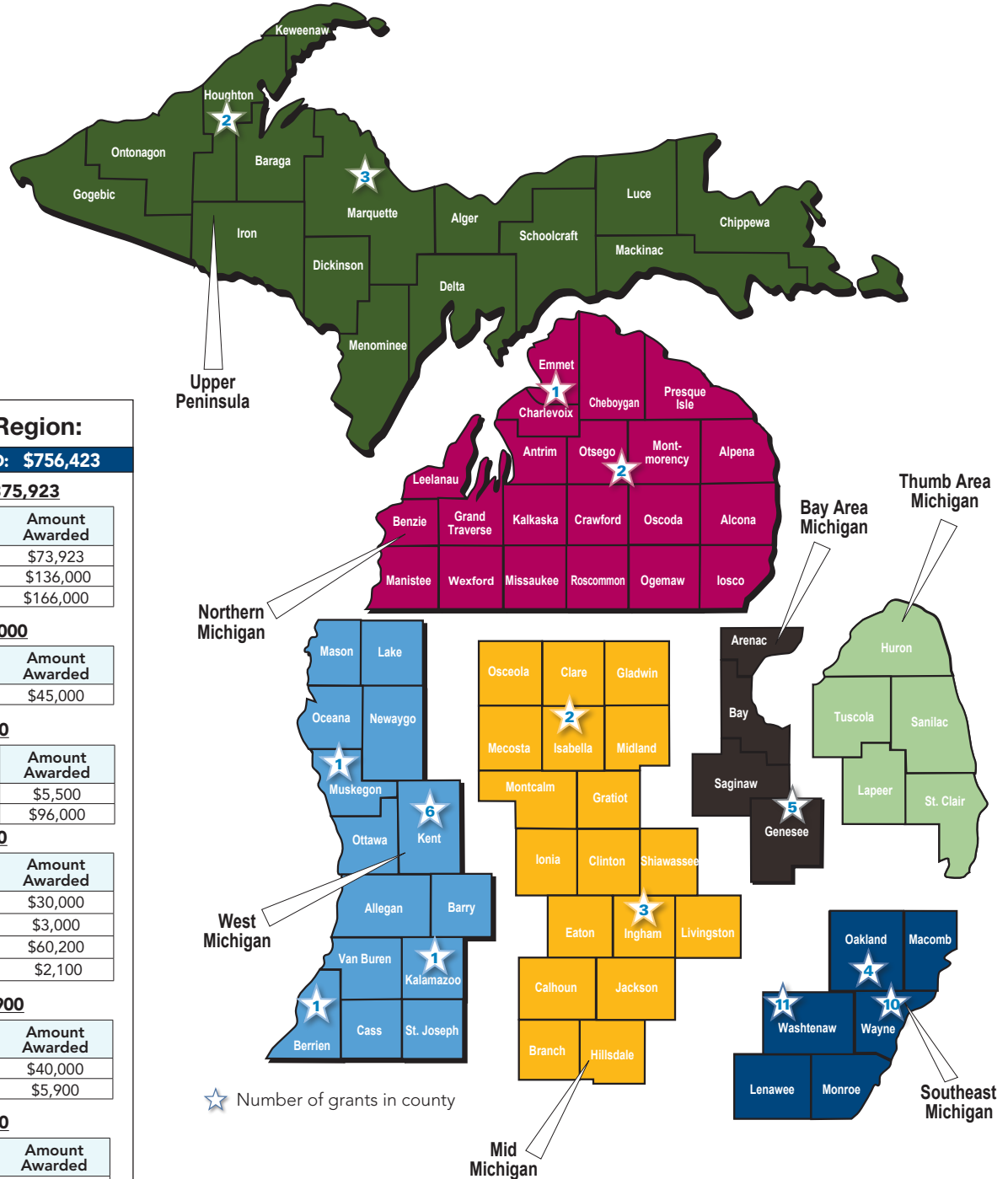


# BCBSM Foundation 2024 Grant Highlights



## Total Grants by Region:

**TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED: \$756,423**

### Southeast Michigan: \$375,923

| County    | Grants Awarded | Amount Awarded |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Oakland   | 4              | \$73,923       |
| Washtenaw | 11             | \$136,000      |
| Wayne     | 10             | \$166,000      |

### Bay Area Michigan: \$45,000

| County  | Grants Awarded | Amount Awarded |
|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Genesee | 5              | \$45,000       |

### Mid-Michigan: \$101,500

| County   | Grants Awarded | Amount Awarded |
|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Isabella | 2              | \$5,500        |
| Ingham   | 3              | \$96,000       |

