

Grant Funding Activity January 23, 2019

- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) has been authorized to receive another year of Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing funding valued at \$52,394. MMDHD will act as fiduciary on this grant, continue to conduct statewide trainings for new public health leaders, and also develop educational materials on the value of public health to be shared with local health departments.
- Montcalm County Food Hub Grant The MMDHD received funding in the amount of \$46,000 from the Greenville Area Community Foundation to improve the nutritional health of Montcalm County residents by launching a non-profit organization called a food hub that will buy fresh produce from local growers, bundle it together and sell it to institutions like schools, restaurants, and hospitals. In December, MMDHD applied for an additional \$43,560 from the USDA Farm to School Program, pledging \$15,000 in in-kind support for the grant. If awarded, these funds will be used to develop the detailed agreements necessary for schools to buy from the Hub.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Grant MMDHD, on behalf of the Live Well Gratiot community health planning group, applied for \$24,750 to support another year of the Prescription for Health program at the St. Louis Farmers' Market. In addition to healthy food for low income people with chronic illnesses, this grant also requests funds for physical activity classes at Alma College that are appropriate for people with mobility limitations. The participants in the grant pledged a total of \$16,161 of in-kind support to secure the grant.