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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 individual who may be economically disadvantaged. These clinics are nonprofit organizations that use volunteer or paid health professionals to provide free or affordable health care to people who are uninsured or medically underserved and have limited or no access to health care. 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 2022, \$400,000 was allocated to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for equal distribution among free clinic organizations serving Michigan's indigent population. This is the 17th year funds have been allocated to the Free Clinic Funding Program. The Workforce/Access Section within the MDHHS Policy, Planning and Operational Support Administration reviewed eligibility criteria, managed the application process, and administered agreements with those clinics awarded funding. An additional \$250,000 was also allocated to free clinics and formed the MDHHS Free Clinic Additional Funding Program. This program was awarded in a similar fashion as a one-time funding opportunity.

Snapshot of 2022 Funded Free Clinics

- Forty-two organizations operating in 23 Michigan counties were funded in 2022. Forty-one participated in the additional funding opportunity.
- Free health care was provided for approximately 48,360 uninsured patient visits throughout the year.
- On average 2,318 volunteer service hours were donated to the clinics each week.
- Sixteen of the funded free clinics only provided care to patients with incomes at or below two times the federal poverty level. Twenty-nine of the 42 awarded clinics only provided care to people without insurance.

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 primary 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.

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- Services provided by the clinic are free of charge.
- Clients served do not have insurance for the services provided or are underinsured.

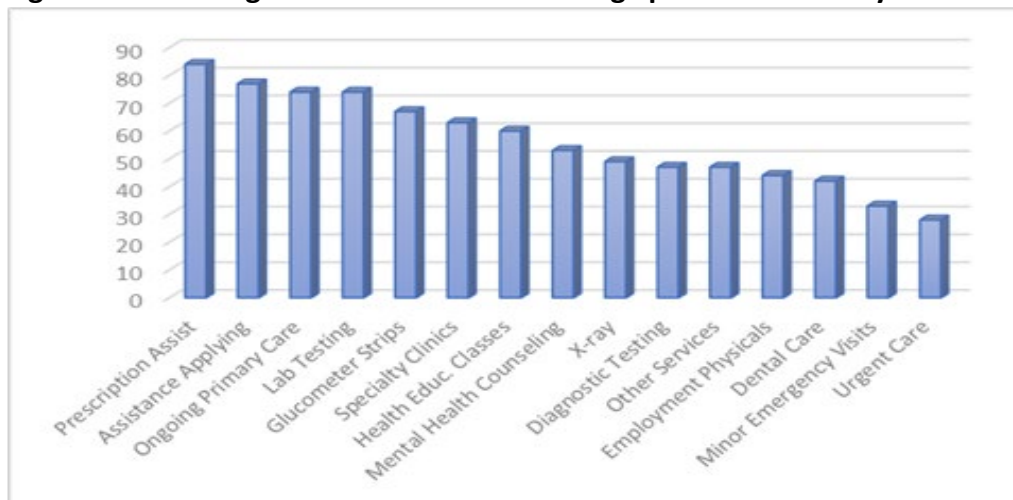
Applications were distributed to clinics identified utilizing an FCOM directory of free clinic organizations, along with information obtained through the fiscal year 2021 grant application process. Information and application materials were also available online on the MDHHS website. The contract period started January 1, 2022, and ended September 30, 2022. Given the limited grant writing resources of most applicant organizations, MDHHS staff was available to assist clinics in completing the application. Forty-two applicants met the established criteria for funding and received an award of \$9,523 each, and 41 clinics were awarded \$6,097 for the additional funding opportunity. For a complete list of grantees, see Attachment 1.

Characteristics of Funded Clinics

The funded free clinic organizations were in 23 counties across Michigan. Free primary care clinic services were provided through volunteers who offered an estimated 1,995 volunteer hours per week. Free clinics funded in 2022 offered health care services to the uninsured during an estimated 4,030 patient visits each month, serving 19,723 unique (i.e., non-repeat) patients during the year.

Free clinics offer a variety of patient care services including more than 15 health care service types. The most common services offered by funded free clinics are prescription assistance (provided by 84% of funded clinics), assistance applying for Medicaid or other services (77% of funded clinics), ongoing primary care (76% of funded clinics). Other services offered include lab testing, glucometer strips, health education classes, x-ray, dental care, specialty clinics, diagnostic testing, employment physicals, urgent care, mental health counseling, 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.

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Funded organizations ranged in years of operation from being in their fourth year of operation, to their 70th year. Seventy-three percent of the funded clinics have been in operation for more than 10 years. Twenty percent have been in operation for more than 20 years. See Figure 2 for more information.

