Mackinac Straits Health System

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Mackinac Straits Health System

- Critical Access Hospital
- 15 Acute Care Beds
- Outpatient Surgical Services
  - 2 surgical suites, 1 procedure room
- Oncology Services
  - 6 chair infusion center
- Rural Health Clinics
  - 10 primary care providers
- 5 offsite physician office practices
- Specialty services
  - Orthopedics, spine, gastroenterology, podiatry, ophthalmology, pain management, and cardiology
- Retail pharmacy services
Funding History
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• 2007- Mackinac Straits Hospital Authority was converted to a 501(C3) Corporation.

• We secured $12.2 million USDA Direct Loan and a $25 million USDA guaranteed loan to build the new hospital and tribal health facility.

• 2011- secured a $5.5 million USDA loan to build the Evergreen Living Center, a 48 bed private room nursing home.
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• 2012 secured a $200,000 USDA loan to build a connector from the hospital to Evergreen.

• 2013 secured a $3 million USDA loan to complete surgery center.

• 2014 refinanced loans with USDA on a 37 year direct loan program through Mackinac Straits Area Health, a parent 501(C3) corporation, created to meet USDA guidelines.

• 2021 affiliation with MyMichigan Health.
Funding Success
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Strategy and engagement for funding:

• Board of Trustees
• Mackinac Straits Health Foundation
• Local City and County officials
• Tribal engagement
• State and Federal
• Lobbyist support
• Ongoing USDA communications local, state, and federal levels
Funding Barriers
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• Naysayers at various phases of the projects.

• Lobbyist resources.

• Ups and downs during funding requests.

• Recent denials 2019-2020 with Medical Office Building USDA funding.
Future Funding Opportunities
Mackinac Straits Health System

• Efforts underway with the State of Michigan for $8 million request for Medical Office Building.

• $1.5 million request for federal funds, Congressional Direct Spending.

• Continued work to identify funding opportunities for broadband technology access and behavioral health initiatives.
Questions

Closing Remarks