their parents/guardians with a mental health intervention.	\$150,000* RFP	Wayne	
Wayne State University Carolyn Joy Dayton, PhD, LP, LMSW, IMH-E®(IV)	This project will increase access to mental health screening and interventions while connecting pregnant people and parents to resources.	\$35,000* RFP	Wayne	
Wayne State University Michael Veve, PharmD, MPH	The focus of this project is to improve the care of hospitalized people who inject drugs.	\$55,000 II	Wayne	
Wayne State University Bridget Weller, PhD, MSW	This project will conduct a feasibility study of Authentic Identity Therapy for multiracial young adults with depression and/or anxiety.	\$50,000 II	Wayne	
Zaman International Maya Mortada	This funding will support the expansion of patient access to multilingual community health workers.	\$20,000 CHMG	Wayne	
JULY 2024				\$86,500
CARE House of Oakland County Brenda Baker-Mbacke	The program will support training advocates for children in foster care who are at the center of child abuse and neglect cases.	\$30,000 CHMG	Oakland	
Metro Food Rescue Chad Techner	Provides grant writing support services to fund a program that rescues food for pantries.	\$1,500 PDA	Oakland	
University of Michigan Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Kyle Latack, MD	The purpose of this study is to examine the approaches to pelvic organ prolapse surgical management.	\$10,000 PIRAP	Washtenaw	
Disability Network Wayne County – Detroit Lydia Butler	The program “Living Well” for seniors and people with disabilities that will include nutrition, physical activity and engaging in stress-reducing activities.	\$15,000 CHMG	Wayne	
Methodist Children’s Home Society Jasmine Donald	Expands the crisis mental health services to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.	\$30,000 CHMG	Wayne	
APRIL 2024				\$289,423
South Oakland Shelter/Lighthouse MI Michael Centi, M.Ed	Provides access to quality behavioral and physical healthcare for young people who are experiencing a housing crisis.	\$39,500 CHMG	Oakland	
Oakland University School of Nursing Dali Majeed	Research that examines factors influencing Chaldean adults’ intention to seek mental health services.	\$2,923 SAP	Oakland	
University of Michigan Jaimo Ahn, MD, PhD	LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and other identities) care within orthopedic surgery.	\$39,500 CHMG	Washtenaw	
University of Michigan School of Public Health Laura Brotzman	Research that examines perspectives on life expectancy in cancer screening decisions.	\$3,000 SAP	Washtenaw	
University of Michigan School of Social Work Olivia Chang	Research that examines physical and psychological well-being among youth in child welfare settings.	\$3,000 SAP	Washtenaw	
University of Michigan Medical School Linda Ma	Research that examines healthcare accessibility for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.	\$3,000 SAP	Washtenaw	

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APRIL 2024				\$289,423
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University of Michigan College of Pharmacy Amna Rizvi-Toner	Research that examines symptom management use of unplanned health care services in patients taking oral anticancer agents.	\$3,000 SAP	Washtenaw	
University of Michigan School of Public Health Koya Ferrell	Research that examines training methods for Family Medicine physicians during Graduate Medical Education.	\$3,000 SAP	Washtenaw	
University of Michigan School of Public Health Sundas Saboor	Research that examines sexual and reproductive health chatbot interest among Arab American Muslim Women in Dearborn, Michigan.	\$3,000 SAP	Washtenaw	
University of Michigan Paul Pfeiffer, MD, MS	Review of the Implementation of Collaborative Care Management to improve mental health outcomes in primary care.	\$62,500 II	Washtenaw	
Eastern Michigan University College of Arts and Sciences Julie Wojtaszek	Research that examines barriers to seeking and completing social anxiety disorder treatment.	\$3,000 SAP	Washtenaw	
Eastern Michigan University College of Arts and Sciences Kellsey Launius	Research that examines barriers and facilitators to family-based treatment for anorexia nervosa.	\$3,000 SAP	Washtenaw	
Henry Ford Health System Jennifer Cowger, MD, MS	Reviewing the quality of care for heart failure patients to improve outcomes.	\$10,000 PIRAP	Wayne	
Wayne State University College of Nursing Krista Wonderly	Research that examines black family surrogates use in the intensive care unit.	\$3,000 SAP	Wayne	
Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Owen Fleming	Research that examines the impact of parental divorce on the use of preventive care in childhood.	\$3,000 SAP	Wayne	
Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Marjorie Heule	Research that examines brain-based education and stress reduction psychotherapeutic intervention.	\$3,000 SAP	Wayne	
Life Directions Annette Howard, MA	This program provides Peer Motivation programming to provide an opportunity for multi-year behavioral health improvement.	\$20,000 CHMG	Wayne	
LINC Up Nonprofit Housing Corporation/Coeffective Paula Schreck, MD, IBCLC, FABM	The program provides resource navigation for families with newborns.	\$20,000 CHMG	Wayne	
Friends Of Children-Detroit Laura Blum	The program provides long-term mentoring for mental health support among youth and their families.	\$20,000 CHMG	Wayne	
Wayne State University Tolulope Sonuyi, MD, MS	This research will establish a foundational base needed to critically assess, analyze, and advance the understanding of community violence.	\$42,000 CHMG	Wayne	
BAY AREA MICHIGAN GRANTEES				
NOVEMBER 2024				\$47,356
Franklin Avenue Mission Inc. Shannon Liddell	Grant writing support to enable mission to offer prenatal, infant, and general medical care.	\$2,356 PDA	Genesee	
Michigan State University Eric Finegood, PhD	Support the expansion of the Supporting Parents and Raising Resilient Kids (SPARRK) study of the PlayReadVIP.	\$45,000 II	Genesee	