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

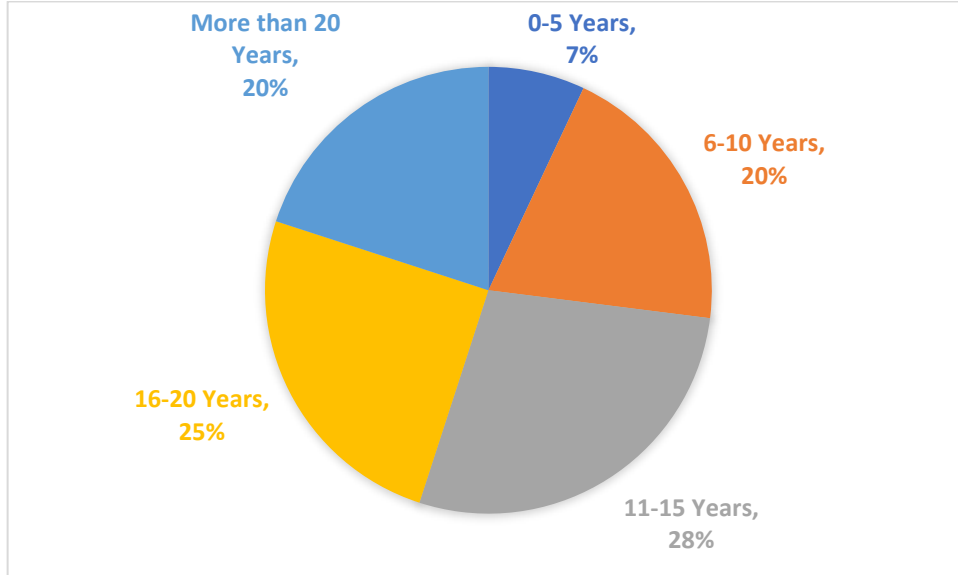


Figure 2 illustrates the distribution of funded free clinics in five groupings (0-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20 years and more than 20 years in operation).

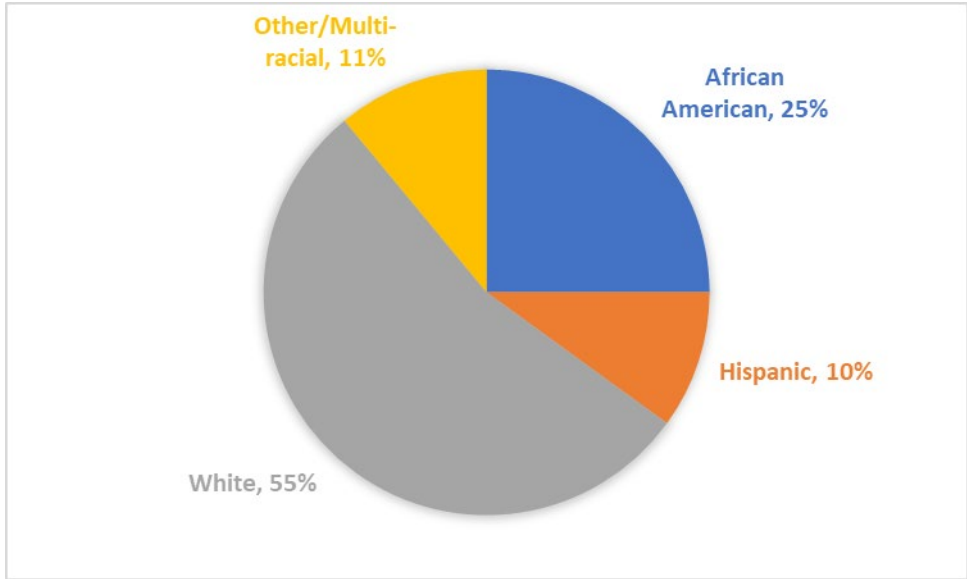
Patient Demographics

In an optional section of the funding application, information was collected on the demographics of the patient population seen at each free clinic. Data suggests that 87% of the patients in these clinics are below 200% of the federal poverty level. Sixty percent of clinic patients were employed either full time or part time.

Demographic data indicates that Michigan’s free clinics collectively care for a racially and ethnically diverse population. Most clinic patients are adults between 19-64 years of age. More than 40% of the responding clinics, however, reported that at least some portion of their patient population was 18 years of age or younger. Sixty-six percent of responding clinics reported that at least some portion of their patient population was 65 years of age or older. Figures 3, 4, and 5 provide a further breakdown of clinic patient demographics.

