

## March 2019 Grant Awards

### **Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter - for a Dementia support and education initiative**

This grant will provide community members in rural areas with information regarding Alzheimer's disease. The purpose is to increase awareness & to connect families/caregivers with resources and services.

Grant Award: \$5,000

### **Beaver Island Community School - to replace an outdoor basketball and multi-sport court at BICS**

BICS will demolish and remove the 35 year old outdoor basketball court and to construct a new one. The court will be open to the public and visitors to Beaver Island as well.

Grant Award: \$5,000

### **Beaver Island Music Festival Inc. - to enhance 3+ recreational & cultural events with live music**

BIMF will use grant dollars to provide live music at 3 existing the Beaver Island events--The Birding Festival; The Eco-Fair; and The Beaver Island Run.

Grant Award: \$3,000

### **Challenge Mountain - for Phase 2 ski area/lodge improvements**

Challenge Mountain will build internal fund development skills necessary to implement Phase 2 of their strategic plan. Funds will be raised to install snow-making equipment, purchase a groomer and build a pole barn.

Grant Award: \$4,000

### **Charlevoix Area Community Pool - to update pool surveillance & security system**

Renovations of the CACP lobby, work areas, new multipurpose room and men's and women's locker rooms are nearly completed. The current surveillance system and electrical components need updating to provide coverage for all areas, and upgrade safety and security to meet modern standards.

Grant Award: \$2,000

### **Charlevoix Area Humane Society - to purchase two cat condos**

The Humane Society would like to purchase two cat condos, one to replace the unit that is old and another to increase the shelter's capacity by 40 cats. This will provide a safe and healthy living experience for an average of 180 cats annually.

Grant Award: \$5,000

### **Charlevoix Circle of Arts - to extend marketing for the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program**

The DGSP will increase marketing efforts including acquiring promotional videos, purchasing branded items and presentation equipment. These items will be used at demonstrations in schools, on social media and at community presentations.

Grant Award: \$5,000

### **Charlevoix Circle of Arts - to support the Youth Strings Program at Beaver Island School**

In order to offer strings classes at BICS, a qualified teacher must travel to the island every week for the entire school year. This grant will (partially) cover: travel costs, overnight lodging, and student travel costs to concerts on the mainland.

Grant Award: \$5,000

**Charlevoix Historical Society - for historic interpretive signage in Charlevoix**

The CHS will install 7 signs designed for compatibility with the Cvx Main Street signs. Each sign will have four to six historic images on each side, with accompanying text. This award will fund one, two-sided sign along the channel and one, two-sided sign at the Train Depot.

Grant Award: \$4,800

**Charlevoix Public School - for materials and tools for the Elementary School Makerspace.**

The Makerspace is a hands-on work area where a student can engage in learning by using a variety of materials and tools. The goal is to increase students' problem solving and team building skills. This grant will supply a stock of materials and tools for use in this area.

Grant Award: \$1,500

**Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan - to expand trauma informed services**

CFS seeks to provide at least four trauma-informed trainings and ongoing individual support to foster/adoptive parents and school staff, expanding current services to more schools. CFS will also expand trauma-informed services to those children who do not have access at school or who need more specialized therapy than their schools can provide.

Grant Award: \$5,000

**City of Charlevoix - to support the Live on the Lake Summer Concert Series**

"Live on the Lake" is an 8-week concert series at the outdoor bandshell in downtown Charlevoix. It provides a free, musical and cultural arts experience enjoyed by residents and visitors annually. This grant provides support for the series.

Grant Award: \$4,000

**City of East Jordan - for drinking fountain installation at East Jordan parks**

The City of EJ will receive grant dollars for fountains to be installed at Memorial Park, Sportsman's Park, and Rotary Skate Park. The fountains contain a 3 in 1 benefit: an ADA compliant drinking fountain, a water bottle filling station, and a pet watering container built into the bottom.