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APRIL 2024 \$45,000			
Organization Investigator/Project Director	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Serenity House Of Flint Tara Moreno-Wallen	This program will provide recovery support services for individuals recovery from substance use disorders.	\$20,000 CHMG	Genesee
Donations With Love Foundation Inc. Lisa Fockler	This program will provide support and training, with strategies for all to reduce the impact of the overall opioid crisis.	\$5,000 CHMG	Genesee
Communication Access Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Theresa Miracle	This program will provide trauma and addiction recovery services for the deaf and limited hearing abilities.	\$5,000 CHMG	Genesee
Shelter of Flint, Inc. Linda Bielskis	This program will provide supports for children and adults to help them cope with and recover from the trauma of homelessness.	\$5,000 CHMG	Genesee
Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health Taryn Gal	This program will empower youth by providing essential education and creating safe, inclusive environments for LGBTQIA+ youth.	\$10,000 CHMG	Genesee
MID-MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2024 \$95,000*			
Willow Tree Family Center Michelle Haskell	This project focuses on providing health education and support to low-income, under-served, and marginalized parents.	\$45,000* RFP	Clinton, Eaton, Ingham
Michigan State University Celeste Campos-Castillo, PhD	The project is designed and develop a tool to increase the rates of screening for anxiety and depression among autistic adolescents.	\$50,000 II	Ingham
JULY 2024 \$96,000			
Dairy Council of Michigan Inc. Cortney A-Boes Freeland	This funding will support technical assistance to funded food pantry grant recipients.	\$55,000* RFP	Ingham, Statewide
Michigan State Medical Society Foundation Rebecca Blake	28th Annual Conference on Bioethics: Professional Boundaries and Ethical Dilemmas.	\$36,000 CHMG	Ingham
Michigan State University Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Jake Rowan, DO	A study to improve communication between healthcare providers and patients from diverse backgrounds.	\$5,000 PIRAP	Ingham
APRIL 2024 \$5,500			
Central Michigan University College of Medicine Yashi Ballal	Research that examines the Impact of Brief Self-Compassion Training on Stress, Empathy and Emotional Intelligence of First Year Medical Students.	\$2,500 SAP	Isabella
Central Michigan University College of Medicine Christa Deban	Research that examines the prevalence of mental health disorders and their effects on pregnant patients with intellectual disabilities.	\$3,000 SAP	Isabella
WEST MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2024 \$155,000*			
Ripple Effects Community Inclusion Center Lauren Cavalli	This program will address behavioral health disparities and provide support for children who have experienced trauma.	\$25,000 CHMG	Kalamazoo
YWCA Kalamazoo Jameca Patrick-Singleton	This project will develop a doula program aimed at making prenatal, birth, and postpartum doula services accessible.	\$30,000* RFP	Kalamazoo
Grand Rapids African American Health Institute Te'Asia Martin	This project will improve access, community, and equity to prenatal care for both baby and birthing individuals.	\$45,000* RFP	Kent

