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Michigan Health Endowment Fund Announces \$8M in Grant Programs to Support Children and Seniors Statewide

LANSING, Mich. – Improving the quality of life for Michigan’s children and seniors is the focus of up to \$8 million in grants announced by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF) today.

Nearly \$5 million of the new grant dollars – approved by the MHEF Board of Directors on March 24, 2016 – will be available for application by Michigan non-profit organizations and public agencies working to improve [behavioral health](#), with an emphasis on children and older adults. An additional \$3 million will be available for the [Community Health Impact](#) responsive grant program addressing MHEF’s overall mission and eight focus areas.

“The Michigan Health Endowment Board is committed to investing in programs that support our most vulnerable residents, children and seniors,” said Rob Fowler, board chairman. “We’re looking forward to working with organizations helping to make a positive and meaningful difference in advancing the health and wellness of Michigan residents and communities across our state.”

“Behavioral health is a key component of overall health and wellness,” said Paul Hillemonds, executive director of Michigan Health Endowment Fund. “Our hope is that these grants will contribute to the accessibility and quality of mental health services while reducing barriers to integrated care and service delivery. Our other grant program will help support our broad-based initiatives as well as help us target areas like infant mortality and foster and adopted children health services.”

Respondents have until Monday, May 16, 2016 at 5p.m. to submit applications for consideration. Grant awards will be announced on July 28, 2016.

Created in 2013, the mission of the MHEF is to improve and make a significant and measurable impact on improving the health of Michigan residents, with a special emphasis on health and wellness of children and seniors. The MHEF recently launched their five-year comprehensive strategic plan (2016-2020) focusing on important issues where the Fund can achieve a lasting impact. Although the Fund will continue to focus on grantmaking, it will leverage the impact of the grants to share knowledge, convene and engage various stakeholders, and inform public policy on health in Michigan.

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