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### **Provident Health Foundation Grant Application Open as of January 10, 2023**

The Provident Health Foundation of Marinette/Menominee is opening their Spring 2023 Grant Cycle on January 10, 2023. Applications will be due on February 10, 2023, and awards will be announced in April 2023. The Foundation will fund projects and programs that further Provident's purpose to improve and sustain the health and well-being of the people who live in Marinette and Menominee Counties.

Provident prioritizes funding to preventative and promotional efforts that address substance abuse, mental health, and childhood obesity reduction through healthy living. Provident has granted almost \$500,000 to local agencies since its first granting cycle in 2021. Organizations that are tax exempt under 501(c)3 guidelines are eligible, including schools, both public and private, religious institutions, and municipal and county governments. Organizations also must be compliant with both state and federal regulations for nonprofit entities as well as demonstrate fiscal responsibility.

“While we do have a high standard of compliance and operating for our grantees, we also help applying organizations reach those standards.” Madison Darling, Provident’s Grants and Collaborations Officer said. “As a former Development Director at grant-seeking nonprofits, I haven’t experienced the kind of accessibility and support from a funder as Provident strives to provide to applicants.”

“We don’t conduct programs, and we don’t fundraise against our grantees, so we accomplish our mission through funding.” Darling pointed out. “We pride ourselves in helping grantees be as successful as possible in using the funds that we are able to give.”

Organizations must be operating in Marinette County, WI and/or Menominee County, MI to be considered for funding. Provident does not fund capital/building campaign asks, debt reduction, equipment, lobbying or political activities, pass-through grant support, scholarships, fellowships, or direct financial assistance to individuals. Provident also does not consider multi-year grant applications. Organizations are allowed to submit multiple applications for different program/project support within the Spring 2023 grant cycle.

Provident values evidence-based programs with attention toward sustainability beyond Provident grant funds as well as an impact data collection element.

“Our Board is proud of the granting we’ve done and is looking forward to the granting opportunities we have in this next grant cycle.” Provident Health Foundation Executive Director John Hofer said. “We have great nonprofits addressing the health needs of our community, and we look forward to seeing what applications come across our desks this cycle. Successful grant applications in the Spring 2023 Grant Cycle will demonstrate through their application how the Board funding their program will help Provident fulfill our mission.”

Provident Health Foundation was founded in 2019 with a \$25 Million endowment through the agreement between Advocate Aurora Health and Bay Area Medical Center resulting in the hospital becoming an owned member of the Advocate Aurora system.

The application can be accessed at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=providenthealth> or through a link on Provident’s website [www.providenthealth.org](http://www.providenthealth.org).

The Provident Health Foundation is a private 501(c)3 tax-exempt foundation governed by an eleven-person board of leaders from Marinette and Menominee Counties. For more information about the Spring 2023 Grant Cycle or the Foundation, go to [www.providenthealth.org](http://www.providenthealth.org) or follow us on Facebook @ProvidentHealth.

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