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The Mary McClellan Foundation is now accepting grant applications for 2018 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 obtaining applications or information about MMF are invited to visit the website at www.marymcclellanfoundation.org or send an email to info@marymcclellanfoundation.org. Applications are due on Monday, September 10, 2018.

Farmers markets. Quiet streets. Small schools. Hometown festivals. There are many perks to living in the environs of Southern Washington County, as many residents and tourists will attest. However, quality healthcare can be difficult to access and maintain in a rural area due to demographics and lack of funding.

The Mary McClellan Foundation (MMF) has been funding health initiatives in the area formerly served by the Mary McClellan Hospital since 2007, when the Hospital closed. We are committed to filling gaps in medical care, emergency services, and community education, and have invested more than **\$1.4 Million** to local health centers, EMS companies, and care facilities.

In response to applications submitted in 2017, the Mary McClellan Foundation awarded \$179,667 in grant funding. *(2017 grant awards are included below in parentheses.)*

MMF has made mental health a priority in our recent giving. Last year we had the opportunity to partner with Cambridge Central School and the Parsons Child & Family Health Center by contributing to the Behavioral Health Center at Cambridge Central School *(\$20,000)*. This innovative program seeks to proactively invest in our young students by addressing potential mental health needs.

The Glens Falls Hospital Regional Family Health Centers in Cambridge, Greenwich and Salem strive to provide access to quality medical care in our small towns. It can be a challenge attracting doctors to such a rural setting. MMF has helped to retain a doctor in the Greenwich Family Health Center by pledging \$100,000 *(\$20,000 this year)* toward repayment of medical school loans. *(An additional \$35,000 was awarded for new patient exam tables.)*

MMF is pleased to contribute financially to groups seeking to equip and educate the public in a proactive manner, such as the diabetes and pre-diabetes education provided by the South Western Vermont Medical Center *(\$20,000)*, and the Greenwich First Responders through their free community CPR classes.

One of our biggest areas of giving has been in the form of medical equipment to local rescue squads and fire departments. Grant money has supplemented tight budgets in the form of state-of-the-art medical equipment, new ambulances, training opportunities and tuition. MMF continues to support training programs offered by the Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad and the Mobile Health Care Service (\$32,500), the Easton Greenwich Rescue Squad (\$20,000), the Greenwich First Responders (\$18,316), the Salem Rescue Squad (\$20,000), and the White Creek Fire Company (\$2,000).

MMF is proud to support groups caring for the elderly and/or disabled in our community such as Community Work and Independence (\$20,000), The Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Hoosick Falls (\$9,039), and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Warren and Washington Counties (RSVP) (\$11,400).

Organizations interested in applying for grants in 2018 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 Foundation 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. MMF will consider multi-year grant requests.