Figure 3. Patient Race

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

Figure 4. Patient Age

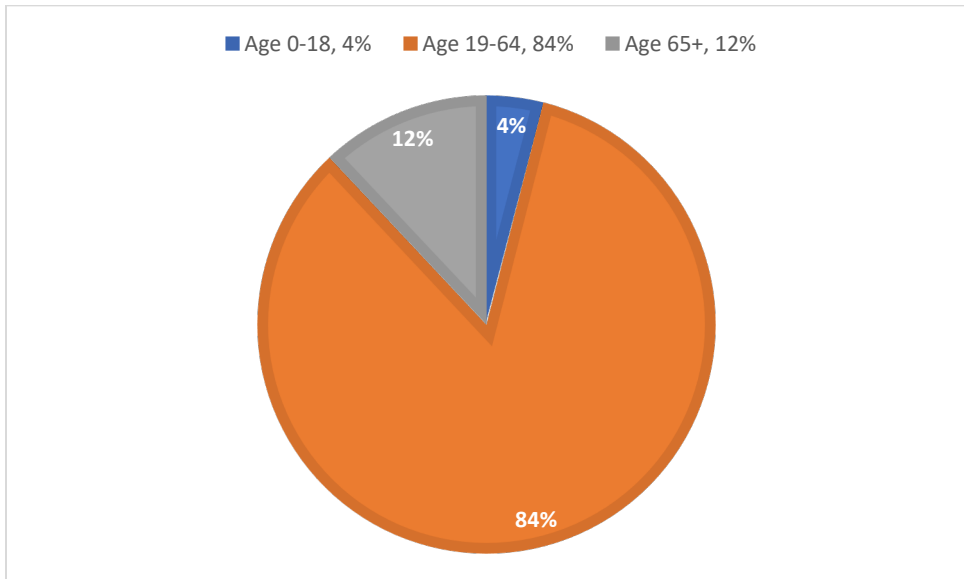


Figure 4 shows the percentage of patients served by free clinics in each identified age range.

Use of Grant Funding

Similarly to past years, the most common uses of grant funds in 2022 were for salaries and medical/testing supplies, with 47 and 18 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 (16 clinics), administrative services (two clinics), outreach, durable medical equipment, renovations, health promotional program, and Free Clinics of Michigan fees. Figure 5 details the percentage of awarded funds clinics used to support identified costs.

Figure 5. Funding Spent to Support Identified Clinic Costs.

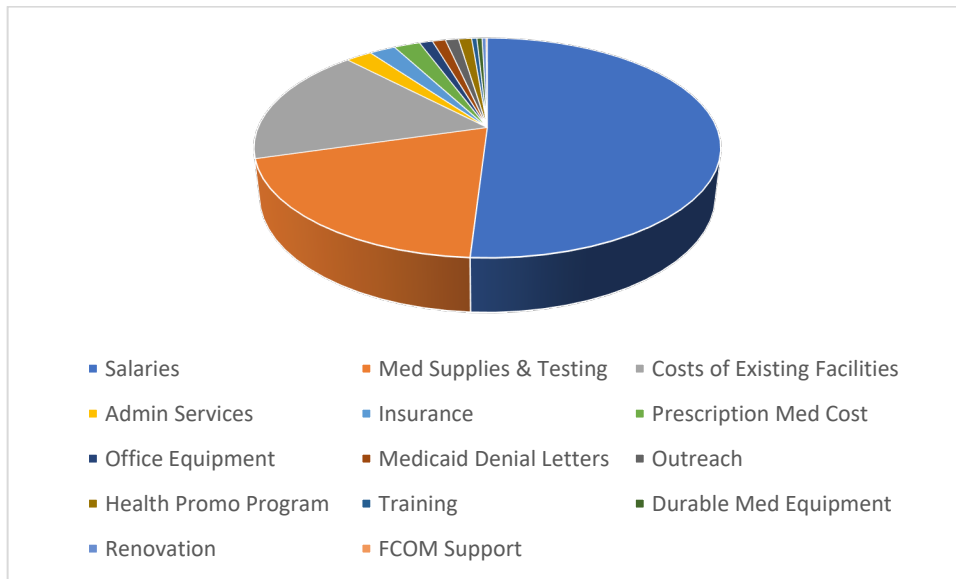


Figure 5 illustrates the percentage of total MDHHS free clinic funding used to support identified clinic costs.

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Unique to 2022, an additional \$250,000 of state funding was made available to the free clinics within Michigan. Forty-one clinics received awards of \$6,097 to use for operational expenses. These funds were made as reimbursable amounts to the clinic for expenses. SAY Detroit and Shiawassee Free Medical Clinic participated in the additional state funding program but did not participate in the regular funding program for 2022 as indicated in Attachment 1.

Use of Additional Grant Funding

The most common uses of the additional grant funds in 2022 were for salaries, utilities, and rent, with clinics reporting using at least a portion of their grant funds for these purposes. Other uses of additional grant funds included medical supplies and testing (nine clinics), office supplies (six clinics), prescription assistance (six clinics), and outreach, renovations, construction, specialty fees, Medicaid administrative salaries, laboratory services, health

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promotional programs, insurance, and electronic medical notation. Figure 6 details the percentage of awarded funds clinics used to support identified costs.