Grant Award: \$6,157

**Crojik's Croft - for a modern dance residency program and workshop**

Crojik's Croft is an organization dedicated to bringing contemporary performance art to Northern Michigan. This grant will help with venue fees, salaries, travel costs, a youth workshop and a modern dance performance at Lavender Hill Farm in August.

Grant Award: \$2,173

**Crooked Tree Arts Center - to support the production of The Nutcracker**

CTAC will receive support for their holiday production of The Nutcracker. The performance brings a full-length ballet starring local dancers to the new venue at Great Lakes Center for the Arts. In 2018, 40% of the audience was Charlevoix County residents, as well as 30% of the dancers.

Grant Award: \$4,000

**Disability Network Northern Michigan - to create a Universally Accessible kayak launch site**

"Paddle UP" is a collaboration between the City of Charlevoix, the Disability Network of NM and the Leadership Charlevoix County class of 2019. With this grant, a universally accessible kayak launch will be installed at Ferry Beach.

Grant Award: \$5,000

**East Jordan Public Schools - for tools and enhancements for the Learning Garden project**

This grant will assist EJPS to maintain existing beds, install new plants and trees, provide signage, include a compost area and add new picnic tables to make the area a comfortable learning space for students and guests.

Grant Award: \$2,500

**Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy -for improvements at St Clair/Six Mile Lake Preserve**

This grant will help close the funding gap on a \$435,000+ project to improve this preserve for Universal Access (UA). It includes a 6 ft. wide, ¼ mile pathway, improve the parking and driveway area and replace the river overlook platform.

Grant Award: \$10,000

**Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra - for a classical music concert in Charlevoix's East Park**

C3F will support a performance at the band shell this summer at Charlevoix's East Park. The theme for the August performance will be "Space Odyssey", to coincide with a special NASA program hosted at Raven Hill.

Grant Award: \$4,000

**Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities - for food & garden education in Char-Em ISD Schools**

Groundwork will utilize this grant to incorporate food and gardening education into the existing curriculum throughout the Char-Em ISD, and lay the groundwork for a Food to School Coordinator. Eventually the Coordinator will promote healthy food and add food studies education into the curriculum of area schools.

Grant Award: \$4,268

**Hayes Township - to hire a consultant to plan for Camp Seagull Phase 2**

Hayes Twp will enlist a consultant to guide the process of updating the Camp Seagull Park Plan. It has been 5 years since the park master plan was first prepared. The results of the work will be an Action Plan for Phase 2 Development.

Grant Award: \$4,500

**Lake Charlevoix Association - for swimmer's itch research in Lake Charlevoix**

There is some evidence that the ecology of Lake Charlevoix is changing enough to increase the presence of swimmers itch. A consultant will be hired to collect and study waterfowl fecal samples as well as water samples from various locations to assess and make recommendations on preventing infestation.

Grant Award: \$6,000

**Lake Charlevoix Mariners - to purchase a JY15 sailboat**

The LCM will replace a sailboat for their Sail Charlevoix Program. The purchase is essential to the program, as this specific boat (JY15) is the main teaching platform. With this purchase, the fleet of of JYs will be complete so all students get the opportunity to sail in a quality boat.

Grant Award: \$4,000

**Little Traverse Conservancy - for expansion of the Beem Preserve on Six Mile Lake**

This grant will support the acquisition of the 52 acre Coyle property which will be added to the Beem Memorial Nature Preserve. The Coyle property has 1800 ft. on Miles Road, is located 4 miles west of East Jordan and 2 miles south of Ellsworth. It is also located along the Chain of Lakes Water Trail.

Grant Award: \$10,000

**McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation - for the Patient Assistance Program**

McLaren will receive funds to provide financial assistance to low income patients choosing between paying medical bills and other financial obligations. Help can include non-reimbursable expenses for medical supplies, equipment, medications, and travel expenses incurred during health care treatment.

