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**Giving Back. Moving Forward.**

## October 2017 Grant Awards

### **BASES Recovery Center - for peer recovery coach training**

**Grant Award: \$5,000**

BASES changed their name in 2015 to BASES Recovery Center to reflect a focus on providing more adult services. This grant will train Charlevoix County residents who are in recovery to be certified Peer Recovery Coaches. These coaches will help other adults in recovery to stabilize and achieve their long-term recovery goals.

### **Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association - to buy two risers and a set of stairs for choral use**

**Grant Award: \$1,377**

The BICAA seeks to buy two risers for choral use and one set of stairs to access the risers, to replace outdated risers that are over a decade old. The risers will be movable from venue to venue for the Baroque on Beaver Festival. This equipment will add much to the entertainment experience.

### **Beaver Island Historical Society: A Vision for the Future**

**Grant Award: \$2,824**

The BI Historical Society is requesting grant dollars to create a new and improved museum week. The grant will be used to rent the community center for 3 speaker events and improve directional/historical signage & surveillance cameras at Protar's Cabin. Artifacts will be returned to Protar's cabin to increase interest at the site. This grant will create a broader platform for visitor accessibility to museum programming.

### **Blue Plate Project - to provide locally grown foods to 3 or 4 low-income families in need**

**Grant Award: \$1,000**

The Blue Plate Project supplies CSA shares of locally grown organic vegetables, eggs, and protein to folks who pay for a subscription. This grant would provide a scholarship to 3 or 4 low-income families to obtain a CSA share for the summer of 2018 growing season.

### **Boyne City High School - for the BCPS Robotics Program**

**Grant Award: \$3,500**

The BCPS Robotics Program wishes to expand its reach. They are requesting a grant to: add robotics for Grades 3 & 4; purchase robotic parts & specialized tools; pay for some travel expenses and other costs associated with running the program.

### **Boyne Falls Public Schools - for materials to teach Science with a discovery and modeling method**

**Grant Award: \$4,556**

The BFPS High School Science teacher has been trained in a new method of teaching STEM science by discovery and modeling. Students participate with hands-on learning instead of simply reading about science from a book. Then they teach what they have learned to their classmates. This grant request will buy the equipment and supplies to help implement this new teaching style.

### **Camp Daggett - for a camp-wide conversion to LED lights project**

**Grant Award: \$1,750**

Camp Daggett is requesting funding to convert every building in the camp to LED lighting. The project will be complete in one year with volunteer labor, and will save close to \$3,000 in the first year.

**Challenge Mountain - to support two weeks of SPIRIT Camp**

**Grant Award: \$3,000**

SPIRIT Day Camp is an event sponsored by Challenge Mountain. It fills the need for children and adults with disabilities to access recreational, cultural and educational experiences in an inclusive, community-based environment. The camp was formerly one day. It has now been expanded to two, week long segments in July.

**Charlevoix Area Community Pool - for the iswim program for fifth grade students from five area schools**

**Grant Award: \$ 2,618**

This program proposed by the CACP is targeted to benefit youth by teaching them how to swim and be safe on, in, and near the water. It is available for 5th grade students enrolled in five local schools. It provides an equal opportunity for students to participate in a training they may not normally be able to afford.

**Charlevoix Area Community Pool - for Phase I of a project to purchase hardware/software**

**Grant Award: \$ 5,120**

The CACP is in dire need of an updated computer hardware and software system. The needs have been divided into approximately two equal phases. This first phase includes customized software, one tablet, a credit card processor, one laptop, file sharing software and staff training.

**Charlevoix Circle of Arts - to support classical string music education for Charlevoix County youth**

**Grant Award: \$ 5,000**

The CCA became the beneficiary of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program that provides classical string music education to schools in northern Michigan free of charge at the beginning and intermediate level (3rd grade through high school). This grant would support scholarships for students to rent instruments who may not otherwise be able to practice at home as well as to help cover the cost for private lessons.

**Charlevoix Conservation District - to renovate an existing room into a multi-purpose community room**

**Grant Award: \$ 7,000**

The CCD is seeking funding to renovate an existing storage room into a multi-use community room. The classroom will be used to expand existing programs, host new education programs for youth and adults, and be a space for partners to utilize in conjunction with district programs and events, or for their own natural resource-related efforts.

**Charlevoix County - to establish a water source and irrigation system for the garden at the County Jail**

**Grant Award: \$ 12,000**

The County Jail maintains a one-acre garden to feed the inmates. However, they have never had an adequate (nor easy) source of water. This grant will identify a water source and install a grid drip irrigation system to allow the garden to grow and flourish--supplying a meaningful work project, building skills and providing fresh vegetables to jail inmates and others.

