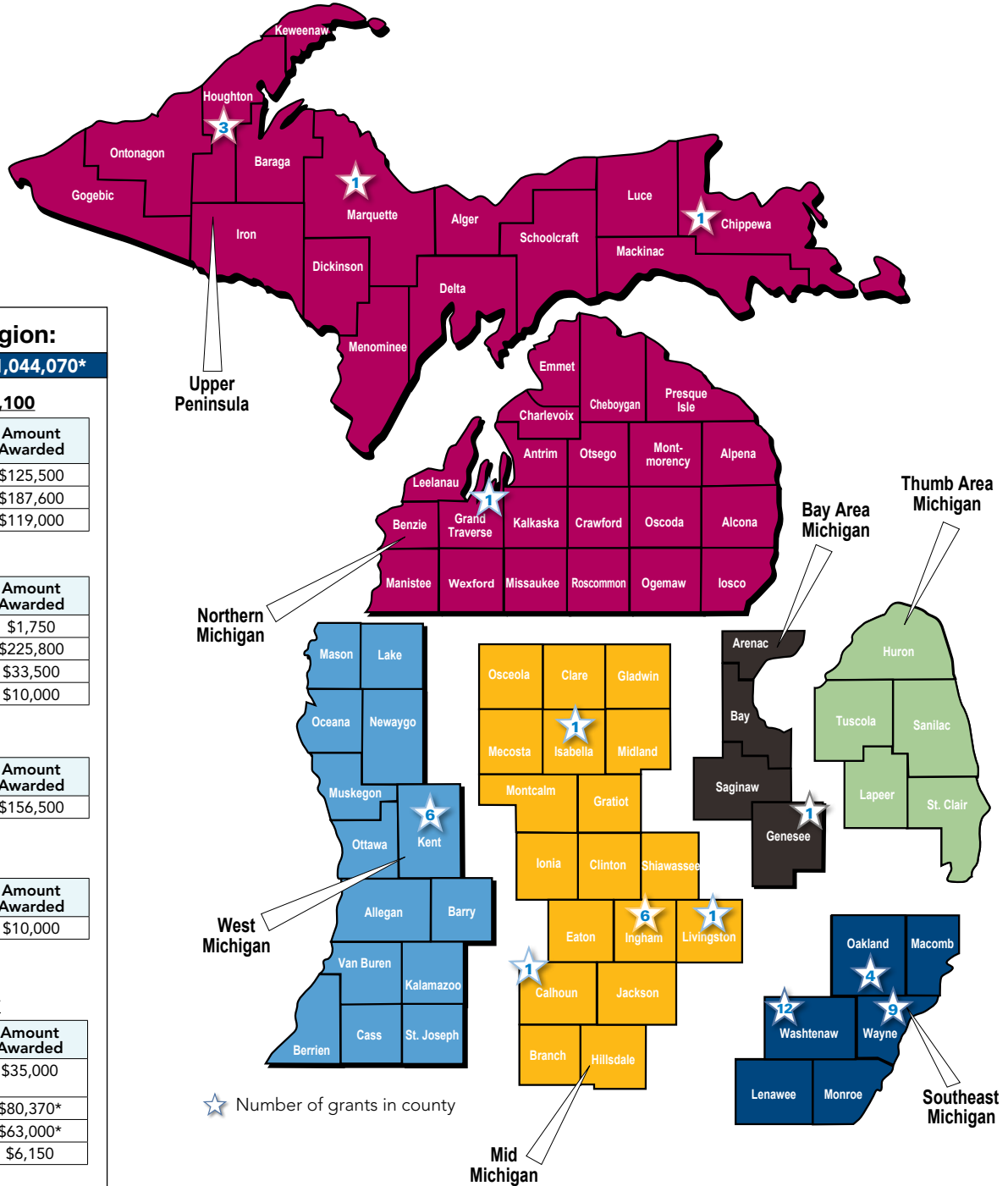


BCBSM Foundation's 2021 Grant Highlights July 2021



Total Grants by Region:

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED: \$1,044,070*

Southeast Michigan: \$432,100

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Oakland	4	\$125,500
Washtenaw	12	\$187,600
Wayne	9	\$119,000

Mid-Michigan: \$271,050

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Calhoun	1	\$1,750
Ingham	6	\$225,800
Isabella	1	\$33,500
Livingston	1	\$10,000

West Michigan: \$156,500

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Kent	6	\$156,500

Bay Area: \$10,000

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Genesee	1	\$10,000

Northern Michigan & Upper Peninsula: \$184,520*

County	Grants Awarded	Amount Awarded
Grand Traverse	1	\$35,000
Chippewa	1	\$80,370*
Houghton	3	\$63,000*
Marquette	1	\$6,150

