

GRANTMAKING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

To maximize its impact, The Ethel and James Flinn Foundation will focus on three grantmaking priorities. One priority area is the **Grantmaking Opportunities Program**.

Why Are We Funding The Grantmaking Opportunities Program?

This program area offers comprehensive funding opportunities to a broader universe of mental health service providers to improve the quality, scope and delivery of mental health services.

What is the Goal of This Program?

The goal of this program is to provide funding opportunities to all government, public and private tax exempt organizations that provide mental health care and services in southeast Michigan (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw). One year grants will be awarded ranging from \$25,000 to \$50,000 (\$500,000 of \$3.2 million grant budget) to address the following objectives:

- Combat negative stigma attached to mental illness or emotional disturbance
- Improve organizational service delivery of mental health providers
- Support policy research and evaluation to improve delivery of mental health care and services
- Provide early screening, assessment, diagnosis, intervention and treatment of those with a potential mental illness, emotional disturbance and/or a co-occurring disorder or disability
- Expand peer support and peer specialist training programs
- Support consumer and patient involvement and support programs including person centered planning, life skills and illness self-management assistance
- Increase access to mental health services including intensive treatment for those with serious mental illnesses or emotional disturbance
- Implement recommendation or a group of recommendations of the Michigan Mental Health Commission (October 2004)