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Arts and Culture

Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association

C3F Grant: \$9,983

Summary: Risers for performers, a podium from which the conductor will work, and sound shells to improve the experience for the audience will complete this effort to create a performance space for the Baroque on Beaver Festival and others in the existing Community School gym.

Beaver Island Historical Society

C3F Grant: \$4,425

Summary: The new exhibit will feature 10-12 interpretive panels with information about plants, flowers, animals, reptiles, inland lakes, trails, and preserves on Beaver Island as well as an interactive exhibit component for children.

East Jordan Historical Society

C3F Grant: \$4,195

Summary: This grant will match dollars raised to reprint the book of history and photos so that it may be shared with East Jordan Public Schools and offered to community members. Profits from the sale of the books provide ongoing operating dollars for the Historical Society.

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra

C3F Grant: \$5,000

Summary: The Orchestra along with the Chorus will perform in this celebration commemorating Beethoven's 250th birthday taking place in Bay View in June 2020. The "Ode to Joy" has become one of the most recognized melodies in all of music. Because this symphony is so well-known and loved worldwide, this concert is geared to the enjoyment of a variety of audiences with high quality, professional musical entertainment.



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Environment and Recreation

Challenge Mountain

C3F Grant: \$2,700

Summary: The purchase of six “sit-on” kayaks will provide safe and accessible water sports programming for participants living with disabilities.

Freshwater Future

C3F Grant: \$5,000

Summary: To better understand the extent of PFAS contamination in Charlevoix County found through surface water testing conducted by Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and Freshwater Future, Freshwater Future will conduct additional well identification, outreach to offer testing to residents, and provide general education through advertising, social media, and presentations to increase understanding of this threat and how people can reduce their exposure to this contaminant.

Lake Charlevoix Mariners Inc

C3F Grant: \$3,300

Summary: Following reorganization in 2018, LCM facilitates fund-raising, facilities management, and overall management of Sail Charlevoix, which serves students of all levels with learn-to-sail and learn-to-race programs using an on-the-water and classroom approach. By hiring a consultant to assist with a strategic plan, they aim to unify the board and leadership and create a sustainable future for the organization.

Little Traverse Conservancy

C3F Grant: \$5,000

Summary: The original 5 car parking area for visitors to the Hill Nature Preserve is no longer adequate due to an increase in use, especially in the winter. The proposed improvements would double the available parking, offer pull-through parking for a school bus, and allow for better snow management.



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Paddle Antrim

C3F Grant: \$8,000

Summary: Paddle Antrim's mission is to protect water resources by using paddle sports to connect people to the waterways in Antrim, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, and Kalkaska counties. The 80-mile Chain of Lakes Water Trail is a truly regional effort with 17 governmental jurisdictions and non-profits approving 81 access sites. This grant will be used to support the fabrication and installation of signs at each of the sites and develop a waterproof paddlers guidebook to improve paddlers' experience. These elements, as well as marketing pieces, will include important messages regarding water stewardship, safety, and cultural, historical and natural resources.

SEEDS

C3F Grant: \$13,000

Summary: In response to the needs of residents and the responsible use of resources, this project will assess the feasibility of implementing a recycling and yard waste curbside collection program in the cities of Charlevoix, Boyne City, and East Jordan. The team will utilize the expertise of Resource Recycling Systems to help the cities clarify their goals and objectives related to sustainability and gather information on existing recycling and waste operations. This information will be used to develop a model providing estimated costs of services based on volumes of recyclables and yard waste generated and other details pertinent to the project. A report summarizing the feasibility and evaluation of costs and benefits of various roll-out structures will be produced, including an action plan for the roll-out of a comprehensive curbside collection program.

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

C3F Grant: \$8,000

Summary: Local municipalities are experiencing significant impacts to stormwater systems due to the increased volume of rainwater entering the systems. Stormwater washes pollutants off of streets, sidewalks, and parking lots into storm drains by which the water is discharged, untreated, into Lake Charlevoix and its tributaries. This program will focus on the use of four solutions to this issue – green roofs; permeable pavers; rain barrels, swales, and rain gardens; and promoting water conservation. The program will include two workshops (in Boyne City and Charlevoix), lectures across Charlevoix County, promotion of solutions through social media, traditional media, newsletters, and sending information to the Watershed Council members and the general public, and providing technical support to interested participants.