*Includes funding partners

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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
JULY 2021		\$209,600	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
LifeLab Kids Foundation Jai Reddy	Provide physical and mental health, nutrition, speech, and life skill programs to autistic youth to prevent and reduce the incidence of chronic diseases.	\$35,000 Community Health	Oakland
Oakland University School of Health Sciences Florence Dallo, MPH, Ph.D.	Design and evaluate the effectiveness of a vaccination intervention for Arab Americans.	\$50,000 Investigator-Initiated	Oakland
University of Michigan Pediatrics Nicole Hamp, M.D.	Increase the use of the Rapid Interactive Screening Test for Autism in Toddlers among primary care providers.	\$9,100 Physician Investigator	Washtenaw
University of Michigan School of Nursing Marie-Anne Rosemberg, Ph.D., FAAOHN	Inquire into the linkages between COVID-19 added stress, mental health, and substance use disorder among essential workers.	\$40,000 Community Health	Washtenaw
Eversight Onkar Sawant, Ph.D.	Examine the presence of COVID-19 on ocular tissue prior to donation.	\$27,000 Investigator-Initiated	Washtenaw
CeaseFire Youth Initiative Reggie Davis	Grant writing support for their crime and violence prevention and intervention program for young men in 7th-2 grades attending Detroit Public School Community District Schools.	\$2,500 Proposal Development Award	Wayne
Henry Ford Health System Henry Ford Family Medicine Richard Bryce, D.O.	Pilot combining postpartum and newborn provider appointments to improve postpartum and newborn access to care and increase education and support opportunities.	\$9,500 Physician Investigator	Wayne
Zaman International - Hope for Humanity Najah Bazy	Provide a chronic disease self-management program and mental health support group to immigrant, refugee, women of color.	\$36,500 Community Health	Wayne
APRIL 2021		\$222,500	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Michigan School of Psychology Clinical Psychology Jared Boot	Create and test cultural competency training specific to the transgender population for mental health care to increase clinician knowledge and awareness.	\$3,000 Student Award	Oakland
Oakland University Human Movement Science Deborah J. Doherty, PT, Ph.D.	Use tele-rehab to address the physical functioning, wellness and physical activity of Black women breast cancer patients and their families in Metro Detroit.	\$37,500 Community Health	Oakland
Eastern Michigan University Psychology Leah LaLonde	Evaluate psychometric properties of the Patient Health Questionnaire for depression screening in adolescents.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Health Behavior & Health Education Molly Green	Explore the roles of ethnic identity in the relationship between discrimination and mental health outcomes for Arab Americans in Dearborn.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Health Behavior & Health Education Monika Doshi	Examine perceptions of and experiences with mental health care among undocumented Latinx communities.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw

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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
APRIL 2021		\$222,500	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
University of Michigan Internal Medicine Gabiella VanAken	Assess COVID-19 vaccination policies for populations experiencing homelessness.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Internal Medicine Gavisha Waidyaratne	Understand the impacts of COVID-19 and social distancing on low-income communities in Michigan.	\$3,000 Student Award	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Obstetrics & Gynecology Alli Straubhar, M.D.	Test a new system for communicating with post-operative gynecological surgery patients.	\$10,000 Physician Investigator	Washtenaw
University of Michigan Family Medicine Justine Wu, M.D., MPH	Explore the feasibility of a digital tool designed to meet unique contraceptive decision needs for women with multiple health conditions.	\$10,000 Physician Investigator	Washtenaw
Washtenaw Area Council for Children Michelle Walters, LLMSW	Implement child sexual abuse prevention programs to help children recognize, respond, and report inappropriate sexual contact.	\$40,000 Community Health	Washtenaw
Wayne State University College of Nursing Cinzia Caparso	Develop holistic, culturally sensitive family interventions to assist with the impending death of a core family member, specifically focusing on African Americans with advanced cancer.	\$3,000 Student Award	Wayne
Wayne State University Psychology Jolin Yamin	Enhance provider skills in trauma-informed counseling and therapy.	\$3,000 Student Award	Wayne
Wayne State University Psychology Qin Yin	Investigate memory mapping after epilepsy surgery for patients with intracranial EEG analysis.	\$3,000 Student Award	Wayne
Wayne State University Psychology You Jin Jung	Examine the feasibility of a blood test to detect cognitive changes at the early stages of Alzheimer's disease.	\$3,000 Student Award	Wayne
Wayne State University School of Social Work Michael Broman	Explore the experiences of undergraduate college students in recovery from substance use disorder.	\$3,000 Student Award	Wayne
Covenant House Michigan Cynthia Adams, MSW, LCSW	Address co-occurring disorders among young adults experiencing homelessness by providing intensive mental health care, life skills development and support.	\$40,000 Community Health	Wayne
Wayne State University College of Nursing Bincy Joshwa, Ph.D., RN	Understand the bio-behavioral and socio-cultural factors that influence fatigue severity in individuals on hemodialysis	\$52,000 Investigator-Initiated	Wayne

