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Genesee Health System awards mini grants to 13 local non-profits

GENESEE COUNTY, MI – Genesee Health System (GHS) has awarded a total of \$382,487 to 13 community organizations providing services and programs that address at least one of the Mental Health Millage Focus Areas.

“When we asked the community for millage dollars to support mental health in our community, one of our promises was to give back and support the efforts of community grassroots efforts to reach populations we don’t currently serve, or who don’t normally seek out our services,” said Danis Russell, CEO of GHS. “We requested mini grant submissions from the community to not only support their efforts, but to help those in the community who need it most and may fall through the cracks in traditional services.”

The mini-grant recipients will collectively serve over 2,500 Genesee County residents in one of seven focus areas of the Mental Health Millage that include:

- Law Enforcement/First Responders Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
- Law Enforcement & Mental Health Co-responses and Jail Diversion
- Court/Corrections Mental Health Supports and Services
- Suicide and Crisis Prevention
- Schools: Prevention and Crisis De-escalation
- Crisis Center/Crisis Stabilization
- Health and Wellness for Vulnerable Populations

Review the full list of [GHS Mini Grant Recipients](#).

The University of Michigan-Flint’s Shelley Spivack said, “The generous grant from the GHS millage will enable Youth Arts: Unlocked to continue providing our “YOGA FOR ALL” workshops to youth incarcerated at the Genesee County Juvenile Justice Center. These workshops are invaluable as they decrease the levels of stress and anxiety experienced by incarcerated youth as well as improve their mood, levels of self-esteem and overall physical and mental health.”

Ashnee Young from the Flint Freedom Schools Collaborative added, “The Flint Freedom Schools

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Collaborative is excited to partner with Genesee Health System to curate positive experiences that prioritize mental health and wellness of youth, families and young professionals in our community.”

Catrina Tillman, Executive Director of the Revive Community Health Center agreed, “Through the GHS 2022 Mini Grant Program: Health & Wellness for Vulnerable Populations, Revive CHC is able to provide nursing workshops and resources for expecting moms to assist in mitigating the national formula shortage and to advocate for nursing or breastfeeding for those eligible. We are pleased to be selected as a recipient of GHS's Mini Grant Program, and look forward to addressing the evolving needs of our resilient community.”

Questions about the mini grant program or other GHS services, please contact GHS Communications at communications@genhs.org.

Program funded by Genesee County Community Mental Health Millage funds. Your tax dollars at work.

Read more about the Mental Health Millage at geneseefuture.org.

Genesee Health System provides mental health and substance use disorder services and supports to Genesee County residents with a focus on the health of the whole person.

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