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### **Healthcare Initiative Foundation FY18 Small Grant Awards**

*The Healthcare Initiative Foundation Awards \$74,000 in FY18 Small Grants to #19 Organizations, Projected to Serve 69,580 Individuals*

**Montgomery County, MD – July 25, 2018** – The Healthcare Initiative Foundation (HIF) awarded **\$74,000** in FY18 Small Grants to support **#19** organizations in Montgomery County working to provide high-quality, comprehensive, and sustainable healthcare. HIF’s grants support three (3) priorities: to improve the quality and availability of comprehensive healthcare; to build the capacity and sustainability of the healthcare network; and to grow a highly skilled and culturally competent healthcare workforce. These grants are projected to improve the health and wellness of **#69,580** unduplicated Montgomery County residents.

#### **Improve the Quality of Healthcare and/or Availability of Comprehensive Healthcare in Montgomery County: \$35,000 Granted to Serve an Estimated 68,534 Unduplicated Individuals**

- *Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind* – **\$5,000** to partner with Clopper Mill Elementary School and Captain James E. Daly Elementary School to provide vision screenings, exams, referrals, and eyeglasses to #45 students with limited access to vision care.
- *Gaithersburg HELP* – **\$750** to provide emergency prescription assistance to #5 low-income, uninsured and under-insured adults and children in Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village.
- *Germantown HELP* – **\$2,500** to provide medical financial assistance and food assistance for #45 uninsured and under-insured adults and children in Germantown.
- *Manna Food Center* – **\$5,000** to increase food distribution, nutrition education, and SNAP outreach in East County and UpCounty, serving an estimated #1,250 residents.
- *Montgomery County Food Council* – **\$5,000** to create food referral guides at three (3) Primary Care Coalition safety-net clinics working in collaboration with the Food is Medicine project and to support food and nutrition asset mapping utilizing Montgomery County FoodStat, reaching an estimated #63,000 residents.
- *Montgomery County Television, dba Montgomery Community* – **\$2,500** to support the Community Wellness Symposium to help reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness for adults struggling with depression, reaching an estimated #2,500 county residents.
- *Silver Technology Systems* – **\$750** to provide #100 seniors with computer and technology consulting services to combat the effects of isolation on health in our aging adults in Montgomery County with the assistance of #12 student volunteers.
- *Shared Horizons, Inc.* – **\$2,500** to provide medical financial assistance for the medical needs of #4 people living with disabilities in Montgomery County.
- *Spirit Club Foundation* – **\$5,000** to support the Supportive Fitness Partnership with the Jewish Council for the Aging for an additional seven (7) months of exercise and fitness classes, serving #35 people with Alzheimer’s and dementia.
- *The ACE Project* – **\$1,000** to provide student athletes at Seneca Valley High School community service projects to improve and support health and wellness in the community through the coordination of a Germantown Community Health Day, serving an estimated #850 Montgomery County residents.
- *Women Who Care Ministries* – **\$5,000** to provide #200 children at Captain James E. Daly Elementary School with healthy and nutritional weekend and summer meals.

**Build the Capacity and Sustainability of the Healthcare Network in Montgomery County: \$27,500 Granted to Serve an Estimated #690 Unduplicated Individuals**

- *Ayuda* – **\$5,000** to expand comprehensive, linguistically, and culturally appropriate protection services to #40 immigrant survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking to a new location in Montgomery County.
- *Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington* – **\$5,000** to expand afterschool programming focused on academics, fitness, and social emotional support for #120 Montgomery County students at two (2) new sites: Watkins Mill Elementary School and Montgomery College.
- *Boys Town Washington D.C.* – **\$7,500** to expand behavioral health supports to #120 children and their families in Montgomery County.
- *People Animals Love* – **\$5,000** to expand the Pet Visitation Program to additional Montgomery County sites, using pet therapy dogs to support #300 Montgomery County residents in need.
- *Warrior Canine Connection* – **\$5,000** to expand its Mission Based Trauma Recovery (MBTR) program, which partners with veterans to train service dogs, in collaboration with the Vet Center in Silver Spring, serving #50 individuals.

**Grow a Highly Skilled, Culturally Competent Healthcare Workforce: \$11,500 Granted to Serve an Estimated #356 Unduplicated Individuals**

- *EveryMind* – **\$4,000** to recruit and place #16 bilingual, bicultural undergraduate and graduate level interns to expand mental health, case management, and counseling services to serve an additional #60 patients.
- *Leadership Montgomery* – **\$2,500** to assist with six (6) Racial Equity Institute (REI) Workshops serving #240 leaders in the county and to support at least six (6) follow-up community debriefings, facilitated by IMPACT Silver Spring, for #80 participants.
- *Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL)* – **\$5,000** to train #40 adult Montgomery County health care workers in English skills to increase employee productivity.

**About the Healthcare Initiative Foundation:**

The Foundation'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>, and like us on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/hifmc>.

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