

2026

GRANT AWARDS



Children's Foundation of Michigan



2026 Grants Awarded
Total Awarded: \$6,269,679
120 Grants Supporting 51 Organizations

COMMUNITY GRAND TOTAL: \$3,236,032			
GRANT AWARDED TO	AMOUNT	FOCUS AREA(S)	SUMMARY
EATON COUNTY			
Michigan Primary Care Association	\$50,000	Health Equity	Strengthening Enrollment Strategies Amid Federal Healthcare Shifts – Supports the Southeast Michigan portion of a statewide initiative helping Michigan families stay enrolled in Medicaid coverage.
The University of Olivet	\$30,000	Substance Use Disorder	Roots to Resilience: Building a Recovery-Affirming Campus at Olivet – Supports the Collegiate Recovery Program for students at the University of Olivet.
EMMET COUNTY			
My Community Dental Centers	\$200,000 per year for two years	Physical Health	Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment – Supports increased capacity to provide Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments to eligible children in Detroit as part of the Oral Health Collaborative funded by Children’s Foundation of Michigan, Delta Dental Foundation, Kresge Foundation, Michigan Health Endowment Fund, and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.
HOUGHTON COUNTY			
Michigan Technological University	\$40,000	Substance Use Disorder	Substance Use Prevention Outreach Campaign – Supports a campus-wide initiative focused on substance misuse prevention, education, and recovery support.
INGHAM COUNTY			
Michigan League for Public Policy	\$50,000	Health Equity	Kids Count Data Book – Supports the Kids Count in Michigan data book.
Michigan State University	\$30,000	Substance Use Disorder	Impacting Outcomes for Students in Recovery – Supports MSU’s Collegiate Recovery Community’s student housing program.
KENT COUNTY			
Hispanic Center of Western Michigan	\$55,895	Health Equity	Refugee and Humanitarian Parolee Settlement Fund – Supports immigration legal services for refugees and immigrants in Michigan.

MACOMB COUNTY			
Fueling Kids' Futures	\$10,000	Health Equity	Basic Needs – Provides weekend food bags for students facing food insecurity in Mt. Clemens and Wyandotte schools.
Live Rite Structured Recovery Corp	\$50,000	Substance Use Disorder	Youth Impact Program – Supports comprehensive programming for youth affected or impacted by substance use disorder.
MIDLAND COUNTY			
The Children's Grief Center of the Great Lakes Bay Region	\$25,000	Mental Health	Building Stronger Futures Through Children's Grief Support – Funding for school-based and community grief support programs for youth in 16 mid-Michigan counties.
Ten16 Recovery Network	\$10,000	Substance Use Disorder	CREW Community Peer Support Meetings – Supports CREW peer community support meetings for students at Central Michigan University, Ferris State University, Mid-Michigan College, and Delta College.
OAKLAND COUNTY			
Alliance of Coalitions	\$50,000	Substance Use Disorder	Oakland County Youth Substance Use Prevention Initiative – Supports increasing locally tailored youth substance use prevention initiatives across Oakland County.
The Baldwin Center	\$10,000	Health Equity	Basic Needs – Supports the provision of infant formula and diapers for families experiencing disadvantages in Pontiac.
Lighthouse MI	\$50,000	Mental Health	Expanding Access to Mental Health Care for Homeless Youth and Families – Supports a program to expand mental health services for youth experiencing homelessness and their families in Oakland County.
MATIO (Kids Kicking Cancer)	\$100,000	Physical Health	Pediatric Healing Program in Michigan – Supports a statewide martial arts-based healing program that helps youth build coping strategies and pain management skills.
Oakland University	\$80,000	Health Equity	Math Corps at OU – (\$25,000) Supports the Summer 2026 Math Corps program at Oakland University, helping students from elementary through high school master math skills.
		Substance Use Disorder	Grizz Recovery – (\$55,000) Supports the Collegiate Recovery Program for students at Oakland University.