### West Michigan: \$95,300

| County    | Grants Awarded | Amount Awarded |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Berrien   | 1              | \$30,000       |
| Kalamazoo | 1              | \$3,000        |
| Kent      | 6              | \$60,200       |
| Muskegon  | 1              | \$2,100        |

### Northern Michigan \$45,900

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

### Upper Peninsula: \$94,000

| County    | Grants Awarded | Amount Awarded |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Houghton  | 2              | \$6,000        |
| Marquette | 3              | \$88,000       |

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# 2024 BCBSM Foundation Grants Detail

| SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN GRANTEES  |   |                                       |           |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| JULY 2024  |   | \$86,500                              |           |
| Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator                     | Grant Summary   | Amount Grant Program                  | County    |
| CARE House of Oakland County<br>Brenda Baker-Mbacke                                  | Supports training advocates for children in foster care at the center of child abuse and neglect cases. The request for funding is to expand the current services to double the number of clients that can be served by training more volunteers.   | \$30,000<br>Community Health          | Oakland   |
| Metro Food Rescue<br>Chad Techner  | Provides grant support services for Metro Food Rescue, an organization that rescues, repurposes, and delivers free bread that is not being distributed to small pantries and community kitchens.  | \$1,500<br>Proposal Development Award | Oakland   |
| University of Michigan<br>Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology<br>Kyle Latack, MD | The purpose of this study is to examine the long-term outcomes resulting from the multiple surgical approaches to pelvic organ prolapse surgical management. The results of this study can help develop guidelines for more cost-effective care and ensure patients are undergoing the highest value treatment for their specific prolapse condition. | \$10,000<br>Physician Investigator    | Washtenaw |
| Disability Network Wayne County – Detroit<br>Lydia Butler                            | Provides a “Living Well” program for seniors and people with disabilities that will include embracing nutrition, kitchen gardening, cooking skills, being physically active, engaging in stress-reducing activities, and preventing specific health problems.   | \$15,000<br>Community Health          | Wayne     |
| Methodist Childrens Home Society<br>Jasmine Donald                                   | Expands the crisis mental health services to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. MCHS seeks to ensure more young people complete their treatment plan utilizing a more popular mode of communication by having the mobile app service available.   | \$30,000<br>Community Health          | Wayne     |
| APRIL 2024   |   | \$289,423                             |           |
| South Oakland Shelter/Lighthouse MI<br>Michael Centi, M.Ed                           | Provides access to quality behavioral and physical healthcare for young people who are experiencing significant family and housing crisis situations.   | \$39,500<br>Community Health          | Oakland   |
| Oakland University<br>School of Nursing<br>Dali Majeed                               | Factors influencing Chaldean adults’ intention to seek mental health services.  | \$2,923<br>Student Award              | Oakland   |
| University of Michigan<br>Jaimo Ahn, MD, Ph.D.                                       | LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and other identities) care within orthopedic surgery.  | \$39,500<br>Community Health          | Washtenaw |
| University of Michigan<br>School of Public Health<br>Laura Brotzman                  | Perspectives on life expectancy in cancer screening decisions.  | \$3,000<br>Student Award              | Washtenaw |
| University of Michigan<br>School of Social Work<br>Olivia Chang                      | Physical and psychological well-being among youth in child welfare settings.  | \$3,000<br>Student Award              | Washtenaw |
| University of Michigan<br>Medical School<br>Linda Ma                                 | Healthcare accessibility for individuals who are D/deaf or Hard of Hearing.   | \$3,000<br>Student Award              | Washtenaw |
| University of Michigan<br>College of Pharmacy<br>Amna Rizvi-Toner                    | Symptom management use of unplanned health care services in patients taking oral anticancer agents.   | \$3,000<br>Student Award              | Washtenaw |
| University of Michigan<br>School of Public Health<br>Koya Ferrell                    | Training methods for Family Medicine physicians during Graduate Medical Education.  | \$3,000<br>Student Award              | Washtenaw |