**Charlevoix County 4-H Council - for scholarships for 4-H Programs for low income families**

**Grant Award: \$ 5,000**

This program will provide scholarships for low-income youth ages 5-19 to participate in 4-H Youth Programs like soccer, sailing, swimming, shooting sports and tennis. The program encourages and develops creativity, learning, leadership, sportsmanship, and teamwork.

**Charlevoix Historical Society - for Phase 1 of the Photographic Digitization & Preservation Project**

**Grant Award: \$ 2,350**

The Charlevoix Historical Society is embarking upon an ambitious project to digitize over 13,000 historical photographs. The grant will help preserve this very large collection, make the digitized images easier to access by description, and organize the collection in one major backed-up repository.

**Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan - to improve access to therapy for children/families**

**Grant Award: \$ 5,000**

CFS requests support to improve access to trauma-informed behavioral health services for uninsured/underinsured children and families in Charlevoix County who do not have access to therapy at school, or who need more intense, specialized services than their school can provide. This request is due to an increased demand for such services in serving kids with high needs battling the impacts of trauma.

**City of Boyne City - for Phase 1 of the Boyne Valley Trailway from Boyne City to Boyne Falls**

**Grant Award: \$ 30,000**

The City of Boyne City is seeking grant dollars for Phase 1 of the proposed Boyne Valley Trailway. It includes 3.6 miles of the 6.1 mile non-motorized all-season trailway. Phase 1 starts at the BC Airport, and ends at the Boyne Valley Township Park. This link will extend to the regional Boyne City to Charlevoix non-motorized trail and includes a Safe Routes to School component.

**City of Boyne City - for the Boyne City Veteran's Park Pavilion Phase 2**

**Grant Award: \$3,412**

The City of Boyne City has invested a community planning process into the design of the year-round, multi-purpose Veterans Park Pavillion, as well as \$252,000 into the construction of Phase 1. This is a request for Phase 2 for \$68,500 for bathrooms. Phase 3 will be the winterization of the entire structure.

**City of Charlevoix - for summer and winter scholarships to attend activities at Mt. McSauba**

**Request: \$3,000**

This grant will support a minimum of 50 scholarships for children for summer camp and 80 for winter sports at Mt. McSauba. This grant will benefit at-risk, low-income children ages 5 to 13 who may not be able to afford this experience.

**City of East Jordan - to provide an ADA accessible waterfront beach at the East Jordan Tourist Park**

**Grant Award: \$ 8,596**

The City of East Jordan is requesting an 135' ADA accessible walkway that would be installed each spring and removed for winter storage. It would provide better beach access not only for the physically handicapped, but for those individuals who are temporarily without mobility, children in strollers, and those that need walkers and canes.

**City of East Jordan - for an EJ community marketing & re-branding program through MSU**

**Grant Award: \$4,000**

East Jordan has been selected for a community assessment through MSU called the "FIT" program. It is designed to help communities learn about existing strengths & weaknesses as seen through the eyes of first-time visitors. The results will form the basis for future business recruitment and retention, and community marketing & branding efforts.

**Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop – for supplies to display and organize items at the new resale shop**

**Grant Award: \$4,588**

Crossroads Resale Shop will be moving into their new store on M-32 by January, 2018. This grant request is for supplies, equipment and storage bins in order to present clothing and kitchen equipment in an appealing way to maximize the shopping experience and sell merchandise. This is a one-time request.

**East Jordan Public Schools - to add preschool equipment to the Elementary School Playground**

**Grant Award: \$7,500**

EJPS seeks to purchase playground equipment for the very young. They wish to keep small children safe and meet new state guidelines for playground structures for preschool aged-children.

**East Jordan Public Schools - to purchase office furniture for the EJPS Wellness Center**

**Grant Award: \$ 1,200**

EJPS has a new Wellness Center. It is a partnership between the school and the health department and houses the school nurse and social worker. They would like to provide new comfortable seating as well as pictures that will give this area a welcoming feel for students who need services.

**East Jordan Public Schools - to provide re-striping at the Boswell Stadium Track**

**Grant Award: \$3,500**

After years of weathering and sun the lines on the EJPS Boswell Stadium track need to be repainted. This grant will assist with the hiring of a contractor to restore this beautiful facility back to its original state. The EJ Sports Boosters will assist with funding to get this track painted by the first meet next spring.

**East Jordan Public Schools - to update the sound and lighting at the EJPS Community Auditorium**

**Grant Award: \$ 11,500**

EJPS is partnering with EJ Rotary to update the sound, lighting and projection capabilities in the EJPS Community Auditorium. This grant will bring a more state-of-the-art quality to the productions and deliver quality, professional programming for the school and community.

**East Jordan Public Schools - for the SMART program in grades K-2 for reading & math readiness**

**Grant Award: \$ 2,500**

EJPS would like to initiate a new program called S.M.A.R.T. that uses brain stimulation exercises to help children become ready for reading and math learning. It improves not only intellectual capabilities but also gross motor skills to improve focus and behavior. This grant will train staff to teach students this method.

