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The Healthcare Initiative Foundation FY19 Capacity Building Recipients

The Healthcare Initiative Foundation Awards FY19 Capacity Building Grants to #16 Organizations, Projected to Impact 104,841 Individuals and Generate $550,260 in Additional Revenue for $523,000

Montgomery County, MD – May 21, 2019 – The Healthcare Initiative Foundation (HIF) awarded $523,000 in FY19 Capacity Building Grants to support 16 organizations in Montgomery County, MD working to provide high-quality, comprehensive, and sustainable healthcare. HIF’s grants support: behavioral health access across the lifespan; access to quality and comprehensive health and wellness services; sustainable business models and integrated service delivery for systemic transformation; and the growth of a highly skilled and culturally competent healthcare workforce. These grants are projected to impact 104,841 Montgomery County residents, and build capacity of the healthcare network by generating a projected $550,260 in additional revenue.

Behavioral Health Across the Lifespan: $180,000 Granted; An Estimated 258 Individuals to be Impacted; Generating a Projected $49,000 in Additional Revenue

- EveryMind - $60,000 – Provides school-based clinical mental health services to ensure that 50 low income and uninsured children and families access quality behavioral health services.
- Hearts and Homes for Youth - $20,000 – Expands capacity to provide psychiatric support to 16 youth in non-therapeutic group foster homes.
- Identity, Inc. – $50,000 – Provides after school program to 25 students and 25 parents, with family case management to improve student social and emotional wellness and academic success.
- The Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County, Inc. - $50,000 – Ensures access to quality and comprehensive services for 126 children and families affected by maltreatment in Montgomery County and contributes to the development of a highly-skilled trauma-informed medical workforce.

Access to Quality and Comprehensive Health and Wellness Services: $193,000 Granted; An Estimated 3,971 Individuals to be Impacted; Generating a Projected $445,260 in Additional Revenue

- Vietnamese American Services, Inc. - $20,000 – Improves access of health and social services, promoting health and education and sustained community connection by operating a community center for Vietnamese American residents in Montgomery County.
- Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind - $50,000 – Assists 764 Montgomery Cares’ patients access diabetic retinopathy screenings and the capacity for safety-net clinics to meet quality care benchmarks for patients with diabetes.

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- **Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington (JCA)** - $30,000 – Improves quality of life by reducing social isolation, depression, and anxiety for 155 seniors and their caregivers who have been diagnosed with early stages of dementia through activities, education, and group interventions to optimize cognitive and physical function.

- **Mary’s Center for Maternal and Child Care, Inc.** - $15,000 – Increases capacity to provide high-quality dental care to 2,340 residents of Montgomery County.

- **Manna Food Center** - $50,000 – Improves senior access to food in partnership with the Montgomery County Food Council, Jewish Council for the Aging, Senior Connection, and other partners to qualified Montgomery County seniors by engaging seniors as appropriate in SNAP benefits, transportation assistance, and Manna Food services.

- **American Diversity Group** - $20,000 – Provides dental screenings and treatments to 120 children and parents referred by UpCounty elementary schools.

- **Mercy Health Clinic** - $8,000 – Improves for 196 patients access to medical advice, health and wellness, and additional community resources through an after-hours telephone support system.

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**Sustainable Business Models and Integrated Service Delivery to Stimulate Systemic Transformation in the Health and Wellness Sector:** $150,000 Granted; An Estimated 100,612 Individuals to be Impacted; Generating a Projected $56,000 in Additional Revenue

- **YMCA of Metropolitan Washington** - $15,000 – Offers trauma-informed services to 253 clients by completing internal staff training and integrating trauma informed treatment planning, practices, and monitoring in order to improve programmatic outcomes across the organization.

- **Leadership Montgomery (LM)** - $25,000 – Supports and builds sustainability for LM’s racial equity leadership training and helps seed the launch of the Race Equity Action Leadership (REAL) 8-month program that examines the systemic beliefs, practices, and policies within the context of organizational leadership. Funding will support (5) five staff from (1) one nonprofit to participate.

- **Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA)** - $35,000 – Measures the impact of a collaborative care partnership enabling 35 low-income seniors to age in place by addressing social determinants of health and ability to function independently.

- **Institute for Public Health and Innovation (IPHI)** - $25,000 – Builds the capacity of local school communities in Montgomery County and improving student wellness by increasing access to healthy, affordable food, physical activity opportunities, and social and emotional wellness through School Wellness Action Plans and Councils.

- **Family Services, Inc.** - $50,000 – Thriving Germantown (TG) HUB is a multi-generational, multi-sectoral integrated model that provides linkage and care coordination to 200 children and family members who present risk factors in the areas of health and wellness, behavioral health, education, and social sustainability according to the Pathways Community HUB intervention model, through groups, home visits, and technology as well as coordinates the Thriving Germantown HUB collective impact partnership.

HIF supports 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 our website at [www.hifmc.org](http://www.hifmc.org) and like us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/hifmc](http://www.Facebook.com/hifmc).

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