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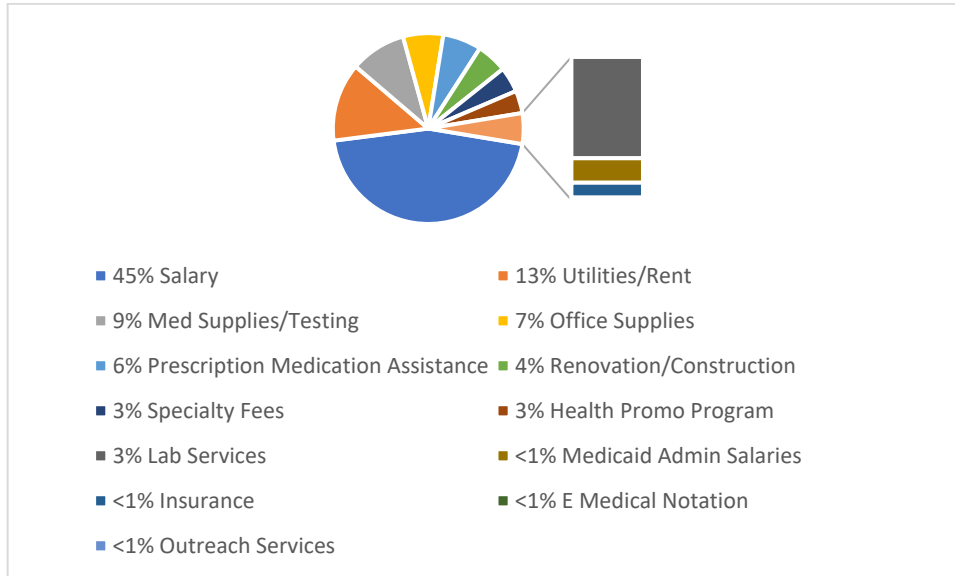


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Further Information

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Attachment 1 – Fiscal Year 2022 Funded Free Clinic Organizations

Clinic Name	Clinic City	Clinic County
Boyne Area Free Clinic, Inc.	Boyne City	Charlevoix
Cabrini Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
Care Free Dental Clinic	Escanaba	Delta
Caring Heart Health Clinic	Marlette	Sanilac
Carriage Town Ministries	Flint	Genesee
Cass Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
C-Asist	Dearborn	Wayne
Centro Multicultural La Familia, Inc.	Pontiac	Oakland
City on a Hill Health Clinic (City on a Hill Ministries)	Zeeland	Ottawa
Exalta Health	Grand Raids	Kent
FernCare Free Clinic, Inc.	Ferndale	Oakland
Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic	Pontiac	Oakland
Genesee County Free Medical Clinic	Flint	Genesee
Helen M. Nickless Volunteer Clinic (McLaren Bay Medical Foundation)	Bay City	Bay
Holland Free Health Clinic	Holland	Ottawa
Hope House Free Medical Clinic	Big Rapids	Mecosta
Hope Medical Clinic, Inc. Wayne	Westland	Wayne
Hope Medical Clinic, Inc. Ypsilanti	Ypsilanti	Washtenaw
Health Unit on Davison Avenue (HUDA)	Detroit	Wayne
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo
Lake Huron Foundation's People's Clinic for Better Health	Port Huron	St. Clair County
Love in Action of the Tri-Cities	Grand Haven	Ottawa
Love in Action of the Tri-Cities Dental Clinic	Grand Haven	Ottawa
Luke Project 52 Clinic of Flint	Fenton	Genesee
Malta Dental and Medical Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
MAPI Charitable Clinic	Lathrop Village	Oakland
Northern Care Center	Cheboygan	Cheboygan
Oasis of Hope Center	Grand Rapids	Kent
Ogemaw Hills	West Branch	Ogemaw
Presbyterian Health Clinic of Branch County	Coldwater	Branch
Renewed Hope Free Health Clinic	Allegan	Allegan
Robert R. Frank Student Run Free Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
St. Peter's Free Clinic of Hillsdale County, Inc.	Hillsdale	Hillsdale
Stehouwer Free Clinic (Cadillac Area Community Health Clinic)	Cadillac	Wexford
The Fountain Clinic	Marshall	Calhoun
The Luke Clinic - Detroit DBA The Luke Project 52 Clinic	Detroit	Wayne
The Luke Clinic - Flint DBA The Luke Project 52 Clinic	Flint	Genesee

Tri-County Dental Health	Pontiac	Oakland
Trinity Community Care	Shelby Township	Macomb
University of Michigan Student-Run Free Clinic	Pinckney	Livingston
VietMD Clinic	Warren	Macomb
Wyandotte Clinic for the Working Uninsured	Wyandotte	Wayne
SAY Detroit (Additional Funding Program Awardee)	Highland Park	Wayne
Shiawassee Free Medical Clinic (Additional Funding Program Awardee)	Owosso	Shiawassee

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