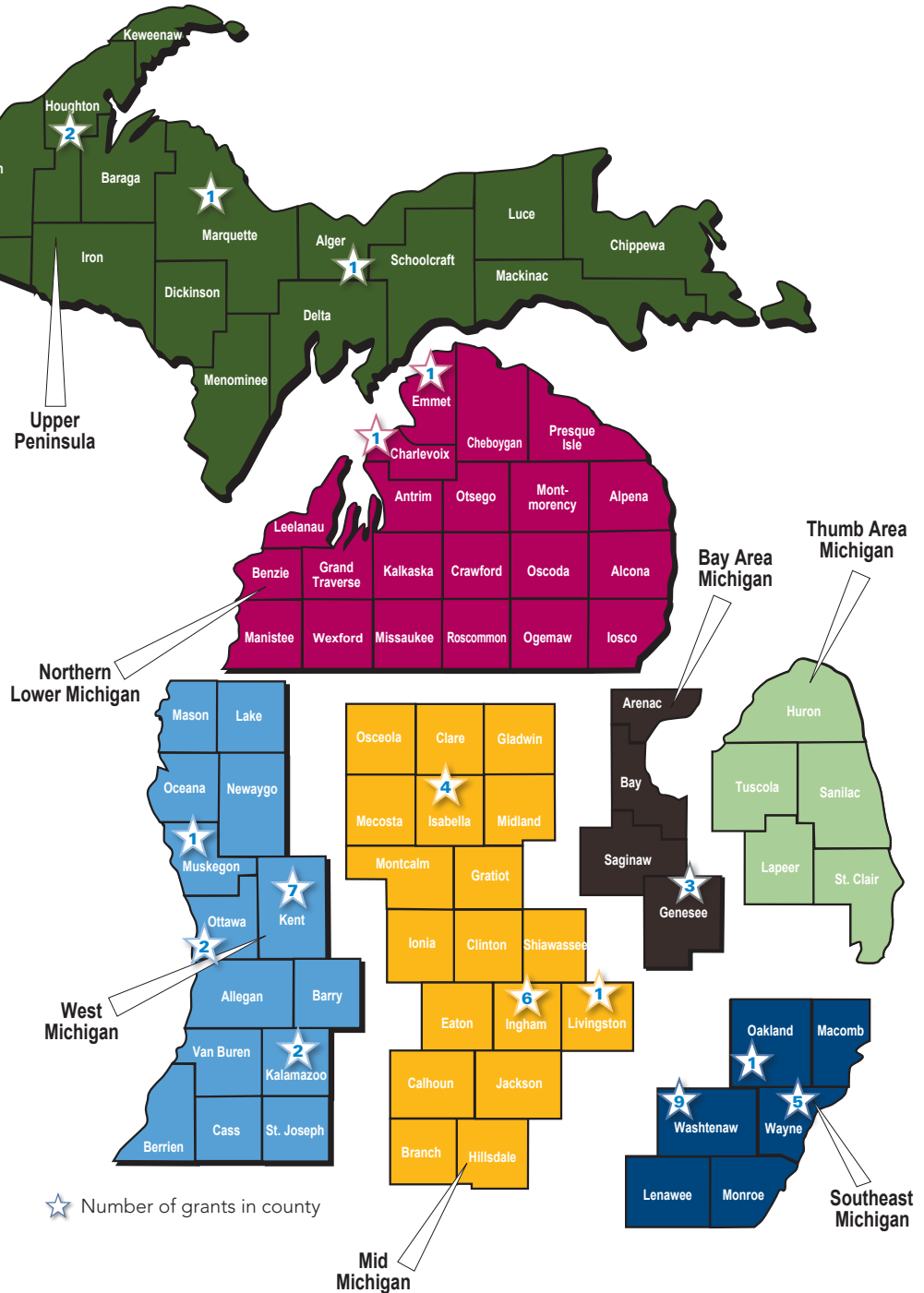


BCBSM Foundation 2025 Grant Highlights



Total Grants by Region:		
TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED: \$1,043,895**		
Southeast Michigan: \$223,400		
County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Oakland	1	\$40,000
Washtenaw	9	\$72,400
Wayne	5	\$111,000
Bay Area Michigan: \$64,400*		
County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Genesee	3	\$64,400*
Mid-Michigan: \$410,975*		
County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Ingham	6	\$367,945*
Isabella	4	\$3,000
Livingston	1	\$40,000
West Michigan: \$194,120		
County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Kalamazoo	2	\$6,000
Kent	7	\$149,120
Muskegon	1	\$16,000
Ottawa	2	\$23,000
Northern Lower Michigan \$30,000		
County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Charlevoix	1	\$15,000
Emmet	1	\$15,000
Upper Peninsula: \$121,000		
County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Alger	1	\$75,000
Houghton	2	\$6,000
Marquette	1	\$40,000



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2025 BCBSM Foundation Grants Detail

