

Michigan Health Endowment Fund

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Michigan Health Endowment Fund pledges \$2 million to help address Detroit water crisis

LANSING – The Michigan Health Endowment Fund announced today its contribution of \$2 million in pilot funding to the United Way for Southeastern Michigan to assist with the Detroit water crisis. The board has committed up to \$1.7 million to help individuals manage their overdue water bills and \$300,000 to assist low-income residents with the clean-up of debris resulting from recent flooding.

“The Michigan Health Endowment Fund is committed to improving the health of Michigan residents, especially for our children and seniors,” said Rob Fowler, Chairman of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. “We are confident the United Way for Southeastern Michigan, in partnership with the Detroit Water Fund and Project H2O Flood Clean Up, will use this pilot funding to effectively serve these populations by helping low-income Detroit residents and their families regain and maintain access to clean drinking water and sanitary living conditions.”

The Detroit Water Fund was created to support Detroit residents in need of financial assistance by helping them avoid shut-off status. Similarly, the newly established Project H2O Flood Clean Up to be run by the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will assist low-income residents affected by recent flooding with the clean-up of debris and damaged items, and will offer services to disinfect walls and flooring.

The Michigan Health Endowment Fund’s purpose is to benefit the health and wellness of Michigan residents with significant focus on programs for minor children and seniors throughout the state.

The Fund was created through the passage of Public Act 4 of 2013, which authorized certain changes to how Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) operates in the state. The law requires BCBSM to contribute up to \$1.56 billion over 18 years to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

Members of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund are Lynn Alexander, Tim Damschroder, Cindy Estrada, Rob Fowler, Sue Jandernoa, Jim Murray, Keith Pretty, Marge Robinson, and Michael Williams.

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