**Good Samaritan Family Services - for the Charlevoix County Heat and Utility Assistance Project**

**Grant Award: \$ 7,500**

With the grant, Good Samaritan will assist our neighbors in need with heat and utility costs for the winter months of 2017 – 2018. A portion of the funding will be used for administration to assist with the application process for True North Community Services, a funding partner.

**Grandvue Medical Care Facility- for Marketing for the Grandvue Terrace & Recreation Park Project**

**Grant Award: \$ 3,500**

The purpose of this grant is to create marketing and promotional materials and supplies to raise capital for the final Phases of the Grandvue Terrace and Park project, a one-acre multi-use outdoor space adjacent to the facility.

**Great Lakes Center for the Arts – for costs for student performers from the U of M School of Music**

**Grant Award: \$2,904**

On August 30, 2018, the Great Lakes Center for the Arts welcomes the U of M School of Music, Theater and Dance with their finest rising stars for an evening of inspiration and entertainment. This grant will support the transportation and lodging of the students from Ann Arbor to Northern Michigan, and a block of 25 tickets will be reserved for Charlevoix Circle of the Arts to distribute to young Charlevoix County musicians and chaperones.

**Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra - to implement a marketing and branding effort for the GLCO**

**Grant Award: \$ 5,000**

GLCO is seeking grant dollars to increase visibility and community engagement with cohesive resource materials, website redevelopment and a new social media presence. GLCO hopes to reach a broader audience, as well as steward more donors and volunteers.

**Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities - to improve food nutrition in Cvx County Schools**

**Grant Award: \$ 5,000**

This project will build on on-going work in Boyne Falls Public School by sharing pilot programs with Boyne City, East Jordan, Charlevoix and Beaver Island schools. Groundwork will advance one specific initiative in each school, from the following list: Family Nights Out around preparing food, Crockpot Classes for school families, or Try-It Tuesday-style school Tastings and Training.

**Health Department of Northwest Michigan - for a youth Skin Cancer Prevention Project**

**Grant Award: \$3,500**

The Health Department is partnering with Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital to implement the "Sun Smarts Program", a sun safety program designed for K-2nd grade students, in all Charlevoix County elementary schools, with an estimated reach of 350 students. They are also planning to facilitate the adoption of sun safety policies in two Charlevoix County elementary schools.

**Lake Charlevoix Association - for a Lake Charlevoix shoreline survey update**

**Grant Award: \$ 5,000**

The LCA proposes to hire the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council to conduct a survey of the entire shoreline of Lake Charlevoix, which is a key element in water quality protection efforts. Pollution sources & other stressors to the ecosystem will be identified and solutions will be identified and implemented.

**Little Traverse Conservancy - for a boardwalk expansion at the Beaver Island Little Sand Bay Preserve**

**Grant Award: \$ 2,000**

LTC is requesting funds to add signage and 450 feet to the boardwalk at the Beaver Island Little Sand Bay Preserve. The LSB Preserve averages 23 visitors a day in the summer (one of the highest use areas) and needs more boardwalk to cover exposed roots and sensitive wetland areas for safety reasons. The new signage will be installed with the same uniform look that exists at all LTC preserves.

**McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation - for "It's Never 2 Late" Therapeutic Technology**

**Grant Award: \$ 5,299**

Boulder Park Terrace would like funds to purchase specialized hardware and software for elderly adults. The technology is called "The Mobile Flex Lite" computer and "It's Never 2 Late" software. This intuitive, picture-based software and touch-screen technology is designed to enhance their quality of life and improve daily skills in a fun way with: games, puzzles, karaoke, audio books, lectures & more--all available in one place.

**Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Foundation - for an Infant Bed Warmer & Resuscitation System  
Grant Award: \$ 12,649**

MHCH's Obstetrics Department is seeking to purchase an all-in-one infant bed warmer and resuscitation system. It can be terrifying when an infant is born and needs to be resuscitated. This unit includes specialized respiratory equipment and the radiant heat will keep them warm while they are away from their mother.

**Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Foundation - for the Charlevoix Hospital Patient Needs Fund  
Grant Award: \$ 10,000**

Munson HCHF is requesting grant dollars for their Patient Needs Fund. This fund will help bridge financial resources during a health-related crisis when the patient may be unable to work, and help pay for other household expenses such as: child care; utility bills; insurance payments; etc. so they can focus on healing.

**Northern Community Mediation - toward costs to implement a 25 Year Anniversary Celebration  
Grant Award: \$2,470**

Northern Community Mediation is planning a year of activities, events, marketing and media strategies to celebrate delivering 25 years of mediation services. This grant will provide dollars to implement activities such as: monthly guest commentaries in newspapers; radio broadcasts; a billboard on Hwy 131; brochures and thank-you notes; participation in July 4th parades; designer tables at Women Can/Women Do, etc.