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| APRIL 2024  |   | \$289,423                       |           |
|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator                  | Grant Summary   | Amount Grant Program            | County    |
| University of Michigan School of Public Health Sundas Saboor                      | Sexual and reproductive health chatbot interest among Arab American Muslim Women in Dearborn, Michigan.   | \$3,000 Student Award           | Washtenaw |
| University of Michigan Paul Pfeiffer, MD, MS                                      | Implementation of Collaborative Care Management to improve mental health outcomes in primary care.  | \$62,500 Investigator-Initiated | Washtenaw |
| Eastern Michigan University College of Arts and Sciences Julie Wojtaszek          | Barriers to seeking and completing social anxiety disorder treatment.   | \$3,000 Student Award           | Washtenaw |
| Eastern Michigan University College of Arts and Sciences Kellsey Launius          | Barriers and facilitators to family-based treatment for anorexia nervosa.   | \$3,000 Student Award           | Washtenaw |
| Henry Ford Health System Jennifer Cowger, MS,MD                                   | Quality of care for heart failure.  | \$10,000 Physician Investigator | Wayne     |
| Wayne State University College of Nursing Krista Wonderly                         | Black family surrogates in the intensive care unit.   | \$3,000 Student Award           | Wayne     |
| Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Owen Fleming          | Parental divorce on the use of preventive care in childhood.  | \$3,000 Student Award           | Wayne     |
| Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Marjorie Heule        | Brain-based education and stress reduction psychotherapeutic intervention.  | \$3,000 Student Award           | Wayne     |
| Life Directions Annette Howard, MA  | Peer Motivation program will provide an opportunity for healing trauma, reconciling differences, improving communication skills, and navigating values and beliefs. | \$20,000 Community Health       | Wayne     |
| LINC Up Nonprofit Housing Corporation/ Coeffective Paula Schreck, MD, IBCLC, FABM | Resource navigation for families with newborns.   | \$20,000 Community Health       | Wayne     |
| Friends Of Children-Detroit Laura Blum  | Mental health support among youth and their families.   | \$20,000 Community Health       | Wayne     |
| Wayne State University Tolulope Sonuyi, MS, MD                                    | Establishes a foundational base needed to critically assess, analyze, and advance the understanding of Community Violence.  | \$42,000 Community Health       | Wayne     |

## BAY AREA MICHIGAN GRANTEES

| APRIL 2024                                       |   | \$45,000                  |         |
|--|---|---------------------------|---------|
| Serenity House Of Flint Tara Moreno-Wallen       | Recovery support services.  | \$20,000 Community Health | Genesee |
| Donations With Love Foundation Inc. Lisa Fockler | Grant to provide intense but practical and compassionate training, with strategies for families of K-12 students up to senior adults, in reducing the impact of the overall opioid crisis, drug abuse and suicide on the Flint, Beecher, Grand Blanc, Swartz Creek, and Mount Morris communities. | \$5,000 Community Health  | Genesee |

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## BAY AREA MICHIGAN GRANTEES

**APRIL 2024**

**\$45,000**

| Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator                | Grant Summary   | Amount Grant Program         | County  |
|---|---|------------------------------|---------|
| Communication Access Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing<br>Theresa Miracle | Recovery program in the state of Michigan that is conducted in American Sign Language and focuses on the healing process for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind community members who experienced and are experiencing trauma and different types of addiction. | \$5,000<br>Community Health  | Genesee |
| Shelter of Flint, Inc.<br>Linda Bielskis  | Tends to the well-being of its clients by ensuring that supports are in place for both children and adults to help them cope with and recover from the trauma of homelessness, with special attention to their social, emotional, and behavioral health.          | \$5,000<br>Community Health  | Genesee |
| Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health<br>Taryn Gal                  | Strives to empower youth by providing essential education and creating safe, inclusive environments for LGBTQIA+ youth, fostering leadership, advocacy, and addressing critical issues related to racial justice, sexual health, and reproductive justice.        | \$10,000<br>Community Health | Genesee |

## MID-MICHIGAN GRANTEES

**JULY 2024**

**\$96,000**

| Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator                               | Grant Summary   | Amount Grant Program              | County               |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Dairy Council of Michigan Inc.<br>Cortney A-Boes Freeland                                      | Provides technical assistance to funded food pantry grant recipients that will be delivered by experts at the United Dairy Industry of Michigan.  | \$55,000<br>Request for Proposal  | Ingham,<br>Statewide |
| Michigan State Medical Society Foundation<br>Rebecca Blake                                     | 28th Annual Conference on Bioethics: Professional Boundaries and Ethical Dilemmas: Moral Complexity and Professionalism in the Contemporary Health Landscape.   | \$36,000<br>Community Health      | Ingham               |
| Michigan State University<br>Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine<br>Jake Rowan, DO | The aim of this diversity and health care access project is to survey the Michigan State University Statewide Campus System medical residents to assess their language proficiencies and linguistic diversity. The results of this study can contribute to the improvement of communication and understanding between healthcare providers and patients from diverse backgrounds. | \$5,000<br>Physician Investigator | Ingham               |

**APRIL 2024**

**\$5,500**

|   |  |                          |          |
|---|--|--------------------------|----------|
| Central Michigan University<br>Yashi Ballal                         | Impact of Brief Self-Compassion Training on Stress, Empathy and Emotional Intelligence of First Year Medical Students. | \$2,500<br>Student Award | Isabella |
| Central Michigan University<br>College of Medicine<br>Christa Deban | Prevalence of mental health disorders and their effects on pregnant patients with intellectual disabilities.           | \$3,000<br>Student Award | Isabella |

