

2017 Grant Recipients & Amounts

Recipient Name	Award Amount
Care Free Dental Center, Lansing	\$10,000
Donated Dental Services, Okemos	\$5,000
Freedom Health Clinic – Motor City Medical Mission, Detroit	\$5,000
Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti	\$7,500
Mel Trotter, Grand Rapids	\$5,000
Muskegon Pay it Forward, Muskegon	\$10,000
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Detroit	\$10,000
Special Olympics, Detroit/Mt. Pleasant	\$10,000
VINA Clinic, Brighton	\$10,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$72,500



2018 Grant Recipients and Amounts:

Organization	Amount
Detroit Mercy Dental School, Detroit	\$5,000
Helping Hands Dental Center, Midland	\$3,000
Holland Free Health Clinic, Holland	\$5,000
Man Up Man Down, Flint	\$3,000
Muskegon Volunteer for Dental Care, Muskegon	\$10,000
St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, Pontiac	\$5,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$31,000



MDA Foundation 2019 Grant Recipients:

Organization	Amount	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Gary Burnstein Clinic, Pontiac	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000			
Helping Hands Dental Center, Midland	\$21,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$6,000		
Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Muskegon Volunteer for Dental Care, Muskegon	\$10,000	\$10,000				
Silver Creek Church, Marquette	\$570	\$570				
Special Olympics, Mt. Pleasant	\$10,000	\$10,000				
VINA Clinic, Brighton	\$10,000	\$10,000				
GRAND TOTAL	\$131,570	\$65,570	\$30,000	\$16,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

2020 MDA Foundation Grant Recipients



Organization	Amount	2020	2021	2022	2023
The Gary Burnstein Clinic, Pontiac	\$15,000	\$15,000			
Helping Hands Dental Center, Midland	\$11,000	\$5,000	\$6,000		
Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Malta Clinic, Detroit	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Marquette County Health Department	\$695 *	\$695*			
Michigan Dental Association, Okemos	\$28,000	\$14,000	\$14,000		
Victors for Veterans, Ann Arbor	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	
VINA Clinic, Brighton	\$5,000	\$5,000			
GRAND TOTAL	\$154,695	\$69,695	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$10,000
	*In-kind donation from BCBSM	*In-kind donation from BCBSM			



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2021 MDA Foundation Grant Recipients:

Organization	Amount Awarded	2021	2022	2023
Gary Burnstein Clinic, Pontiac	\$8,950	\$8,950		
Helping Hands Dental Center, Midland	\$6,000	\$6,000		
Holland Free Dental Clinic, Holland	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Malta Clinic, Detroit	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Silver Creek Church, Marquette	\$900	\$900		
St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, Pontiac	\$5,000	\$5,000		
University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit	\$8,500	\$8,500		
University of Detroit Mercy, DEI	\$6,000	\$6,000		
University of Michigan, DEI	\$6,000	\$6,000		
Victors for Veterans, Brighton	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	
GRAND TOTAL	\$116,350	\$76,350	\$30,000	\$10,000



2022 MDA Foundation Grant Recipients | Total funded: \$95,275

Grant Recipient	2022 Award	Grant Type	Use
Catherine's Health Center, Grand Rapids	\$5,000 \$2,500	Access-to-Care Sparkling Smiles Mini-Grant	Hand-held x-ray machine to increase dental care for those with disabilities
Detroit Mercy Dental, Detroit	\$6,000	Diversity & Inclusion	Support for Summer Enrichment Program providing education and experience for underrepresented pre-dental students
Gary Burnstein Clinic, Pontiac	\$15,000	Access-to-Care	Support toward cost of dentures and dental supplies for care provided through dental student programs at the clinic
Holland Free Dental Clinic, Holland	\$5,000	Access-to-Care	Reduce wait list and serve 35% more patients
Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Expanding volunteer support and adding a full-time dentist to decrease wait list
Love in Action, Grand Haven	\$5,000	Access-to-Care	Support dental manager salary to allow for focus on increasing dental volunteers to serve more patients
Malta Clinic, Detroit	\$5,000	Access-to-Care	Cover the cost of dentures for the homeless, poor and military veterans
Silver Creek Church, Marquette	\$775	Access-to-Care	Provide dental hygiene kits to Marquette's underserved children
Special Olympics of Michigan, Mt. Pleasant	\$5,000	Access-to-Care	Provide dental hygiene products for Special Olympics athletes as part of Special Smiles Program
Trinity Community Care, Shelby Twp	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Support for dental supplies and salaries to provide dentures to those in need
University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Ann Arbor	\$6,000	Diversity & Inclusion	Support for Profile for Success program providing education and experience for underrepresented pre-dental students
Victors 4 Veterans, Ann Arbor/Brighton	\$15,000	Access-to-Care	Partnering with VINA clinic to serve Livingston County Veterans and their families
VINA Clinic, Brighton	\$5,000	Access to Care	Provide discounted hygiene appointments to patients