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
\$223,400			
Organization Investigator/Project Director	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Detroit Public Schools Community District Foundation Craig Deleon	DPSCD Health Hubs provide free and equitable healthcare for Detroit youth and their families by utilizing its existing school-based clinics as a foundation. This grant will expand services into additional high schools in the district.	\$30,000 Community Health	Wayne
Eastern Michigan University Department of Psychology Maitri Jain	Research the association of parent-child behavioral and physiological synchrony with children's emotion regulation, especially in families with high-level family-related risk factors.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
Eastern Michigan University Department of Psychology Miranda Schaffer	Investigate the feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary efficacy of a new treatment for psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES) of the trauma subtype.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
MiSide Sean de Four	In partnership with the University of Michigan, MiSide will create a culturally tailored intervention for highly vulnerable adolescents presenting at risk of suicide.	\$35,000 Community Health	Wayne
The Shul Rabbi Yudi Mann	The Grandfriends program mitigates senior loneliness and fosters self-esteem and strong relationships with elders for socially-emotionally struggling adolescents.	\$40,000 Community Health	Oakland
University of Michigan Department of Clinical Pharmacy Mohamad Ismail	Identify and quantify the barriers and facilitators affecting oral anti-cancer agent self-management among individuals with cancer.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan School of Medicine Elliott Brannon	Develop a Chat-GPT assisted chatbot to enhance clinicians' knowledge, skills, and confidence in managing weight status through low carbohydrate diets.	\$2,900 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology Michelle Moniz, MD, MSc, FACOG	This project aims to identify effective Quality Initiative strategies to reduce cesarean rates and create "precision QI interventions" for safe cesarean rate reduction.	\$50,000 Investigator-Initiated	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Department of Psychology Jacqueline Katz	Explore how patterns in reward-driven eating behaviors and their interaction with sociodemographic and diagnostic factors predict the effectiveness of weight management medications.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan School of Medicine Maximilian Wagner	Evaluate the implementation of the Abdominal Hernia Care Pathway (AHCP).	\$1,500 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan School of Nursing Farida Bibi Mughal	Research the internal factors for healing among survivors of violence.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan School of Public Health Morgan Perry	Research the effectiveness of dual eligible special needs Medicare Advantage plans.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
Wayne State University Department of Psychology Emily Flores	Develop and validate a Spanish-language assessment tool to identify cognitive and psychological predictors of vulnerability to financial exploitation among older adults.	\$3,000 Student Award	Wayne
Wayne State University Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute for Child & Family Development Kathleen (Lucy) McGoron, PhD	The Parenting Young Children Check-up (PYCC) is a tech-based program supporting parents. A clinical trial will evaluate its effectiveness in Detroit. The study aims to improve child behavior and parenting outcomes.	\$40,000 Investigator-Initiated	Wayne
Wayne State University School of Medicine Abbie Bauer	To provide validity to the Addictions Neuroclinical Assessment (ANA), a critical framework for understanding the neurobiology of substance use.	\$3,000 Student Award	Wayne

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BAY AREA MICHIGAN GRANTEES

\$64,400*

Organization Investigator/Project Director	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
North Flint Neighborhood Action Council Patrick McNeal	Support to provide group therapy sessions to individuals dealing with behavioral health challenges, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, grief, depression, and substance use disorder.	\$32,500* Community Health	Genesee
Shelter of Flint, Inc. Linda Bielskis	Support to provide social and emotional support services for children to help them cope with and recover from homelessness.	\$29,500* Community Health	Genesee
Xceptional Heroes Teresa White	Grant writing support to expand programs that empower the development of individuals with disabilities.	\$2,400 Proposal Development Award	Genesee

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MID-MICHIGAN GRANTEES

\$410,975*

Central Michigan University College of Medicine Erin Mattson, Karen Nguyen, Megan O'Mara, Elsa Varughese	Improving healthcare by conducting a health needs assessment. Joint application from four students.	\$3,000 Student Award	Isabella
Dairy Council of Michigan Inc. Amiee Vondrasek	Provides technical assistance to funded food pantry grant recipients that will be delivered by experts at the United Dairy Industry of Michigan.	\$273,000 * Request for Proposal	Ingham Statewide
Livingston County Catholic Charities Ryan Skomial	Expand behavioral health programs to an off-site counseling partnership to provide direct mental health support for residents at Bethel Suites.	\$40,000 Community Health	Livingston
Michigan State Medical Society Foundation Beth Elliott	Funding will support the 29th annual conference on bioethics: Cases that haunt us: Examining medical ethics issues through the particularly difficult cases.	\$36,000 Community Health	Ingham
Michigan State University Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Biology Hannah Bolder, PhD	This project will advance the understanding of health outcomes in maternal health and healthcare among Medicaid-insured mothers with disabilities (physical, intellectual, and sensory) compared to Medicaid-insured mothers without disabilities.	\$50,000 Investigator-Initiated	Ingham
Michigan State University Department of Psychology Emma Crumby	Explore perceptions of how stressors contribute to eating pathology.	\$2,975 Student Award	Ingham
Michigan State University Department of Psychology Elizabeth Eberlin	Evaluate mechanisms that drive the heterogenous cognitive decline seen in perimenopausal individuals.	\$3,000 Student Award	Ingham
Michigan State University Department of Psychology Joohee Lee	Explore how intimate partner violence contributes to dysregulation of the hypothalamic-pituitary- adrenal axis in youth and how positive parenting may buffer these effects.	\$3,000 Student Award	Ingham