Orchards Children's Services	\$50,000	Health Equity	Support for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care – Supports the Youth in Transition and Independent Living programs assisting foster youth ages 14-22 to achieve independence and self-sufficiency.
Students Leading Students	\$33,250	Substance Use Disorder	Expanding the Students Leading Students Program in Michigan - Expands a student-led mentorship program by pairing established and emerging school groups to develop student leadership, promote mental wellness and substance use prevention, and strengthen positive school climates through peer mentoring, training, and student-led initiatives.
SAGINAW COUNTY			
Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Council Great Lakes Bay Region	\$50,000	Physical Health	Safe to Thrive: Growing Up Safe, Healthy, and Protected - Supports child abuse prevention education in Saginaw County.
WASHTENAW COUNTY			
Eastern Michigan University Foundation	\$50,000	Substance Use Disorder	Prevention @EMU – Supports a substance use disorder prevention program in Ypsilanti.
New Day Foundation for Families	\$50,000	Physical Health	Support of Oncology Families at Mott Children's Hospital and Children's Hospital of Michigan - Provides financial assistance, emotional support, and resource navigation to families of C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Children's Hospital of Michigan patients who are undergoing cancer treatment.
North Star Reach	\$45,000	Physical Health	Reestablishing North Star Outreach in SE Michigan - Supports a program to provide therapeutic camp experiences for hospitalized children at Children's Hospital of Michigan and other area hospitals.
Regents of the University of Michigan	\$49,000	Physical Health	Iterative Quality Improvement Strategies for Expansion of the Uncovering NICER Hematologic and Immunologic Disease Enigmas (UNHIDE) Program – (\$23,377) Supports improvements to the accessibility of the NICER's UNHIDE program to maximize clinical relevance and explore the educational impact of case-based discussions.
		Substance Use Disorder	Collegiate Recovery Program – (\$25,623) Funds the Collegiate Recovery Program for students at the University of Michigan.

WAYNE COUNTY			
All Well-Being Services	\$75,000 per year for two years	Substance Use Disorder	Thrive 15: Young Adult Substance Use Prevention and Recovery - Funding for a structured 15-week program that integrates prevention, brief treatment, and recovery support for ages 18-24.
Avalon Healing Center	\$50,000	Physical Health	Improving Access to Medical-Forensic Healthcare for Minors – Supports a program to expand access to specialized medical-forensic care for youth who are suspected victims of physical or sexual abuse.
Caleb’s Kids	\$50,000	Mental Health	Youth Wellness Immersive Experience – Supports ongoing and expanded implementation of a comprehensive and community-driven mental health initiative to improve emotional wellness outcomes for over 600 youth across the Detroit area.
CNS Healthcare	\$500,000 per year for two years	Substance Use Disorder	Intensive Outpatient Program - Funding for the implementation of a new Intensive Outpatient Program for young adults offering structured, comprehensive treatment for substance use and co-occurring disorders.
Congress of Communities	\$50,000	Health Equity	Informal Caregivers Cohort – Supports early childhood education programs and caregiving career pathways in Southwest Detroit.
Covenant House	\$50,000	Health Equity	Case Management and Referral Services for Youth Experiencing Homelessness – Supports housing-focused case management and counseling services for residents of an emergency shelter and transitional living program serving youth ages 18-24.
Detroit Champions for Hope	\$125,000 per year for two years	Physical Health	Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment – Supports outreach to increase assessment awareness and completion, connect families to Healthy Kids Dental providers, and convene parents and oral health providers to improve access through the Oral Health Initiative funded by Children’s Foundation of Michigan, Delta Dental Foundation, Kresge Foundation, and W. K. Kellogg Foundation.
Detroit Hispanic Development Corp	\$50,000	Health Equity	Raices Fuertes: Cultivating Strong Roots for Detroit Youth – Supports a program addressing issues of trauma, community violence, substance use, school disengagement, and inequitable health outcomes faced by Detroit youth ages 13-18.