**Northern Michigan Equine Therapy - for scholarships for disabled children  
Grant Award: \$ 5,000**

NMET is seeking help to provide scholarships to current and future low-income clients that need to start or continue their hippotherapy or "horse sense" therapy. The therapy programs have seen incredible growth and have produced positive results for the numerous clients.

**Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity - for at least 2 Charlevoix County Critical Home Repairs  
Grant Award: \$ 5,000**

Habitat for Humanity is requesting funds to be used to increase the health and wellness of low-income homeowners who are living in unsafe living conditions by offering critical home repair assistance. This program will help as few as 2 and up to 8 homeowners, depending on the severity of the problems and their ability to contribute. Such project examples are: roof repairs, plumbing costs, furnace replacement, etc.

**Paddle Antrim - for Phase 2 - Development of signs for the Upper Chain of Lakes Water Trail  
Grant Award: \$5,000**

Paddle Antrim is seeking to develop signage for the Chain of Lakes. The total project cost is \$22,490. The \$5,000 requested from the C3F is for Phase 2, development of print-ready signs on the Upper Chain of Lakes (Cvx County). Paddle Antrim wholly funded the Water Trail Development Plan in addition to Phase 1 - Sign Development for the entire Chain of Lakes.

**Planned Parenthood of Michigan - to provide teens with comprehensive sexuality education  
Grant Award: \$5,950**

Planned Parenthood plans to continue providing the Smart and Healthy Youth Project, a comprehensive sexuality education program to Charlevoix County teens. Participating schools include Charlevoix, East Jordan, Boyne City, Boyne Falls Public Schools and Beaver Island Community School. New this year is Beaver Island's interest in annual programming for 5th-12th grades and a partnership with the new East Jordan Wellness Center located in the middle/high school.

**Raven Hill Discovery Center - for students to discover the past/future through art****Grant Award: \$4,650**

An invitation will be extended to Charlevoix County middle and high school art students to complete a piece of art in any chosen art medium to represent their vision of our close prehistory (Cretaceous Period or newer) OR our future, as they foresee it may be. The program will include two visits to the classroom by Raven Hill staff- to introduce the project and to further develop the projects. All student art will be on display at Raven Hill during April of 2018 and a three-person jury will select 4-5 pieces for each display- prehistory and future.

**Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan – for Chx Co families receiving medical treatment****Grant Award: \$7,500**

The Family Support Program is designed to ensure the proximity of family members (particularly parents, siblings, and caregivers) to support participation in family-centered care when children who reside outside of Grand Rapids require medical or mental health care services from a Grand Rapids area medical provider.

**St. James Township - to hire a consultant to write a Recreation Plan****Grant Award: \$ 5,250**

St. James Township is applying for grant dollars for a Five-Year Recreation Plan. When complete the Township will be eligible for State monies for recreation projects identified in the plan. The Land Information Access Association (LIAA) will be hired to format the Five-Year Recreation Plan by providing map and community survey data, and by facilitating community forums for public input.

**Manna Food Project - to hire 6 local growers to raise crops for Produce for People Phase 2****Grant Award: \$ 6,000**

Manna is looking ahead to the 2018 growing season with Produce for People Phase 2. It is a pilot program whereby they will contract with six local growers to designate a portion of their 2018 crops specifically for Manna distribution. It is similar to a CSA Program, where both farmer and consumer are rewarded. The consumer pledges support and the farmer receives up-front payment for produce.

**Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council - for the Beaver Island Watershed Academy 2018****Grant Award: \$ 5,250**

The Watershed Council proposes to offer the Watershed Academy program to all 9th to 12th grade BI HS science students as an enrichment to the regular school curriculum. It will provide students with the tools and knowledge to translate small-scale stewardship projects into a long-term water resources ethic. This pilot year will include the purchase of equipment and materials, along with training of teachers to administrate the Watershed Academy program in subsequent years.

**Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) - to develop a strategic plan****Grant Award: \$ 6,400**

TOMMBA is seeking a consultant to develop and implement a strategic plan that will guide the work of the organization over the next three to five years. The process will also develop a consistent message that communicates the organization's history, mission, work and direction for the future.

**Top of MiTrails Council - for pre-engineering for a bike trail route through Fisherman's Island State Park****Grant Award: \$10,000**

The TOMTC has determined that the overall success of the Charlevoix to Elk Rapids trail depends on pathway development through Fisherman's Island State Park (FISP). The DNR has pledged \$50,000 in support, and this grant request will supply matching funds for pre-engineering. It is a key segment to provide the finishing touch for completing the entire NW MI bike corridor, stretching from the Tart Trail in Traverse City, through Petoskey and terminating in Mackinaw City.