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NEWS RELEASE

Oakland County Accepting Applications from Non-profits for \$10 Million in Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants

Pontiac, Mich., Sept. 13, 2021 – Applications are now open for non-profit organizations to apply for a share of \$10 million in Oakland Together Mental Health and Wellbeing Non-profit Grants aimed to help increase capacity to meet the growing demand for mental health services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be a webinar for non-profits Friday, Sept. 17, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. to answer questions about the application process and grant program. Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

“One of the ongoing effects we’re seeing from the COVID-19 pandemic is people struggling to improve their mental health and getting access to timely care,” County Executive Dave Coulter said. “These grants will help non-profit organizations that work in the realm of mental and behavioral health expand their ability to provide resources to our residents.”

There will be three types of grants awarded to non-profit organizations to support mental or behavioral health services offered only to Oakland County residents:

- Operational grants from \$50,000 to \$99,999 to maintain or enhance mental and/or behavioral health services because of increased demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Expansion grants from \$100,000 to \$249,999 to expand or implement new mental and/or behavioral health services because of increased demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Community grants from \$250,000 to \$500,000 may be awarded to non-profit organizations with an annual operating budget of at least \$4 million which need funds to maintain or expand mental and/or behavioral health services because of increased demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The United Way for Southeastern Michigan will administer the grant program.

“Everyone should have access to mental and behavioral health services when they need them. The ongoing stress and trauma of this pandemic have only caused an increase in demand,” said Dr. Darienne Hudson, president and CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. “We are proud to partner with Oakland County to ensure a high-quality grant opportunity for the tireless non-profit service providers who work to meet this need every day. We continue to stand ready to partner to ensure our community is resilient through this crisis.”

To be eligible for any of the grants, an applicant must:

- Be based in Oakland County or providing services to Oakland County residents.
- Be a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in good standing with both the State of Michigan and Internal Revenue Service.
- Be a provider of evidence-based mental and/or behavioral health services and those services must be delivered by professionals licensed by and in good standing with the State of Michigan.

All funds from the Oakland Together Mental Health and Wellbeing Non-profit Grants must be spent during the period from Oct. 1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2022. Funds awarded through the grants cannot support services that have already received federal, state, county, foundation, or philanthropic reimbursements. To apply, click [here](#).