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WEST MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
\$194,120			
70X7 Life Recovery Lisa Mathews	Support to address the critical behavioral health needs of individuals transitioning from incarceration back into their communities.	\$20,000 Community Health	Ottawa
Calvin University School of Health, Public Health Toluwani Adekunle, PhD	To explore how healthcare consumers and providers perceive medical mistrust and its implications for integrating artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare.	\$55,000 Investigator-Initiated	Kent
Calvin University School of Health, Public Health Danielle McBride, PhD	To explore how to improve early detection of health effects from PFAS exposure and healthcare responses by providing direct services to affected individuals and increasing healthcare provider awareness.	\$50,000 Investigator-Initiated	Kent
Heart of West Michigan United Way Michelle Van Dyke	Support for the development of a sustainable, community-informed, non-medical drivers of health hub in Kent County.	\$30,000 Community Health	Kent
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Allison Cropsey, Teya Marben	Gain insight into the factors that contribute to maternal and fetal morbidity and mortality in expectant mothers with Infectious Endocarditis and substance use disorder. Joint application from two students.	\$3,000 Student Award	Kent
Positive Impact for Life Malique Gear	Provide grant writing support for the Family Empowerment Program, which offers free workshops and events that connect people with licensed therapists, self-care strategies, and financial education.	\$1,120 Proposal Development Award	Kent
Trinity Health Department of Internal Medicine Antoine Sassine	The overall goal of this project is to enhance hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) screening rates and awareness among healthcare providers and at-risk populations.	\$10,000 Physician Investigator	Kent
The Lucas Project Jess Ronne	Provide grant writing support to increase capacity to provide respite for caregivers of disabled individuals.	\$3,000 Proposal Development Award	Ottawa
Western Michigan University School of Medicine Sheridan Bernard	Identify themes in how patients with Opioid Use Disorder in the emergency department perceive Medications for Opioid Use Disorder.	\$3,000 Student Award	Kalamazoo
Western Michigan University Department of Psychology Sarah Dacey	By integrating Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) with social support, this study aims to provide a comprehensive intervention that reduces parental distress and improves overall quality of life.	\$3,000 Student Award	Kalamazoo
Volunteer for Dental Suzanne Tanis	Support to provide access to dental care and oral health education from volunteer dental offices in exchange for community service.	\$16,000 Community Health	Muskegon

NORTHERN LOWER MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
\$30,000			
Health Department of Northwest Michigan Nichole Flickema	Provide an evidence-based program to prevent youth initiation of vaping in rural communities.	\$15,000 Community Health	Charlevoix
The Manna Project, Inc Carrie Klingelsmith	Support for a mobile food distribution program in rural food deserts for people that are homebound or lack transportation.	\$15,000 Community Health	Emmet

UPPER PENINSULA GRANTEES

\$121,000

Great Lakes Recovery Center Foundation Greg Toutant	Increase staffing support to come into greater alignment with State of Michigan licensing protocols for medically monitored care as well as the ASAM 3.7 Withdrawal Management level of care.	\$40,000 Community Health	Marquette
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Mona Hanna, MD, MPH, FAAP	Rx Kids provides financial support to expectant mothers and infants. A study will evaluate its impact on maternal wellbeing. The program aims to improve health and economic security.	\$75,000 Investigator-Initiated	Alger, Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac, Schoolcraft
Michigan Technological University College of Engineering Ahmad Bshennaty	Explore the concept of digital twins for a more accurate estimation of the risk of stroke in atrial fibrillation patients.	\$3,000 Student Award	Houghton
Michigan Technological University College of Engineering Waruni Mampage	Explore the influence of Micro(nano)plastics (MNP) on host-microbiome physiology in the human digestive system.	\$3,000 Student Award	Houghton

GRANT PROGRAMS

Community Health	Community Health Matching Grant program provides grants to community nonprofit organizations to develop community-inspired health improvement programs.
Investigator-Initiated	Investigator Initiated Research Award program provides grants to doctoral-level and medical researchers to address critical gaps in health-related research.
Proposal Development Award	Proposal Development Award provides grants to nonprofits to contract with a grant writer to develop, write, and submit health-related grants.
Student Award	Student Award Program grants support the health-related research of medical, doctoral, or terminal degree students.
Request for Proposal	Request for Proposal Program provides grants to organizations to develop interventions for health improvements that are population-led and community inspired.
Physician Investigator	Physician Investigator Research Award Program provides support to physicians who conduct research to improve health care access, value, and quality.



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