

**GRANT COMMITTEE  
2022-2023**

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**GRANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2023**

**Organizations Recommended to Receive Grants**

**Funding Recommended: \$500,000**

**Anchorage Children’s Home**

Request: \$100,000      Recommendation: \$35,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$455,000*

Purpose: Support for the 20-bed “Hidle House Emergency Youth Crisis Shelter” serving abused and homeless youth under Age 18 since 1985. Served 224 youths in their FY22. Only program within a 150-mile radius. 24/7 staff focus on education, employment, long-term goals for successful transition to independent living.

**Angel House Bereavement Center**

Request: \$50,000      Recommendation: \$10,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$5,000*

Purpose: Only 501 (c) 3 providers of clinical grief counseling in Bay County. Established in 2015. They provide clinical therapy sessions at a minimal cost of \$50 per session per client. The objective is to meet the needs of the population ages five and up regardless of ability to pay. The amount of this fee is to pay the practitioner for their services. Meeting the needs will also result in less reactivity in the school/work setting and the ability to understand the grieving process and work through the grief as it comes appropriately.

**Avicenna Free Clinic**

Request: \$100,000      Recommendation: \$100,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$979,000*

Purpose: In the past year Avicenna saw 3,890 patients. BHF grant proceeds will be used to cover the costs of a Nurse Practitioner, a CNA, receptionist, medical equipment, PAP gap medicine, and supplies for one year. The remodel of their Frankford Avenue location is complete.

**BASIC NWFL**

Request: \$35,000      Recommendation: \$15,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$119,000*

Purpose: The grant proceeds will allow BASIC to purchase a transportation van. Lack of reliable transportation and infrastructure is one of the greatest challenges for the community members they serve.

**BayCares**

Request: \$100,000      Recommendation: \$100,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$968,777*

Purpose: Operations, primarily for two staff members to provide eligibility determination, referrals, and care management. BayCares is the referral source between the primary care clinics and the patients (between ages 18-64) needing specialty medical physicians. In the last year, the \$100,000 donated by BHF turned into over \$1,000,000 in donated services by specialty physicians, hospitals, and surgery centers. They provided services for 198 patients in 2022.

**Bay County Council on Aging**

Request: \$50,000      Recommendation: \$20,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$321,189*

Purpose: In the past have asked for the respite center, however they received an estate gift for that program. The need now is Home Delivered Meals for senior adults who are not able to leave their homes, not able to prepare their own meals and have no one to prepare for them. Meals cost \$3.75 (50 cents more than last year) each to be served in addition to the meals funded by the Older Americans Act Grant. The Home Delivered Meals served by the agency will exceed the available grant funds by more than \$100,000.

**Covenant Care**

Request: \$50,000      Recommendation: \$15,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$30,000*

Purpose: Provide charity care for hospice patients in Bay County. The average cost is \$155 per day. The daily average census for Bay County is 157. Charity care last year for Bay County was around \$400,000.

**FSU Foundation-Early Childhood Autism Program**

Request: \$30,000      Recommendation: \$10,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$130,000*

Purpose: To fund scholarships for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy services for children/young adults who do not have the funds available to pay for the services.

**Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy**

Request: \$25,000      Recommendation: \$20,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$92,000*

Purpose: To support personnel and general operating expenses of the Child Protection Team and the Trauma Therapy Treatment Program. The Child Protection Team is the only organization in our area that provides forensic interviews, specialized medical exams and psychological assessments for child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and domestic violence. The Trauma Therapy Treatment Program offers therapy services to child and adult victims, siblings, and non-offending caretakers for families with a child who has been a victim of sexual violence and/or child abuse.

**Life Management Center**

Request: \$25,000      Recommendation: \$20,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$105,000*

Purpose: Support their onsite primary care clinic for their mental health patients. The funds will be used to continue serving the approximately 192 unduplicated patients.

**PanCare**

Request: \$50,000      Recommendation: \$15,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$86,000*

Purpose: To provide dental exams, cleanings, and sealants on the PanCare dental mobile bus throughout Bay District Schools for uninsured children.

**Second Chance of NWFL**

Request: \$25,000      Recommendation: \$25,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$265,112*

Purpose: Provide brain injured adults and adults with cognitive disorders with a safe environment where they can develop their social and cognitive skills in an arena of belonging. They are requesting \$25,000 from BHF to cover the building lease and utilities for 2023.

**St. Andrew Community Medical Center**

Request: \$100,000      Recommendation: \$100,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$950,500*

Purpose: The funding will be used to provide critical support required to deliver primary healthcare to Bay County's medically underserved. Includes paying a portion of the wages for RN and Nurse Tech, Office Manager, Patient Assistance Program Manager, Pharmacist, Pharmacy Tech, and Clerical Tech at SACMC. In addition, funding will be used to purchase medications provided to the patients free of charge. And a portion of these funds will be used to provide critical diagnostic tests and medical procedures that are essential. Because of the BHF funds, SACMC is able to continue the HEP-C protocol initiated in 2015; this program has now resulted in more than 150 Bay County citizens being completely cured of HEP-C. During FY22 they served 9,357 patients; over 15,000 prescriptions and \$8.9M of free health services.

**The Arc of the Bay**

Request: \$25,000      Recommendation: \$15,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 10 years: \$76,000*

Purpose: Requesting funds for Culinary Program which provides education and real-life training for adults with I/DD (intellectual and development disabilities). Their adult day training program supports more than 130 individuals each year with varying disabilities. The Supported Employment Program serves 350 individuals with I/DD.