Grant Award: \$4,000

**Northern Community Mediation - to create video presentations as marketing tools**

NCM will create 17 YouTube videos to be used as marketing tools. Each one will be 4 minutes long, relates to 9 specific programs and 8 dispute types of mediation offered (such as Child Protection) by NCM.

Grant Award: \$2,125

**Northern Michigan Equine Therapy - to purchase equine therapy enhancement equipment**

NMET will purchase equipment to aid in equine therapy. The purchases include: therapy saddles (one saddle for minimal assistance and another for maximum support); interesting, colorful activities; and mirrors. The activities keep the sessions interactive for youth and the mirrors allow the clients to see how their positioning is either aiding or hindering progress.

Grant Award: \$3,000

**Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity - to acquire up to 2 lots to build affordable homes**

NWMHFH will acquire two buildable lots in the Charlevoix and Boyne City areas. This is based on a demonstrated need through increasing requests for applications and approved partners. They will continue to search for donated or affordable land to meet their client needs.

Grant Award: \$15,000

**Raven Hill Discovery Center - to improve ADA accessibility and reduce upkeep**

Raven Hill will improve the parking area, prevent hillside erosion near Smallville, simplify site maintenance and improve ADA access to the Fiber Studio and Picnic Pavilion with this grant award.

Grant Award: \$5,000

**Rotary Club of Charlevoix Charities, Inc. - for the Cvx Rotary Park Playground Phase 2**

Rotary will continue improvements to the park started in 2014 by: replacing an unsafe sliding board; replacing weathered park benches with 2 to 4 benches; and add an additional playground feature (Tuffrider T-Rex) to accommodate high demand for equipment during events at the ball fields.

Grant Award: \$2,500

**The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center - to provide basketball programs and central software**

This grant will offset costs of a 6-week Basketball Skills Clinic for 6th grade to 12 grade youth to be offered Summer and Fall 2019, and a third time Spring 2020. The 2nd part of this grant will facilitate the purchase of "Planning Center" software and an iPad or Tablet with a stand to manage communications, handle security, and schedule volunteers at the Teen Center.

Grant Award: \$2,770

**The Manna Food Project - to help 7 area pantries purchase additional low-cost food**

This award provides each of the 7 participating pantries with funds to purchase additional low-cost food from Manna. The pantries are Boyne Valley, Care & Share, Charlevoix Community, Good Neighbor, Good Samaritan, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist, BI Community School.

Grant Award: \$9,750

**The Manna Food Project - for the "Cook Well, Eat Well" program**

With this second grant award, Manna will: purchase farm-fresh produce from local farms; expand the vegetable and dairy refrigeration capacity for partnering agencies; host skillet cooking classes; develop educational materials and conduct food demonstrations and tastings.

Grant Award: \$7,500

**Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council - to purchase new waders for the Watershed Academy Program**

The Watershed Academy student teams will utilize the new waders during the field day portion of the program to monitor streams safely and comfortably. Various sizes will be purchased and the waders will all include a wading belt, which will improve the safety of the students should one of them fall in the stream.

Grant Award: \$3,000

**Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council - for a stormwater project for BC, CX and EJ**

The City Managers of Boyne City, Charlevoix, and East Jordan have all committed to work with TOMWC both during this project to monitor stormwater, as well as afterward to improve stormwater management practices and develop stormwater ordinances. This grant will support the project.

Grant Award: \$8,250

**Walloon Lake Trust and Conservancy - to acquire a 40 acre property**

The WLT & C will purchase a 40 acre property to link the Boyne School Forest parcel with a property owned by the City of Boyne City. Acquisition will serve many purposes including protection of wildlife habitat and forested land in the watershed, and allowing a trail connection for hikers and bikers.

Grant Award: \$7,000

**Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan - for electrical improvements at the Safe Home**

The Safe Home is a 100+ year old farmhouse. Most of the current lighting and outlets are insufficient for modern needs. This project will upgrade the electrical system, resulting in lighting and outlets that are energy efficient, adequate and functional for the survivors and children who stay there.

Grant Award: \$5,000