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Introduction

Free clinics are majority volunteer-staffed clinics that provide a range of medical, dental, pharmacy and behavioral health services to economically disadvantaged individuals. Such clinics are nonprofit organizations that use volunteer or paid health professionals to provide free or affordable healthcare to uninsured or medically underserved persons who have limited or no access to healthcare. Entities that charge a nominal fee to patients may still be considered free clinics if they meet the above criteria and deliver services regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

In fiscal year 2018, \$250,000 was allocated for the thirteenth consecutive year to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for equal distribution among free clinic organizations serving Michigan's indigent population. The Planning Office within the MDHHS Policy, Planning and Legislative Affairs Administration reviewed eligibility criteria, managed the application process, and administered agreements with those clinics awarded funding.

Snapshot of 2018 Funded Free Clinics

- Thirty-nine organizations operating in twenty-two Michigan counties were funded in 2018.
- Free health care was provided to approximately 34,044 uninsured patients throughout the year.
- Approximately 2,607 volunteer services hours were donated to the clinics each week.
- Forty-eight percent of funded free clinics only provided care to patients that did not have insurance coverage for their services.

Overview

Eligibility criteria for the grant awards were developed by MDHHS in collaboration with Free Clinics of Michigan (FCOM). Eligible clinics met the following criteria:

- The clinic is located within Michigan and provides health care services to the uninsured population of Michigan.
- The clinic, or the organization under which it operates, has 501(c)(3) or other nonprofit status.
- Most of the clinic care comes from volunteer health care professionals.
- Services provided by the clinic are free of charge.
- Clients served do not have insurance for the services provided.

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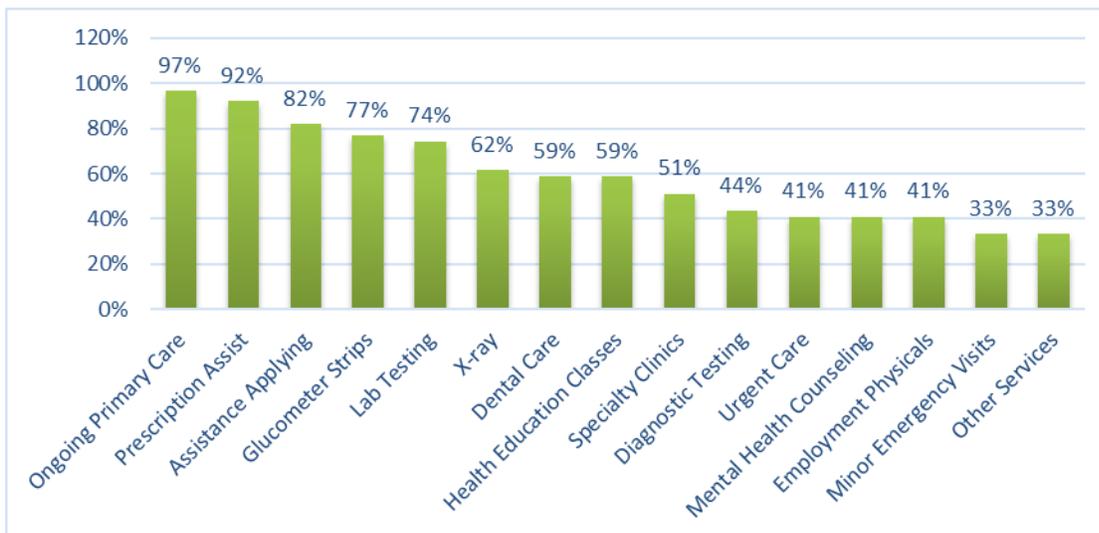
Applications were distributed to clinics identified utilizing an updated FCOM directory of free clinic organizations, along with information obtained through the fiscal year 2017 grant application process. The contract period of four months started on May 1, 2018 and ended on September 30, 2018. Given the limited grant writing resources of most applicant organizations, MDHHS staff was available to assist clinics in completing the application. Thirty-nine applicants met the established criteria for funding, and each of these organizations received an award of \$6,410. For a complete list of grantees, see Attachment 1.

Characteristics of Funded Clinics

The 39 funded free clinic organizations were in twenty-two counties across Michigan. Free clinic services were provided through volunteers who offered an estimated 2,604 volunteer hours per week. Free clinics funded in 2018 offered health care services to an estimated 2,837 patients without insurance each month, serving 21,231 unique (non-repeat) patients during the year.

Free Clinics offer a variety of patient care services including more than fifteen health care service types. The most common services offered by funded free clinics are ongoing primary care (97%), prescription assistance (92%), Medicaid application assistance (82%), glucometer strips (77%), and lab testing (74%). Other services offered include, but are not be limited to, provision of X-ray services, dental care, specialty clinics, health education classes, employment physicals, mental health counseling, diagnostic testing, urgent care and minor emergency visits. See Figure 1 for more information.

