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**HEADLINE:** Mary McClellan Foundation Now Accepting Grant Applications

***Do you know the story of the Mary McClellan Foundation? When the Mary McClellan Hospital closed, their remaining endowment was preserved to create an independent Foundation. Since the Foundation's establishment in 2007, it has surpassed \$1.2 million in giving to address local health care needs.***

In response to applications submitted in 2016, the Mary McClellan Foundation awarded \$155,756.92 in grant funding.

Grants awarded in 2016 included support to the Parsons Child & Family Health Center to help implement the innovative Behavioral Health Center at Cambridge Central School, and to RSVP's medical rides program in Southern Washington County. In an effort to increase the number of local medical service providers, MMF continued support to Glens Falls Hospital to offer loan forgiveness to an existing doctor at the Greenwich Regional Medical Center. Several health providers received funds to purchase medical equipment. The MMF provided funding to the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad to replace on-board ambulance defibrillators and to purchase a Power Stretcher; and to the Easton-Greenwich Rescue Squad for the purchase of turnout jackets and medical equipment; to the Salem Rescue Squad for Thomas EMS Pediatric Packs, portable suction units, stethoscopes, and a laptop for community training purposes.

The Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation of Hoosick Falls received support to purchase vital sign monitors, mechanical lifts, over-bed tables, and Roho wheelchair cushions. Funds were also awarded to Glens Falls Hospital to purchase (2) electrocardiogram machines to be used in the Cambridge Family Health Center; and to Community, Work & Independence, Inc. (CWI) to expand their electronic health records system.

**The MMF is now accepting applications for 2017 grants.** The Mary McClellan Foundation is inviting grant applications from organizations that address health or wellness needs of residents previously served by the Mary McClellan Hospital. Nonprofit organizations are eligible for grant support.

Organizations interested in applying for grants in 2017 will need to show how they are addressing the health or wellness needs of residents in at least one of the following

Southern Washington County townships: Cambridge, Easton, Greenwich, Jackson, Salem, or White Creek, or the Town of Hoosick in Rensselaer County. The MMF does not require the nonprofit organization to be located in one of these townships; however, it must deliver services to a significant number of residents in one or more of these townships to qualify for support.

By way of example, grant funds can be used for recruitment and retention of specific medical personnel or program staff; medical equipment; special medical training; service delivery programs (for particular health problems); and publications or outreach materials (to educate the public about particular health problems). Applications will be assessed based on evidence of community need and potential benefit, feasibility, target population, organizational history and commitment to addressing health care needs, and non-duplication of programs in the same geographic area. It is anticipated that grants will range in size up to \$20,000 per grant, per year. The MMF does consider multi-year grant requests.

Organizations interested in obtaining applications or information about the MMF are invited to visit the website at [www.marymcclellanfoundation.org](http://www.marymcclellanfoundation.org) or send an email to [info@marymcclellanfoundation.org](mailto:info@marymcclellanfoundation.org). Applications are due on Monday, September 11, 2017.