

**GRANT COMMITTEE  
2023-2024**

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**GRANT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2024**

**Organizations Recommended to Receive Grants**

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

**Anchorage Children’s Home**

Request: \$100,000      Recommendation: \$30,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$490,000*

Purpose: Support for the 20-bed “Hidle House Emergency Youth Crisis Shelter” serving abused and homeless youth under Age 18 since 1985. Historically serves over 200 youth annually. Only program within a 150-mile radius. 24/7 staff focus on education, employment, long-term goals for successful transition to independent living. A full-time nurse on staff helps prevent unnecessary trips to the ER.

**Angel House Bereavement Center**

Request: \$50,000      Recommendation: \$10,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$15,000*

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 three and up regardless of ability to pay. The reason for 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 11 years: \$1,079,000*

Purpose: In the past year Avicenna saw 4,534 patients. BHF grant proceeds will be used to cover the costs of a Nurse Practitioner and a CNA. Plan to add a new staff member in early 2024. The goal for 2024 is to increase services to cover 5,000 patients by continuing to staff and equip the clinic to meet the growing needs of the community. The clinic provides primary care, neurology, and rheumatology.

**BASIC NWFL**

Request: \$25,072      Recommendation: \$12,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$134,000*

Purpose: The requested funds will go towards supporting general operation of transportation for medical service needs, specifically for providing transportation assistance and linkage services for underserved populations in Bay County. 2023 BHF grant funds helped purchase a transportation van.

**BayCares**

Request: \$100,000      Recommendation: \$100,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$1,068,777*

Purpose: BayCares aims to render specialized healthcare services to indigent patients who lack the resources to obtain lifesaving care. They collaborate with a network of health care providers, who are willing to donate their services to patients in need. Primary care facilities such as Avicenna, St. Andrew Community Medical Center, and PanCare, serve as the main source for patient referrals. Once a provider refers a patient, they meet with them to determine their eligibility through income verification; then they coordinate with specialists to schedule the needed services for our qualified patients. In their FY23 over \$1.3 million in donated services. The average age of patients is 51 and tends to be the working poor. Total operating budget is \$198,000.

**Bay County Council on Aging**

Request: \$50,000

Recommendation: \$20,000

*Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$341,189*

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 them. \$50,000 will purchase 8,210 meals at \$6.09 (\$2.34 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 in 2023 will exceed the available grant funds.

**Children's Home Society**

Request: \$25,000

Recommendation: \$10,000

*Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$0*

Purpose: Funds will be used for the capacity for their wellness coordinator to further implement their support personnel and general operating expenses of the Community Partnership School at Parker Elementary focusing on health and wellness services to support the student's wellness and wellbeing (including behavioral health, primary care, vision and dental). During the tours and presentations to the committee representatives from CHS said that their primary focus right now was on dental. This provides access to healthcare with parental consent without the parent having to leave work. This eliminates barriers for these families, children are receiving their healthcare needs in timely manner, and they are moving the needle on equity in healthcare.

**Covenant Care**

Request: \$25,000

Recommendation: \$15,000

*Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$45,000*

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 147. Charity care last year for Bay County was around \$130,000.

**FSU Foundation-Early Childhood Autism Program**

Request: \$30,000

Recommendation: \$15,000

*Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$140,000*

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. The current waitlist is 43 children. Children with autism typically need 20-25 hours of therapy per week. The grant last year allowed them to add 9 new families to the program.

**Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy**

Request: \$25,000

Recommendation: \$15,000

*Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$112,000*

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 11 years: \$125,000*

Purpose: Support their onsite primary care clinic for their mental health patients. The funds will be used to continue serving the approximately 217 unduplicated patients.

**PanCare**

Request: \$50,000

Recommendation: \$15,000

*Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$101,000*

Purpose: To provide dental exams, cleanings, and sealants on the PanCare dental mobile bus throughout Bay District Schools for uninsured children. Served 13,999 students last year (5,957 without insurance). They have a long track record of successfully identifying oral healthcare needs and providing services to those who might otherwise go without care.

**Second Chance of NWFL**

Request: \$25,000

Recommendation: \$25,000

*Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$290,112*

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 2024.

**St. Andrew Community Medical Center**

Request: \$100,000      Recommendation: \$100,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$1,050,500*

Purpose: The funding will be used to provide critical support required to deliver primary healthcare to Bay County's medically underserved. 1) 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, 2) funding will be used to purchase medications provided to the patients free of charge. And 3) 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 160 Bay County citizens being completely cured of HEP-C. During FY23 they served 10,238 patients; over 15,000 prescriptions and \$10.7M of free health services.

**The Arc of the Bay**

Request: \$25,000      Recommendation: \$13,000      *Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$91,000*

Purpose: Requesting funds for Culinary Program which provides education and real-life training for adults with I/DD (intellectual and development disabilities). They have 18 culinary graduates annually. 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.

**United Hands Project**

Request: \$100,000      Recommendation: \$0      *Historical Grant Total Last 11 years: \$0*

Purpose: NEW AGENCY: Established in 2022. Funds from BHF would go directly for general operations, primarily for two staff members to deliver mental health services year-round increasing access to care by providing eligibility determination, referrals, care management, and direct client services. In July 2023, the United Hands Project held its first annual STEmental mental health summit and the positive feedback and support from community partners asked the agency to provide services year-round to support adolescents, teens, and young adults. The United Hands Project is seeking a grant to duplicate the one-day community mental health event for teens and young adults into two twelve-week mini workshops that will allow for further opportunity for mental health services for those in need. These workshops will provide ways for participants to utilize S.T.E.M platforms to grow and build on the basic mental health concepts to better cope with various mental conditions and take what they have learned and become ambassadors of the organization as peer mentors in their schools and community. The objective is to connect science and mental health by using innovative therapeutic techniques and S.T.E.M components in the schools to 280 identified underserved students in over 35 Bay district schools and surrounding colleges through two 12-week mini STEmental workshops, one in the Spring and one in the Fall to provide wrap around services.