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The Healthcare Initiative Foundation FY18 Capacity Building Grant Awards

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Montgomery County, MD – April 18, 2018 – The Healthcare Initiative Foundation (HIF) awarded $663,000 in FY18 Capacity Building Grants to support 15 organizations in Montgomery County working to provide high-quality, comprehensive, and sustainable healthcare. HIF’s grants support (3) three priorities: to improve the quality and availability of comprehensive healthcare; to build capacity of the healthcare network; and to grow a highly skilled and culturally competent healthcare workforce. These grants are projected to serve 12,026 unduplicated Montgomery County residents, and build capacity of the healthcare network by generating a projected $563,000 in additional revenue.

Improve the Quality of Healthcare and/or Availability of Comprehensive Healthcare in Montgomery County: $528,000 Granted; An Estimated 11,449 Individuals to be Served; Generating a Projected $367,000 in Additional Revenue

- Chinese Culture and Community Service Center – $50,000 to build clinic capacity by hiring a part-time provider enabling the clinic to increase patient hours, increase the number of patients served to 1,200, and apply to become a Medicaid provider. This grant enables CCACC to generate an additional $27K in projected revenue.
- Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind – $50,000 to provide diabetic retinopathy services to an anticipated #720 low-income patients, expanding services to (2) two additional safety-net clinics and enabling them to meet the standard for annual vision exams for patients with diabetes.
- Community Health through Education Enrichment and Research (CHEER) – $50,000 to expand the Long Branch Healthy Food Access Program from #75 to serve #220 low-income Takoma Park residents by supplying healthy food and nutrition education to improve health outcomes for chronic disease management. This grant will help meet a portion of the match for the $450,000 Trinity Health Transforming Communities Initiative (TCI) grant to IPHI for Montgomery County.
- Mary’s Center – $50,000 to purchase medical supplies for (5) five rooms at their new medical center site in Silver Spring and to increase the number of patients served to #6,000, generating an additional $191,000 in projected revenue.
- Mobile Medical Care and Aspire Counseling, Inc. – $100,000 to enhance behavioral health integration for #1,275 patients; to improve the somatic and behavioral health of Mobile Med chronic disease patients through motivational interviewing; and to demonstrate improved somatic health of patients with comorbid depression/anxiety through behavioral health therapy. Aspire is projected to generate an additional $38,000 through this grant.
- Muslim Community Health Center – $30,000 to expand dental clinic hours and provide dental services to #440 low-income patients, generating an additional $21,000 in projected revenue.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – $18,000 to expand Sources of Strength (SOS), a suicide prevention program that fosters help seeking behavior and mental wellness, to John F. Kennedy High School serving #1,274 students. SOS is an evidence based program, originally supported through the Trawick Foundation’s TeamUp model.
- **Thriving Germantown** – two (2) grants totaling $130,000:
  - *EveryMind* – $80,000 to provide quality, accessible behavioral health services including individual and family therapy to #50 vulnerable children and youth at Captain James E. Daly Elementary School (DES) and to an additional #25 to #50 family members, generating a projected $15,000 in additional revenue.
  - *Identity, Inc.* – $50,000 to improve social and emotional competencies and emotional wellbeing for #20 vulnerable youth at DES and to increase parent engagement in their children’s physical and emotional health.
- **Tree House Children’s Advocacy Center** – $50,000 to ensure high-quality, comprehensive, medical treatment is consistently available to #200 uninsured or underinsured victims of child maltreatment in Montgomery County and to generate a projected $25,000 in additional revenue.

**Build Capacity of the Healthcare Network in Montgomery County:** $100,000 Granted; An Estimated #427 Individuals to be Served; Generating a Projected $166,000 in Additional Revenue

- **Institute for Public Health Innovation** – $25,000 to increase the number of MCPS schools with a Local School Wellness Council (LSWC) to #50 schools and to improve measures of success and productivity in existing LSWCs. This grant will help meet a portion of the match for the $450,000 Trinity Health Transforming Communities Initiative (TCI) grant to IPHI for Montgomery County.
- **Interfaith Works** – $25,000 to generate wealth and improve household income and health outcomes for #100 families enrolled in the Family Independence Initiative using household data to establish goals and direct change.
- **Jewish Social Services Agency** – $30,000 to measure the impact and build the sustainability of Partners in Care, a collaborative model that enables #50 low-income seniors to age in place by addressing their health and ability to function independently.
- **Montgomery Hospice** – $20,000 to increase the capacity to provide continuous home, crisis care to #227 patients and to generate an additional $141,000 in projected revenue.

**Grow a Highly Skilled, Culturally Competent Healthcare Workforce:** $35,000 Granted; An Estimated #150 Individuals to be Served; Generating a Projected $30,000 in Additional Revenue

- **Crossway Community** – $35,000 to provide education to #150 healthcare professionals on effective methods to engage aging individuals and individuals with dementia in meaningful Montessori activities. This grant will generate a projected $30,000 in additional revenue.

**About HIF:**
HIF’s mission is to support organizations that offer solutions to improve the quality and delivery of healthcare for residents of Montgomery County, Maryland. Within our geographic and focus area, we consider efforts to improve the quality and delivery of healthcare, expand the availability of comprehensive healthcare, build appropriate capacity in the healthcare network, and grow the healthcare workforce. To learn more, please visit [http://www.hifmc.org](http://www.hifmc.org), and like us on Facebook at [http://www.facebook.com/hifmc](http://www.facebook.com/hifmc).

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