2023 MDA Foundation Grant Recipients | Total funded: \$109,500

Grant Recipients	2022 Award	Grant Type	Use
Carefree Dental of Dickinson & Florence, Iron Mountain	\$8,000	Access-to-Care	Support for Dental Clinic Program, support will keep the Clinic open.
Detroit Mercy Dental, Detroit	\$6,000	Diversity & Inclusion	Support for Summer Enrichment Program providing education and experience for underrepresented pre-dental students
Exalta, Grand Rapids	\$5,000	Access-to-Care	Support for equipment purchase which will improve the patient experience and also provide efficiency and improvement to the dentist's workstation.
Gary Burnstein Clinic, Pontiac	\$12,500	Access-to-Care	Support towards Dental Student Program to increase access to dental care for underserved and uninsured adults.
Holland Free Dental Clinic, Holland	\$5,000 \$2,500	Access-to-Care Sparkling Smiles Mini-Grant	Advancing Dental Health Equity: Improving Access to Oral Health.
Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Expanding volunteer support and adding a full-time dentist to decrease wait list
HUDA Clinic	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Support to increase access to dental care services to Metro Detroit Area and to provide services to anyone in the area who is in need of no-cost dental care.
Love in Action, Grand Haven	\$5,000	Access-to-Care	Support towards salaries for increased dental volunteers engagement, recruitment, and communication efforts for access to care.
Malta Clinic, Detroit	\$5,000	Access-to-Care	Support to continue its service to low-income individuals without healthcare insurance.
My Community Dental Health, Battle Creek, Detroit, Harrison	\$5,000	Access-to-Care	Support to 2023 Veterans Day of Care to increase access to dental care for eligible Veterans, to increase community awareness of the need and impact.
Special Olympics of Michigan, Mt. Pleasant	\$5,000	Access-to-Care	Support to produce a Special Smiles Video for athletes and clinicians.

University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Ann Arbor	\$6,000	Diversity & Inclusion	Support for Profile for Success program providing education and experience for underrepresented pre-dental students
Victors 4 Veterans, Ann Arbor/Brighton	\$17,000	Access-to-Care	Support to provide comprehensive oral care for Veterans that are disabled and/or below the poverty level.
VINA Clinic, Brighton	\$5,000	Access to Care	Support towards Prevention Incentive Program: To prioritize dental health and prevent dental emergencies by providing a dental home.

2024 MDA Foundation Grant Recipients | Total funded: \$117,500

Grant Recipients	Award	Grant Type	Use
Carefree Dental of Dickinson & Florence, Iron Mountain	\$12,500	Access-to-Care	Support for Dental Clinic Program, support will keep the Clinic open.
Gary Burnstein Clinic, Pontiac	\$12,500 2-year grant awarded in 2023 totaling \$25,000	Access-to-Care Diversity & Inclusion	Support towards Dental Student Program to increase access to dental care for underserved and uninsured adults.
Grand Rapids Children's Museum, Grand Rapids	\$5,000	Access-to-Care	Support update/enhancement of museum's interactive dental exhibit
Holland Free Dental Clinic, Holland	\$7,500 \$2,500	Access-to-Care Sparkling Smiles Mini-Grant	Advancing Dental Health Equity: Improving Access to Oral Health.
Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Expanding volunteer support and adding a full-time dentist to decrease wait list
Love in Action, Grand Haven	\$7,500	Access-to-Care	Support towards salaries for increased dental volunteers engagement, recruitment, and communication efforts for access to care.
Malta Clinic, Detroit	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Support to continue its service to low-income individuals without healthcare insurance.
Shelter Association of Washtenaw, Ann Arbor	\$10,000 2-year grant awarded in 2024 totaling \$20,000	Access-to-Care	Support for Oral Health Initiative as shelter clients pursue oral health treatment
Special Olympics of Michigan, Mt. Pleasant	\$3,500	Access-to-Care	To provide oral health care screening/education for children and adults with intellectual disabilities at Special Smiles health screening
Trinity Community Care, Shelby Twp.	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Support to acquire updated dental equipment to improve dental care quality

Victors 4 Veterans, Ann Arbor/Brighton	\$16,500 3-year grant awarded in 2023 totaling \$50,000	Access-to-Care	Support to provide comprehensive oral care for Veterans that are disabled and/or below the poverty level.
VINA Clinic, Brighton	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Support towards Prevention Incentive Program: To prioritize dental health and prevent dental emergencies by providing a dental home.