Detroit Horse Power	\$60,000	Mental Health	Building Critical Capacity to Expand Access to Horses for Detroit Children – Supports Detroit Horse Power’s transition into its new facility, including horse management personnel and procedures to scale its youth development programming.
The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods	\$75,000 per year for two years	Substance Use Disorder	Healthy Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Coalition - Supports program expansion and broadened use of CADCA’s Seven Strategies for Community Change to move beyond education and create positive environmental change in both communities.
FORCE Detroit	\$50,000 per year for two years	Mental Health	Freer, Safer Detroit – Supports the pilot of a trauma-informed, youth-centered initiative addressing the mental health needs of young people exposed to community violence.
The Guidance Center	\$100,000	Physical Health	KidsTALK – Supports physical examinations and supportive services for youth who are suspected victims of physical or sexual abuse.
Hamtramck Public Schools	\$158,690	Physical Health	Hamtramck School Based Health Center – (\$138,690) Supports operational needs of the Hamtramck School Based Health Center, providing medical services to youth in Hamtramck. SEES Vision Screening, Eye Exams, and Glasses for Students – (\$20,000) Supports a vision screening and eyeglasses program for students in Hamtramck Public Schools.
Luke Clinic	\$50,000	Physical Health	Increasing Well Child Exam Attendance and Immunization Uptake for Vulnerable Infants and Children – Supports a program aimed at boosting well child exam attendance and the percent of children up to date on vaccinations at one year of life.
Methodist Children’s Home Society	\$50,000	Health Equity	Empowering Young Homeless Moms Through Transitional Housing – Supports the Teen Infant Parenting Services program to provide safe housing, mental health support, and parenting education to young mothers.
Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health	\$50,000	Mental Health	The Reflective Ripple: Building Resilience in Early Childhood Education – Supports a pilot of The Reflective Ripple, and an early childhood workforce development initiative.

Michigan Future, Inc.	\$40,000	Health Equity	Working Parents Tax Credit Coalition Building Project – Supports development of a statewide coalition across sectors and ideologies to advocate for a Working Parents Tax Credit.
MiSide	\$50,000	Substance Use Disorder	Building a Holistic Model to Support Pregnant/Parenting Mothers Affected by SUD – Supports the design of a comprehensive program providing supportive housing, recovery services, and family-centered care for pregnant and parenting mothers affected by substance use disorder.
SAY Detroit	\$10,000	Mental Health	Mental Health and Wellness at the SAY Play Center - Supports a mental health and wellness initiative helping students aged 8-18 identify critical skills to overcome challenges to their self-development while encouraging healthy behaviors.
University Pediatricians	\$109,241	Substance Use Disorder	Adolescent Addiction Recovery Center – Supports operations of the Adolescent Addiction Recovery Center at Children’s Hospital of Michigan Troy.
Urban Alliance Detroit	\$30,000	Health Equity	Detroit Healthcare Pathway – Supports an initiative to expand an evidence-based high school internship program, embedding healthcare-specific training, mentoring, and paid internships.
Wayne County CASA	\$25,000	Health Equity	Continuing Education at Wayne County CASA – Supports the integration of expert-led training into volunteer continuing education on trauma-informed care, Adverse Childhood Experiences, implicit bias, and self-care practices.
Wayne State University	\$184,956	Health Equity	Youth Justice System Transformation Initiative – (\$50,000) Supports year two of a funding collaborative addressing the lack of community-based diversion and deflection options in Wayne County’s youth justice system.
		Mental Health	Integrated Behavioral Health Services for Hamtramck Adolescents – (\$78,956) Supports behavioral health services for students within the Hamtramck School Based Health Center.
		Physical Health	Improving Access and Education for Communication Disorders – (\$11,000) Supports intensive communication therapy for youth facing insurance-related barriers.