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| WEST MICHIGAN GRANTEES   |   |                                       |                  |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| JULY 2024  |   | \$53,300                              |                  |
| Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator                             | Grant Summary   | Amount Grant Program                  | County           |
| A Glimpse of Africa<br>Fridah Kanini   | AGOA is poised to support African immigrant and refugee families with support and direct service with Community Health Workers.   | \$20,000<br>Community Health          | Kent             |
| First Steps Kent<br>Daniel VanderMolen   | This project is based on Early Relational Health and will allow parents to know what resources are available, and educates physicians, clinicians, community social workers and others. | \$30,000<br>Community Health          | Kent             |
| Helping Our Adolescents Prosper<br>Lakeshia Gilbert  | Grant writing support to increase HOAP's capacity to educate, empower, and nurture underserved youth and adolescents including young mothers and mothers-to-be.                         | \$1,200<br>Proposal Development Award | Kent             |
| Volunteer for Dental<br>Suzanne Tannis   | Grant writing supports to increase access to no-cost dental services.   | \$2,100<br>Proposal Development Award | Muskegon, Oceana |
| APRIL 2024   |   | \$42,000                              |                  |
| Michigan State University<br>College of Nursing<br>Arienne Patano                            | Impact of social determinants of health on mental health outcomes among family caregivers providing hospice and palliative care in Michigan's rural areas.                              | \$3,000<br>Student Award              | Kent             |
| Michigan State University<br>College of Human Medicine<br>Pavitra Attanayake                 | Polypharmacy management, medication adherence, and patient education through the development of an AI-assisted smartphone application.  | \$3,000<br>Student Award              | Kent             |
| Michigan State University<br>College of Human Medicine<br>Keerat Bains                       | Lived experiences of birth doulas of color.   | \$3,000<br>Student Award              | Kent             |
| Western Michigan University<br>College of Education and Human Development<br>Winifred Wilson | African American adolescents biopsychosocial reactions to racial trauma.  | \$3,000<br>Student Award              | Kalamazoo        |
| The Avenue Family Network/ Caring Connection<br>Barbara Payne                                | Nursing advocacy for persons with disabilities.   | \$30,000<br>Community Health          | Berrien          |
| NORTHERN MICHIGAN GRANTEES   |   |                                       |                  |
| APRIL 2023   |   | \$45,900                              |                  |
| Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator                             | Grant Summary   | Amount Grant Program                  | County           |
| Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan<br>Gail Kloss                                   | Health Equity for Child Survivors of Abuse, Neglect, and Human Trafficking in the Michigan Northwest Michigan.  | \$40,000<br>Community Health          | Emmet            |
| Otsego County Commission on Aging<br>Dona J. Wishart   | Improve the quality of life, physical functioning and physical fitness among seniors.   | \$4,500<br>Community Health           | Otsego           |
| Otsego Ski Patrol Inc.<br>Jon Ragnone  | Enhance the emergency response and effectiveness of quick access to functional equipment and efficient care by providing effective patient treatment.                                   | \$1,400<br>Community Health           | Otsego           |

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| UPPER PENINSULA GRANTEES  |   |                              |           |
|---|---|------------------------------|-----------|
| JULY 2024   |   | \$10,000                     |           |
| Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator                      | Grant Summary   | Amount Grant Program         | County    |
| Cedar Tree<br>Jon Magnuson  | Supports Michigan's Upper Peninsula's rural population served by hospice and palliative care providers.   | \$10,000<br>Community Health | Marquette |
| APRIL 2024  |   | \$84,000                     |           |
| Michigan Tech University<br>College of Sciences and Arts<br>Meiling Zhou              | Integrating continuous and ordinal phenotypes with genotypic information.   | \$3,000<br>Student Award     | Houghton  |
| Michigan Tech University<br>College of Computing<br>Abel Reyes-Angulo                 | AI-based tools to mitigate the disparities in access to healthcare resources in rural areas.  | \$3,000<br>Student Award     | Houghton  |
| Superior Child Advocacy Center/ Northern Lights Child Advocacy Center<br>Sarah Zyburt | Health Equity for Child Survivors of Abuse, Neglect, and Human Trafficking in the Michigan Upper Peninsula.   | \$40,000<br>Community Health | Marquette |
| Partridge Creek Farm Inc.<br>May Tsupros  | Decreases food insecurity and reduces health disparities through increased access to healthy food, health literacy, and positive social connections for vulnerable Ishpeming community members. | \$38,000<br>Community Health | Marquette |



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