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Yates County receives grant for mental health services

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The Greater Rochester Health Foundation has announced the 19 organizations selected to receive a combined \$200,000 in funding for the first 2016 cycle of Community Health Grants. These funds are awarded to smaller organizations that help meet important community needs related to health and well-being.

Grants awarded in this round address a wide range of health-related needs, and include:

Yates County Community Services: Provide mental health first aid or youth mental health first aid to staff of organizations in regular contact with the public (police, library, social services, etc.) and interested citizens to increase awareness of mental illnesses, reduce stigma and encourage appropriate responses to people experiencing mental health crises.

The Health Foundation has opened the second cycle of 2016 Community Health Grant applications, accepted now through July 15. These grants, ranging between \$5,000 and \$50,000, provide an opportunity for smaller organizations that may not qualify for larger, longer-term grants to receive funding. Projects that will be considered for funding include program-related facility or equipment repair, short-term or pilot programs, training for staff on a specific skill, and start-up costs for a new program.

Additional information is available at TheGRHF.org.