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## **Provident Health Foundation Announces Spring 2024 Grant Cycle**

The Provident Health Foundation of Marinette/Menominee is opening their Spring 2024 Grant Cycle on January 8, 2024. Applications will be due on February 8 and awards will be announced in April. The Foundation will fund applications that advance Provident's purpose to improve and sustain the health and well-being of the people who live in Marinette and Menominee Counties.

Provident will also be hosting an event entitled, "How to Write a Convincing Grant Application...from a Funder's Perspective," on January 9, 2024. The event will include a presentation from Provident on how to approach a grant application as well as a panel of Provident Board Members available for audience Q&A. The event is not required to apply for the Spring 2024 Grant Cycle. To RSVP, people can email Madison Darling at [madarling@providenthealth.org](mailto:madarling@providenthealth.org).

Provident's funding priorities align with the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment conducted jointly by Provident, Aurora Medical Center – Bay Area, and Marinette County Public Health. The funding priorities include mental health, substance abuse, childhood obesity reduction, and healthcare access. Provident grants to programs and projects that address these issues from a prevention or promotion approach. New this year – Provident is looking to address the social determinants of health that contribute to the four identified health behavior priorities.

"Our Board is looking to change the landscape of health in our community through our funding." John Hofer, Provident's Executive Director said. "Following our recent Strategic Planning process, we're looking even further upstream to the social determinants of health that

contribute to these health issues. For example, Provident has funded literacy programs because evidence shows that teens with higher literacy rates are less likely to engage in substance abuse.”

The Provident Health Foundation has granted over one million dollars to local organizations since their first grant cycle in 2020. Eligible applicants include organizations that are tax exempt under 501(c)3 guidelines, 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 and provide service to residents of Marinette County, WI and/or Menominee County, MI.

Provident does not fund capital/building campaigns, debt reduction, equipment, lobbying or political activities, pass-through grant support, scholarships, fellowships, or direct financial assistance to individuals. Organizations are allowed to submit multiple applications for different program/project support within the Spring 2024 grant cycle.

“Applying for a grant can be intimidating!” Madison Darling, Provident’s Grants and Collaborations Officer said. “We don’t want anyone to fear or stress over our application, and we encourage anyone with questions before or during the grant application to reach out to us. We also have a lot of information about our Grant Cycle on our website and Facebook page. We’re here to help.”

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. It is a private 501(c)3 tax-exempt foundation governed by an eleven-person board of leaders from Marinette and Menominee Counties.

The grant application can be accessed starting January 8 through a link on Provident’s website [www.providenthealth.org](http://www.providenthealth.org).

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