Figure 1. Percentage of Funded Clinics Offering Specific Services by Service Types



For each service listed in Figure 1, the percentage shown represents the proportion of funded free clinics that reported offering the service at the time of their initial application.

Funded organizations ranged in years of operation from being in their second year of operation, to their sixty-eighth year. Sixty-seven percent of the funded clinics have been in operation for more than ten years. Twenty-one percent have been in operation for over twenty years. See Figure 2 for more information.

Figure 2. Distribution of Funded Free Clinic Age by Total Years of Operation

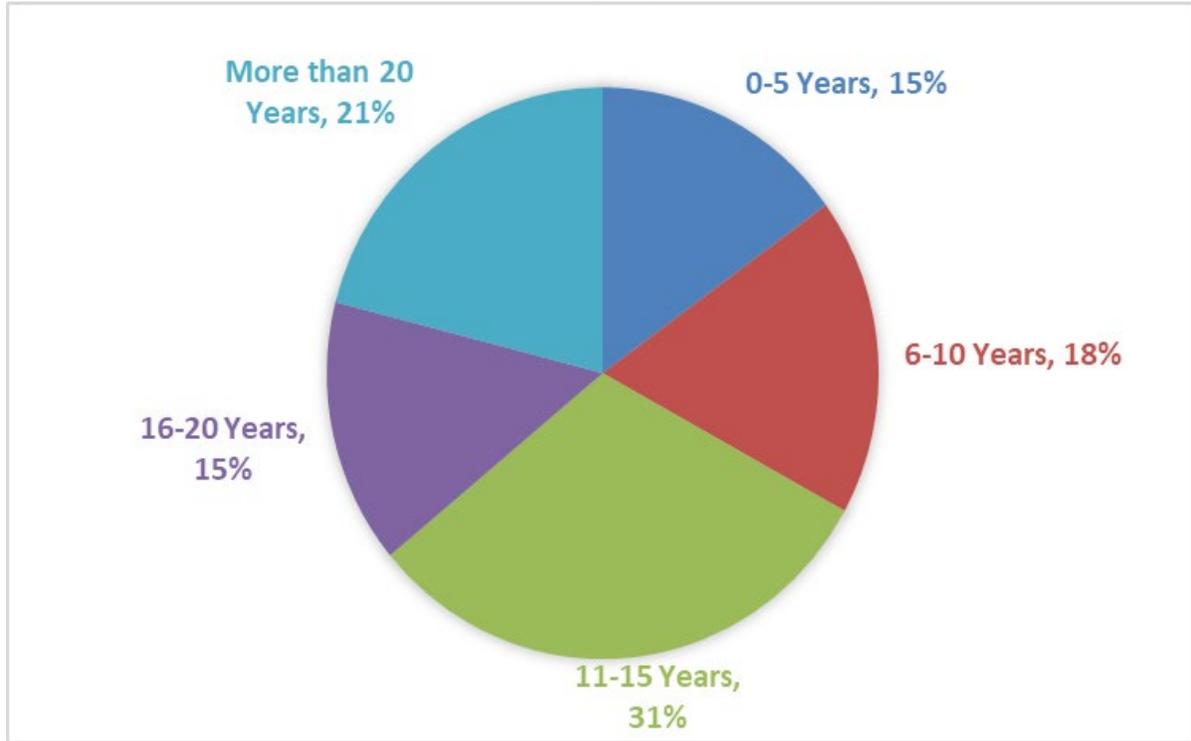


Figure 2 illustrates the distribution of funded free clinics in five groupings (0-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20 and more than 20 years in operation).

