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Call for Requests for Concepts for the Michigan Health Endowment Healthy Ottawa Fund

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, in partnership with the Community Foundation for the Holland/Zeeland Area, is pleased to announce a Request for Concepts for the **Michigan Health Endowment Healthy Ottawa Fund**. The Michigan Health Endowment Healthy Ottawa Fund is a three-year re-granting initiative made possible by a grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund and leveraged funds from both community foundations.

Through this request for concepts, we are seeking to hear our community's best ideas for new or expanded programs that would advance progress on the three most critical needs identified within Ottawa County's 2015 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP):

- Access to Health Care
- Mental Health
- Healthy Behaviors

Nonprofit organizations interested in submitting a concept for consideration can do so by visiting our website at www.ghacf.org/grants/MHEFHealthyOttawa. Because we are seeking innovative ideas with potential for advancing the CHIP priorities, concepts do not need to be fully vetted, endorsed proposals at this stage of submission. "We are excited for this opportunity to leverage funds from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund with our own grant dollars to establish a stream of revenue which provides the flexibility necessary to design innovative approaches to solving some of our most complex public health issues," states Beth Larsen, Director of Grants & Nonprofit Services.

Concept submissions are due no later than April 1, 2016. Submissions will be reviewed by the Michigan Health Endowment Healthy Ottawa Fund Grant Committee in April of 2016. Organizations whose concepts are considered to have the most potential for advancing the CHIP objectives will be invited to submit a full grant proposal no later than June 17, 2016. If you have questions regarding concept submission, contact Beth Larsen (Grand Haven) at 616-842-6378.

The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation is a public, charitable organization serving the Tri-Cities community since 1971. It encourages philanthropy by individuals, families, companies and organizations, and serves as a steward of their charitable funds and legacies. In addition to grants, the Foundation offers technical and management support to nonprofits, convenes nonprofit leaders on issues of importance, and engages in advocacy work with nonprofits primarily focused on the needs of the most vulnerable members of the Tri-Cities community. For more information, or to give a tax-deductible gift to the Greatest Needs Fund at the Foundation, visit ghacf.org or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/grandhavenareacommunityfoundation.

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