



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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[Hancock, MI] Together with the support of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Michigan, the Portage Health Foundation is announcing its most recent request for proposal (RFP's).

The Portage Health Foundation's mission is to support the charitable health needs of the community through enhanced philanthropy and community collaboration. The Portage Health Foundation's five pillars of emphasis guides meaningful investment in projects, programs, and services that meet the needs of the community and align with our mission of improving the health of residents in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties.

The intention of these grants is to support projects that will have an impact on community health and wellness while addressing the systemic health needs and risk factors of the broader community. Further, it is hoped and desired that proposals seeking funding will have identified key components to support sustainability and/or systems change to ensure ongoing delivery of services to meet community need.

All Access to Care and Community Health grants must align with the Portage Health Foundation's mission and in this request for proposal shall address Mental and Behavioral Health including Substance Use Disorders specifically addressing the needs of our adolescent population.

- Early intervention and prevention programs including SUD;
- Emergency and mobile crisis response;
- MBH service access, coordination, and navigation;
- Suicide prevention and awareness;
- Youth leadership development;
- Parent education and engagement;
- Addiction services; and
- Programming addressing other forms of mental illness, stress reduction, anxiety, and depression that may include physical and mindfulness activities.

"We know many children in our community are hurting. We know they are being negatively affected by the addiction present in our community; losses of friends and family to suicide and overdoses; and the ever-present stressors of what life has become for them in today's society." said Kevin Store, Executive Director of the Portage Health Foundation. "We also know from our interactions with our youth that we can't be that community that hears what they are telling us and not do something to intervene and give them a voice and provide support to them."

The Portage Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that receives and contributes charitable donations which support the health needs of the community through enhanced philanthropy and community collaboration throughout Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties.



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Although not required, Portage Health Foundation strongly encourages all interested applicants to submit a [Letter of Inquiry](#) (LOI) prior to submitting a grant application. An LOI helps promote a clear understanding, collaboration, and project outcomes between PHF and grant applicants.

A total of \$300,000.00 has been released for this round of funding to support the mental and behavioral health needs of the community.

PHF staff will be holding an informational session for this RFP *January 4, 2018 @ 12:00 pm Noon* at the PHF Offices:

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**\*\*For those unable to attend the meeting, please join us at our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/phfgive/> and watch via Facebook Live \*\***