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MID-MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
JULY 2021		\$174,500	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Michigan State Medical Society Foundation Cheryl Gibson Fountain, M.D.	Support to improve healthcare providers knowledge of bioethical considerations of medical practice at the "Ethics, Inequality, and Public Health" conference.	\$36,000 Community Health	Ingham
Michigan Transportation Connection Clark Harder	Establish a call center in Escanaba for the Rides to Wellness Program in the Upper Peninsula as part of Connect UP.	\$50,000 Community Health	Ingham, Escanaba
Michigan State University School of Social Work Heather McCauley, Sc.D., MS	Evaluate the effectiveness of the "Public Will Campaign to End Child Sexual Abuse" in building community connection and promoting prosocial norms to reduce child sexual abuse and associated adverse health outcomes.	\$55,000 Investigator-Initiated	Ingham, Grand Traverse
Ten Sixteen Recovery Network Sam Price	Support Mid-Michigan Collegiate Recovery Education and Wellness program at the Harrison campus of Mid Michigan College.	\$33,500 Community Health	Isabella, Clare
APRIL 2021		\$96,550	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Gracious Homes, Inc. Yvonne Powell	Grant writing support for their case management services for homeless women in Greater Battle Creek.	\$1,750 Proposal Development	Calhoun
Allies in Recovery, Inc. Anne King-Hudson	Address the health needs of rural homeless women through case management support.	\$10,000 Community Health	Livingston
Michigan State University Emergency Medicine Sara Urquhart	Study ultrasound-guided thoracentesis in the emergency department and related outcomes related to patient satisfaction, length of stay and procedure-related complications.	\$3,000 Student Award	Ingham
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Emiko Blalock, Ph.D.	Address health equity and health disparities by increasing empathic communication in third-year medical students.	\$33,550 Investigator-Initiated	Ingham
Michigan State University College of Nursing Horng Shiuann Wu, Ph.D., RN	Use COVID-19 health data to develop and test a toolkit for self-management of post COVID-19 symptoms.	\$48,250 Investigator-Initiated	Ingham

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WEST MICHIGAN GRANTEES			
JULY 2021		\$88,000	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Affinity Mentoring Cassandra Kiger	Teaching Social Emotional Learning Skills to middle school children to improve health equity and reduce the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences.	\$33,000 Community Health	Kent
Calvin University Department of Nursing Mary Molewyk Doornbos, RN, Ph.D.	Evaluate Women Supporting Women Zoom adaptation and the Women Supporting Women Mental Health Ambassadors training program on behavioral health outcomes.	\$55,000 Investigator-Initiated	Kent
APRIL 2021		\$68,500	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Sacred Beginnings, Inc. Katie Papke, LMSW, CAADC	Grant writing support for the "Home Base" service center that will provide resources and direct care to victims of human trafficking in Kent and neighboring counties.	\$3,500 Proposal Development	Kent
Spectrum Health Foundation Spectrum Health Family Medicine Residency Harland Holman, M.D.	Improve quality of care for Burmese and Rwandan refugees using a digital communication assistance tool.	\$10,000 Physician Investigator	Kent
Grand Rapids African American Health Institute Vanessa Greene, M.Ed.	Address mental health, physical health, and nutrition among African American families with children ages 8-13 years old.	\$15,000 Community Health	Kent
Migrant Legal Aid, Inc. Teresa Hendricks	Educate migrant and immigrant farm workers, the farmers that employ them, and health care providers to address COVID-19, pesticide safety and occupational injury/illness prevention.	\$40,000 Community Health	Kent

BAY AREA GRANTEES			
APRIL 2021		\$10,000	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Hurley Medical Center Emergency Medicine Ryan Reece, M.D.	Identify the common characteristics of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survivors and non-survivors in Genesee County.	\$10,000 Physician Investigator	Genesee

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN & UPPER PENINSULA GRANTEES

JULY 2021			
		\$95,000*	
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Traverse Bay Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. Sue Bolde	Support a primary prevention program, "The Public Will Campaign to End Child Sexual Abuse", to create new social expectations around community level protective behavior related to child sexual abuse.	\$35,000 Community Health	Grand Traverse
Portage Health Foundation Kevin Store	Support training sessions on human trafficking, sexual assault, and sexual coercion to and social service agencies.	\$10,000* Community Health	Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon
Michigan Technological University Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology Carolyn Duncan, Ph.D.	Evaluate the efficacy of a community based 10-week Tai Chi exercise program to improve balance, glycemic control, and decrease falls among individuals with Type II Diabetes.	\$50,000 Investigator Initiated	Houghton
		\$89,520*	
APRIL 2021			
Organization and Name of Project Director/Principal Investigator	Grant Summary	Amount Grant Program	County
Great Lakes Recovery Center Karen Sprague	Support ongoing efforts to eliminate accessibility barriers to treatment, increase capacity, and explore ways to strengthen sustained recovery.	\$80,370* Community Health	Chippewa
Michigan Technological University Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology Isaac Wedig	Enhance health and COVID-19 resilience of older adults in the Upper Peninsula with physical activity.	\$3,000 Student Award	Houghton
Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP) Jonathan Mead	Evaluation of the Benjamin Rose Institute Care Coaching Program.	\$6,150 Community Health	Marquette

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