2025 MDA Foundation Grant Recipients | Total funded: \$141,500

Grant Recipients	Award	Grant Type	Use
Carefree Dental of Dickinson & Florence, Iron Mountain	\$12,000	Access-to-Care	Support for Dental Clinic Program, general operating costs.
Exalta Health, Grand Rapids	\$7,500	Access-to-Care	Support for equipment costs to increase access to dental care.
Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic, Pontiac	\$15,000	Access-to-Care	Funding for part-time Registered Dental Hygienist.
Holland Free Health Clinic, Holland	\$7,500	Access-to-Care	Funding for staff, dental services and purchase of needed supplies.
Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Support for supplies, resources, and lab fees associated with delivering dental prostheses to patients.
HUDA Clinic, Detroit	\$15,000	Access-to-Care	Purchase of dental equipment, plumbing work, electrical work, administrative costs, software/IT upgrades.
Love in Action, Grand Haven	\$7,500	Access-to-Care	Continue operational costs to provide care to underserved adults.
Shelter Association of Washtenaw County	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Support for Oral Health Initiative as shelter clients pursue oral health treatment
Special Olympics of Michigan, Mount Pleasant	\$3,000	Access-to-Care	To provide oral health care screening/education for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.
Trinity Community Care, Shelby Township	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Funding for equipment and supplies for needed care to underserved adults.
United We Smile, Traverse City	\$5,000	Access-to-Care	Supporting operational costs to continue providing care for underserved populations.

Victors for Veterans, Brighton	\$16,500	Access-to-Care	Support to provide comprehensive oral care for Veterans that are disabled and/or below the poverty level.
VINA Clinic, Brighton	\$7,500	Access-to-Care	Support towards wages, dental supplies, marketing and outreach, and other needs to provide low-cost dental care to low-income uninsured individuals.
Volunteer for Dental, Muskegon	\$15,000	Access-to-Care	Funding for hiring a part-time office assistant to help with operations for fiscal year 2025-2026.

2026 MDA Foundation Grant Recipients | Total funded: \$151,500

Grant Recipients	Award	Grant Type	Use
AMEN (Adventist Medical Evangelist Network), Kalamzoo	\$7,500	Access-to-Care	Supporting at least three free dental clinics across the state for under served Michiganders
Christ Church Cranbrook* (3-year grant), Bloomfield Hills	\$10,000 - Y1 (\$30,000 total)	Access-to-Care	Over the next three years CCC will be providing reimbursements for essential dental services for New Americans here in Michigan - additionally this grant will support the addition of a bookkeeper to this program
Exalta Health, Grand Rapids	\$7,500	Access-to-Care	This grant will be used to add a new dental chair to the clinic as well as assist with staffing costs for essential function
Henry Ford Health GROW Center, Detroit	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Helping to build an adaptive dental care model clinic for patients with ASD and IDD
Holland Free Health Clinic, Holland	\$8,000	Access-to-Care	Funding will be used to support a new dental program coordinator within the clinic to help with essential function and staffing needs
Hope Clinic, Ypsilanti	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	This grant will help to expand and support prosthodontic and endodontic treatments for patients in need
Love in Action, Grand Haven	\$7,500	Access-to-Care	Funding will be used to expand patient access through provider collaboration and coordination
Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor	\$18,000	Access-to-Care	Continued support for the Oral Health Initiative as shelter clients pursue oral health treatment
Trinity Community Care, Shelby Township	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Funding will help support an existing Dental Coordinator role after increased clinic capacity
Victors for Veterans, Brighton	\$30,000	Access-to-Care	Providing comprehensive oral care for Veterans that are disabled and/or below the poverty level.
Van Buren/Cass District Health Center, Lawrence	\$19,500	Access-to-Care	Replacement of 10+ year old vacuum/compressor systems at their Lawrence and Dowagiac health clinics

VINA Clinic, Brighton	\$7,500	Access-to-Care	Funding will be used to help with a variety of needs within the clinic including wages for clinical and support staff, operational supplies, patient communication resources and more
Volunteer for Dental, Muskegon	\$10,000	Access-to-Care	Continued support for the role of program assistant within the clinic - this position maintains day-to-day operations within V4D and manages community outreach