		Physical Health	North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology Conference – (\$5,000) Supports travel to the 2026 NACCT conference for staff of the Michigan Poison & Drug Information Center.
		Substance Use Disorder	Collegiate Recovery Program: A Wider Lens for Broader Impact – (\$40,000) Funds the continuation and expansion of the WSU Collegiate Recovery Program.
The Yunion	\$75,000	Mental Health	Leadership for Mental Health – Supports year two of a program serving middle and high school participants and their families/caregivers by increasing access to mental health care and related social needs as part of the Leaders for Mental Health Initiative funded by Children’s Foundation of Michigan, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, BCBSM Foundation, Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan, Ethel and James Flinn Foundation, Kresge Foundation, Michigan Health Endowment Fund, and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF MICHIGAN INITIATIVES TOTAL: \$3,033,647		
CHILD LIFE PROGRAMS		
GRANT AWARDED TO	AMOUNT	SUMMARY
Buildup Steam	\$45,000	Buildup STEAM – Supports a LEGO robotics program for patients.
Children's Hospital of Michigan	\$506,837	Art Therapy – (\$75,096) Supports an art therapist to deliver therapeutic interventions to patients. Bingo Program – (\$4,000) Supports bingo prizes and supplies for patients. Bone Marrow Transplant Child Life Fellowship – (\$67,490) Supports a fellow in the BMT clinic. Equipment & Supplies – (\$7,000) Provides program supplies and educational tools for Child Life staff. Facility Dog – (\$102,259) Programs support a dedicated dog and handler to provide therapeutic visits for patients and families. Mr. Bryen's Ice Cream Cart – (\$7,000) Provides ice cream and other treats for patients and families. Pet Therapy – (\$3,500) Supports giveaway items for patients after a therapy dog visit. Reach Out and Read – (\$12,306) Supports a Reach Out and Read program. School Teachers – (\$96,316) Supports two teachers to academically assist hospitalized patients. Snowpile & Special Events – (\$20,983) Supports annual patient events. Technology Specialist – (\$64,752) Supports a technology specialist to help patients with technology needs and the Buildup STEAM program. Toy Fund – (\$15,000) Provides toys for the hospital playrooms and individual patient use. Yoga Therapy – (\$31,135) Supports a yoga therapist for patients.
Michigan State University Community Music School	\$68,000	Music Therapy – Supports a music therapy program for patients.
TOTAL CHILD LIFE PROGRAMS	\$619,837	

SUPPORT PROGRAMS		
GRANT AWARDED TO	AMOUNT	SUMMARY
Children's Hospital of Michigan	\$487,663	Adopt a Family – (\$7,543) Provides gifts and basic needs to families served by CHM's social work department during the holidays. Burn Pressure Garments – (\$25,000) Provides burn patients with custom-sized burn pressure garments to aid in healing. Burn Supply Outreach – (\$16,000) Provides burn healing supplies for families in need. CATCH Fund – (\$215,000) Provides emergency financial support for patient families experiencing economic hardship associated with their child's illness. Celebration of Life – (\$62,800) Supports a celebratory event for pediatric survivors of cancer and their families. Clothes Closet – (\$15,000) Provides clothing for patients and their families during lengthy hospital stays. Cystic Fibrosis Family Support – (\$14,120) Supports educational and fun events for Cystic Fibrosis patients and their families. Injury Prevention Program – (\$80,000) Provides car seats, anti-scald devices, smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, and injury prevention education for families and the community. Oncology Support Fund – (\$7,000) Provides emergency financial support for patient families experiencing economic hardship associated with their child's illness. Sickle Cell Transportation Services – (\$11,000) Supports transportation vouchers to help sickle cell patients attend clinic appointments. Special Needs Car Seats – (\$9,000) Provides specialized car seats for discharged patients who cannot use a standard car seat due to a surgery or other condition. Ticker Club – (\$7,950) Supports events for cardiology patient families. Transplant Picnic – (\$4,250) Supports an event for transplant patient families. Trauma & Burn Outreach – (\$10,000) Supports education and giveaways at community events, and an event for burn patient families. Volunteer Appreciation – (\$3,000) Supports recognition of hospital volunteers.
MATIO/Kids Kicking Cancer	\$33,234	Pediatric Healing at CHM – Supports martial arts sessions to help patients manage pain and stress.
Ronald McDonald House Charities Detroit	\$25,000	Family Van Service – Supports driver stipends and van maintenance for a shuttle service between Ronald McDonald House and area hospitals, with priority service to CHM.
University Pediatricians	\$28,000	Princess & Superhero Party – Supports an event for palliative care patients and their families.
TOTAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS	\$573,897	