Patient Demographics

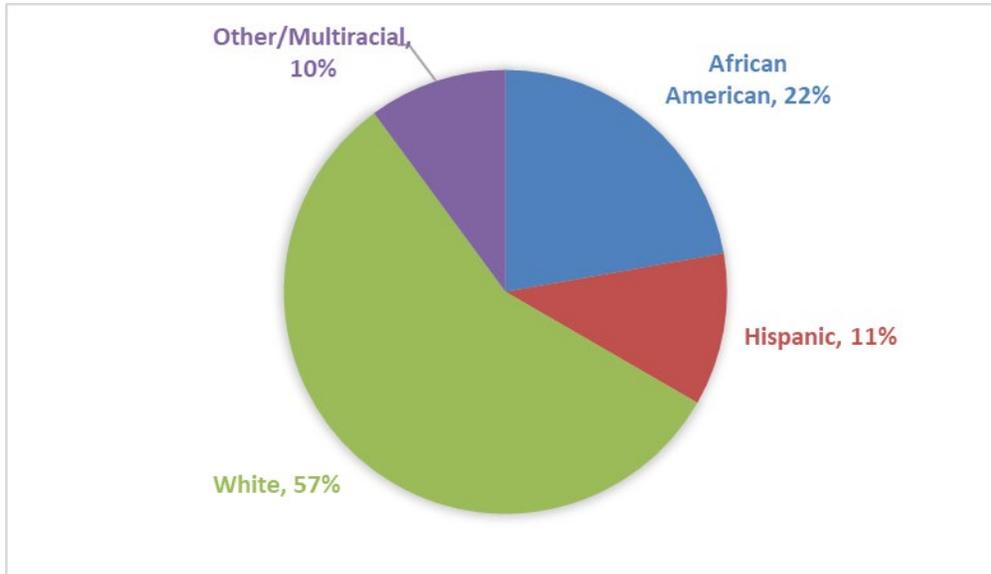
In an optional section of the funding application, information was collected on the demographics of the patient population seen at the awarded free clinics. Data suggests that 88% of the patients in these clinics are below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. 51% percent of clinic patients were employed either full time or part time.

Demographic data indicates that Michigan’s free clinics collectively care for a diverse population. Most clinic patients are adults between 19-64 years of age. Just over 50% of the responding clinics, however, reported that at least some portion of their patient population was 0-18 years of age. Sixty-four percent of responding clinics reported that at least some portion of their patient population was 65 years of age or older. Of those that responded, approximately 86% of their clients were adults, 5% were children, and 9% were reported as seniors age 64 and

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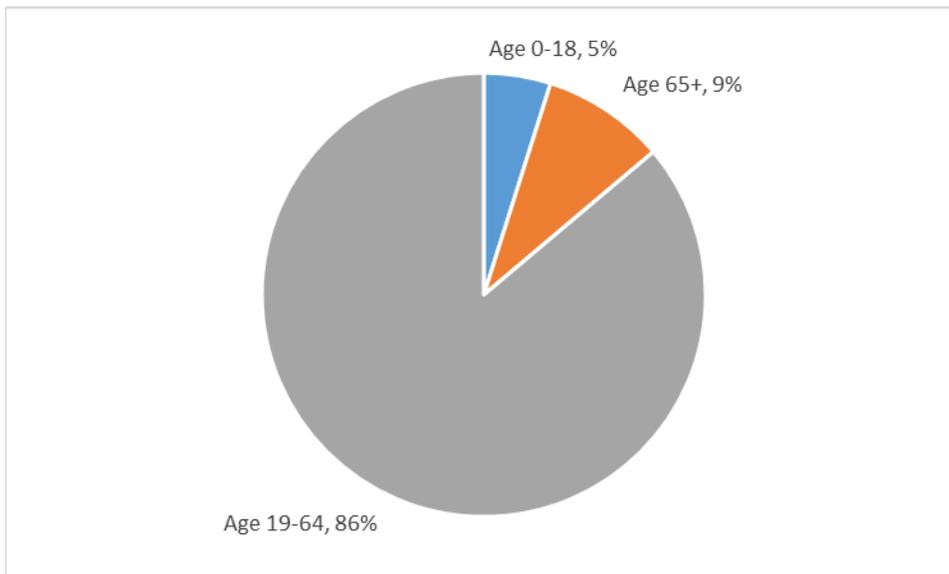
older. These percentages were the same as reported by the previous years awarded clinics. Figures 3, 4 and 5 provides a further breakdown of clinic patient demographics.

Figure 3. Patient Race



In Figure 3, the percentage shown represents the percentage of patients served by free clinics in each identified racial category.

Figure 4. Patient Age



In Figure 4, the percentage shown represents the percentage of patients served by free clinics in each identified age range.

Use of Grant Funding

The most common uses of grant funds were for administration salaries and medical supplies and testing, with eighteen and seventeen clinics reporting using at least a portion of their grant funds for these purposes, respectively. Other uses of grant funds included costs of existing facilities (14 clinics), other salaries (11 clinics), prescription assistance program (9 clinics), office equipment (7 clinics), durable medical equipment (5 clinics), health promotional (4 clinics), outreach (3 clinics), intake screens (3 clinics), referrals (3 clinics) renovations/new construction (2 clinics), administrative services (2 clinics), Free Clinics of Michigan support (2 clinics), additional hours (1 clinic), application assistance (1 clinic). Within these categories there were varied projects reported including startup of a mobile clinic, fixing a leaking clinic roof, startup of an in-clinic X-Ray service, or the purchase of a device and service for blind or low vision patients (Aira). Figure 4 details the percentage of MDHHS Free Clinic funding to support identified costs by the awarded clinics.

