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MDHHS awards \$2.7 million to expand transportation services for substance use disorder treatment and recovery

LANSING – As part of an effort to reduce overdose deaths in Michigan, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has awarded 17 grants totaling \$2.7 million to help increase access to services for economically disadvantaged individuals seeking or engaging in treatment, harm reduction or recovery support services. These grants are being made available through Michigan's opioid settlement funding.

"This project will reduce barriers for individuals seeking treatment and supportive services during their recovery from opioid use disorder," said MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel. "They will help us continue to provide a full spectrum of care, and additionally enhance our ability to respond to this crisis in an equitable manner."

Reducing health disparities in overdoses and substance use disorder treatment and recovery services is a priority for MDHHS. Lack of access to transportation is cited as a major barrier to individuals seeking to access these services, particularly in rural and economically disadvantaged areas.

These grants will provide direct funding support to agencies to expand their capacity to transport participants to and from treatment appointments and other supportive services. Funding will also be provided to agencies to support the distribution of gas cards, bus passes and taxi/rideshare services.

The awardees are:

- Blue Water Recovery & Outreach Center (St. Clair County) \$194,338
- CARE of Southeast Michigan (Macomb County) \$18,455
- Community Mental Health Services of Muskegon County (Muskegon County) \$199,659
- CRC Recovery (Kent and Washtenaw Counties) \$139,525
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (Leelanau County) \$101,437
- Great Lakes Recovery Centers (Marquette County) \$200,000
- Home of New Vision (Jackson County) \$200,000
- List Psychological Services (Sanilac County) \$200,000
- Live Rite Structured Recovery Corp (Macomb County) \$200,000
- Mid-Michigan Recovery Services (Ingham County) \$150,059

- Our Hope Association (Kent County) \$200,000
- Quality Behavioral Health (Wayne County) \$200,000
- Sacred Heart (Berrien, Mackinac, and Macomb Counties) \$156,931
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan (Isabella County) \$194,776
- Serenity House of Flint (Genesee County) \$200,000
- WAI-IAM (Ingham County) \$120,371
- Wedgwood Christian Services (Kent County) \$112,211

The award period begins Nov 1, 2023, and ends Sept. 30, 2024. Additional information regarding proposed programming under Michigan's Opioid Healing and Recovery Fund is provided on the <u>opioids settlement website</u>.

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