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WEST MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2024		\$155,000*	
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Pine Rest Mental Health Services Heide Rollings, MD	This study will develop a training for mental health clinicians who work with psychiatrically partially hospitalized adolescents because of online victimization.	\$55,000 II	Kent
JULY 2024		\$53,300	
A Glimpse of Africa Fridah Kanini	This program will support African immigrant and refugee families through community health workers.	\$20,000 CHMG	Kent
First Steps Kent Daniel VanderMolen	This project will facilitate parents knowing what resources are available, and educates physicians, clinicians, and community social workers.	\$30,000 CHMG	Kent
Helping Our Adolescents Prosper Lakeshia Gilbert	Grant writing support to increase capacity to educate, empower, and nurture under served youth and adolescents.	\$1,200 PDA	Kent
Volunteer for Dental Suzanne Tanis	Grant writing support for a program that increases access to dental services for underserved individuals.	\$2,100 PDA	Muskegon, Oceana
Michigan State University College of Nursing Arienne Patano	Research to examine the impact of social determinants of health on mental health outcomes among family caregivers in rural areas.	\$3,000 SAP	Kent
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Pavitra Attanayake	Research to examine polypharmacy management, medication adherence, and patient education through the development of an AI-assisted smartphone application.	\$3,000 SAP	Kent
APRIL 2024		\$42,000	
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Keerat Bains	Research to examine lived experiences of birth doulas of color.	\$3,000 SAP	Kent
Western Michigan University College of Education and Human Development Winifred Wilson	Research to examine African American adolescents' biopsychosocial reactions to racial trauma.	\$3,000 SAP	Kalamazoo
The Avenue Family Network/Caring Connection Barbara Payne	The program will provide a nursing intervention for persons with disabilities.	\$30,000 CHMG	Berrien
NORTHERN MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2024		\$40,000	
Lakeshore Children's Advocacy Center Megan McCarthy	Support to expand trauma counseling services for child abuse victims and non-offending family members.	\$40,000 CHMG	Manistee
APRIL 2023		\$45,900	
Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan Gail Kloss	Support to provide health equity for child survivors of abuse, neglect, and human trafficking.	\$40,000 CHMG	Emmet
Otsego County Commission on Aging Dona J. Wishart	Support for a program to improve the quality of life, physical functioning and physical fitness among seniors.	\$4,500 CHMG	Otsego
Otsego Ski Patrol Inc. Jon Ragnone	Support to enhance the emergency response and effectiveness of quick access to functional equipment.	\$1,400 CHMG	Otsego



UPPER PENINSULA GRANTEES			
NOVEMBER 2024		\$37,900*	
Organization Investigator/Project Director	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions Katrina Keough	The goal of this program is to improve the quality of care for pregnant Medicaid beneficiaries with substance use disorder.	\$35,000* RFP	Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon
Trillium House Melissa Cavill	Funding for grant writing support for Trillium House to continue providing compassionate end-of-life care.	\$2,900 PDA	Marquette
JULY 2024		\$10,000	
Cedar Tree Jon Magnuson	Program supports engaging Michigan's Upper Peninsula's physicians to understand and utilize palliative care.	\$10,000 CHMG	Marquette
APRIL 2024		\$84,000	
Michigan Tech University College of Sciences and Arts Meiling Zhou	This research will examine integrating continuous and ordinal phenotypes with genotypic information.	\$3,000 SAP	Houghton
Michigan Tech University College of Computing Abel Reyes-Angulo	This research will examine AI-based tools to mitigate the disparities in access to healthcare resources in rural areas.	\$3,000 SAP	Houghton
Northern Lights Child Advocacy Center Sarah Zyburt	This program will provide service for children who have been victims of abuse, neglect, and human trafficking.	\$40,000 CHMG	Marquette
Partridge Creek Farm Inc. May Tsupros	This program will decrease food insecurity and health disparities through increased access to healthy food and health literacy.	\$38,000 CHMG	Marquette

#### Grant Programs:

**CHMG** – Community Health Matching Grant program provides grants to community nonprofit organizations to develop community-inspired health improvement programs.

**II** – Investigator Initiated Research Award program provides grants to doctoral-level and medical researchers to address critical gaps in health-related research.

**PDA** – Proposal Development Award provides grants to nonprofits to contract with a grant writer to develop, write, and submit health-related grants.

**PIRAP** – Physician Investigator Research Award Program provides support to physicians who conduct research to improve health care access, value, and quality

**RFP** – Request for Proposal Program provides grants to organizations to develop interventions for health improvements that are population-led and community inspired.

**SAP** – Student Award Program grants support the health-related research of medical, doctoral, or terminal degree students.



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