STAFF EDUCATION		
GRANT AWARDED TO	AMOUNT	SUMMARY
Children's Hospital of Michigan	\$206,856	68th Annual Clinic Days – (\$15,400) Supports an annual pediatric education event for medical providers. Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers Conference – (\$4,800) Supports conference attendance for one oncology social worker. Burn Staff Education – (\$12,000) Supports attendance at the annual American Burn Association conference for burn staff. 2nd Annual Cardiac Consortium – (\$25,000) Supports expenses of an annual educational event on cardiology topics. Child Life Training & Development – (\$7,000) Supports conference attendance and professional development for Child Life staff. Children's Hospital Association Day – (\$9,146) Supports attendance at Children's Hospital Association's Advocacy Day in Washington, DC. Jack Hertzler Lecture – (\$4,000) Supports a lecture on surgery topics. Nursing Education & Research – (\$54,200) Supports continuing education and an annual conference for area nurses. Pediatric Diabetes Education – (\$5,000) Supports pediatric diabetes education for local school nurses and provides resources for families. Quality & Safety Conference – (\$2,350) Supports speaker honorarium and travel expenses for a conference on hospital safety issues. Reed-Slovis Lecture – (\$11,000) Supports a lecture on radiology topics. Social Work Education Day – (\$2,500) Supports a one-day conference for area youth-focused social workers. Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery Academic Development – (\$26,000) Supports attendance at scientific meetings and workshops on thoracic and cardiovascular surgery topics. Trauma Staff Education – (\$28,460) Supports continuing education for trauma staff.
Detroit Education & Research	\$26,900	Dental Fellows Education – (\$4,800) Supports annual conference attendance for dental fellows. Surgical Fellows Education – (\$22,100) Supports continuing education opportunities for CHM surgical fellows.
University Pediatricians	\$66,819	Emergency Department Education – (\$11,085) Supports education initiatives for Emergency Department staff. Gabriela Christina Fernandez Lecture – (\$5,000) Supports a lecture on adolescent mental health. Grand Rounds Speakers – (\$7,000) Supports CHM Grand Rounds.

		Kenneth Lewis Lecture – (\$4,534) Supports a lecture on Hematology topics. Neurology Grand Rounds – (\$6,000) Supports speaker honorariums for Grand Rounds series on Neurology topics. Ophthalmology Difficult Problem Conference – (\$10,500) Supports an annual conference on difficult ophthalmology problems. Pediatric Critical Care Education – (\$10,500) Supports a Pediatric Critical Care Support bootcamp for incoming fellows. Pediatric Fellows Education – (\$8,700) Supports research training software for pediatric fellows. Sophie Womack Lecture – (\$3,500) Supports a lecture on neonatology topics.
Wayne State University	\$4,250	Abboy Mohan Lecture – Supports a lecture on anesthesiology topics.
TOTAL STAFF EDUCATION	\$304,825	
RESEARCH		
GRANT AWARDED TO	AMOUNT	SUMMARY
Children’s Hospital of Michigan	\$87,910	Clinical Research Institute (CRI) – Supports pediatric research infrastructure at the Clinical Research Institute.
University Pediatricians	\$1,207,750	Clinical Research Institute (CRI) – (\$923,750) Supports pediatric research infrastructure at the Clinical Research Institute. Exploring a New, Modifiable Pathophysiology of Sturge-Weber Syndrome – (\$67,000) Supports a pilot study on early cerebral venous occlusions in children with Sturge-Weber syndrome. Advancing Care for Heavy Menstrual Bleeding and Menstrual Pain in Sickle Cell Disease – (\$65,000) Supports research to improve menstrual health care for adolescents and young adults with sickle cell disease. Hematology-Oncology Clinical Research Associates – (\$152,000) Supports clinical research associates to facilitate Hematology-Oncology treatment trial enrollment at Children’s Hospital of Michigan.
Wayne State University	\$239,428	Repurposing FDA-Approved Proteasome Inhibitors for Treating Pediatric AML - Supports research on leukemia and preclinical data to support clinical translation of a new therapy for children with relapsed or refractory AML. Surgical Services Infrastructure - Supports Surgical Services research infrastructure at Children’s Hospital of Michigan.
TOTAL RESEARCH	\$1,535,088	