Figure 4. Funding Spent to Support Identified Clinic Costs.

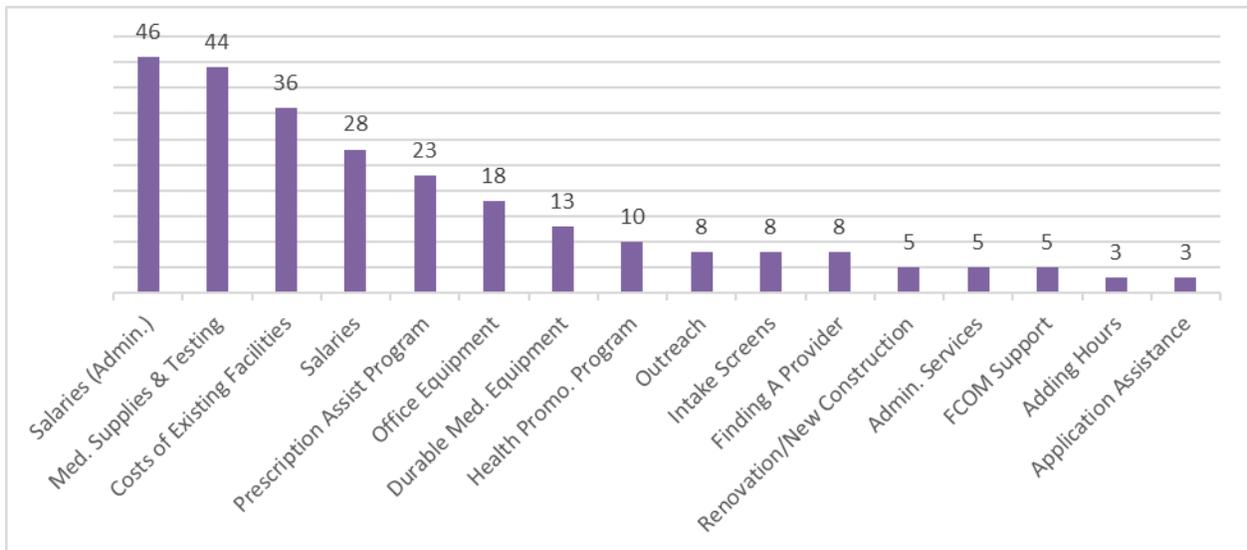


Figure 4 illustrates the percentage of clinics MDHHS Free Clinic funding used to support identified clinic costs.

Further Information

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Attachment 1 – Fiscal Year 2018 Funded Free Clinic Organizations

Clinic Name	Clinic City	Clinic County
Baxter Community Center Wholistic Health Clinic	Grand Rapids	Kent
Boyne Area Free Clinic	Boyne City	Charlevoix
Cabrini Clinic	Detroit	Wayne County
Care Free Dental	Escanaba	Delta
Cass Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
Centro Multicultural La Familia	Pontiac	Oakland
City on a Hill Health Clinic	Zeeland	Ottawa
Dr. Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic	Pontiac	Oakland
Exalta Health	Grand Rapids	Kent
FernCare Free Clinic Inc.	Ferndale	Oakland
Fountain Clinic	Marshall	Calhoun
Genesee County Free Medical Clinic	Flint	Genesee
Health Unit on Davison Avenue	Detroit	Wayne
Helen M. Nickless Volunteer Clinic	Essexville	Bay
Holland Free Health Clinic	Holland	Ottawa
Hope House Free Medical Clinic	Big Rapids	Mecosta
Hope Medical Clinic	Ypsilanti	Washtenaw
Hope Wayne Medical Clinic	Westland	Wayne
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission Health Clinic	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
Love In Action of the Tri-Cities	Grand Haven	Ottawa
Malta Medical Dental Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
MAPI Clinic	Lathrup Village	Oakland
Northern Care Center	Cheboygan	Cheboygan
Oasis of Hope Center	Grand Rapids	Kent
Ogemaw Hills Free Clinic	West Branch	Ogemaw
Presbyterian Health Clinic of Branch County	Coldwater	Branch
Renewed Hope Free Health Clinic	Allegan	Allegan
Shiawassee Free Medical Clinic	Owosso	Shiawassee
St. Peter's Free Clinic of Hillsdale County	Hillsdale	Hillsdale
Stehouwer Free Clinic	Cadillac	Wexford
The Luke Project-52 Clinic Incorporated	Detroit	Wayne
Tri-County Dental Health - JVS	Southfield	Oakland
Trinity Community Care	Shelby Township	Macomb
University of Michigan Student-Run Free Clinic	Pinckney	Livingston
VIETMD Clinic	Warren	Macomb
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