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Health

Harbor Hall

C3F Grant: \$8,000

Summary: Sobriety Court, which is a partnership between Harbor Hall and the court system, and the Gambling Addiction Support Group build the capacity of our community to prevent and treat addiction. This grant will help make these programs that slow the progression of addiction for individuals available.

Kiersten's Ride

C3F Grant: \$9,500

Summary: Kiersten's Ride will be holding a three-day suicide prevention conference at Boyne Mountain to educate area health professionals and school staff about reducing the stigma associated with suicide, training in prevention and intervention skills, sharing best practices in crisis interventions, and creating connections among professionals.

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Foundation

C3F Grant: \$8,000

Summary: The Patient Needs and Cancer Patient Needs funds provide relief for patients and their families during a health-related crisis by offering practical assistance such as gas cards, support for childcare expenses, payments for utilities, groceries, rent/mortgage payments and more. It is important to note that these funds are not used to pay for medical bills and are not available for patients undergoing elective procedures.

Planned Parenthood of Michigan

C3F Grant: \$8,000

Summary: Designed to teach young people ages 10–18 about personal health, this program will address topics such as puberty, hygiene, relationships, reproduction, and the prevention of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Educational resources are comprehensive, age-appropriate, and medically accurate. Personal care kits including deodorant, face wash, and feminine hygiene supplies will also be provided to students at the schools' request.

Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan

C3F Grant: \$4,750

Summary: The overarching purpose of this program is to support the families of seriously ill and injured children from Charlevoix County who are seeking care in the Grand Rapids area. These funds will help to house the families while they're away from home, reducing family members' financial and emotional stress so that they can focus on their child and benefit from spending time with other families in similar situations.



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Urgent Needs

Good Samaritan Family Services

C3F Grant: \$7,500

Summary: Emergency heating, fuel, and utility assistance for struggling Charlevoix County families.

The Manna Food Project

C3F Grant: \$7,500

Summary: Manna is partnering with local farms to increase access to fresh, nutritious food for those in need in Charlevoix County. Additionally, funds will be used to improve nutritional quality of items in the Food for Kids backpack program and will help fund materials to educate people about nutrition. This project benefits families and local farmers.

The Salvation Army

C3F Grant: \$9,500

Summary: The emergency financial assistance program provides assistance to individuals or families who have urgent needs such as overdue utility payments, homelessness, hunger, or who have experienced disasters such as fires or flooding. In the past, MEAP funds helped to cover community utility assistance needs, but MEAP funding has been reduced by \$128K to date. Coupled with stricter criteria changes imposed by MDHHS last year which disqualifies many families who would normally receive utility assistance, there is not enough funding to meet the demand of qualified low-income households in need in Charlevoix County and the cost of utilities continues to rise.



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Youth

Boyne City Public Schools

C3F Grant: \$3,000

Summary: Blaze robotics teammates have provided their own tools in the past but will purchase a set for the program to improve availability of tools and to provide consistency for those learning to safely use them.

Camp Daggett

C3F Grant: \$1,500

Summary: A "mobility mat" provides safe access to the water and docks for those who may have physical limitations and need assistance of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc. It will also provide a way to place docks, rafts and boats in the water and then remove them without causing the erosion of the beach sand.

Charlevoix Children's House

C3F Grant: \$1,004

Summary: An interactive musical fence will help this Montessori-based preschool in their effort to offer a playground that promotes the exploration of natural elements for children 3 - 6 years of age.

Charlevoix Circle of Arts

C3F Grant: \$2,500

Summary: Scholarships will provide access to art, music, and dance programs for children 3 years and older with partial support for families that cannot afford to pay the full fee.

Charlevoix Public Schools

C3F Grant: \$3,010

Summary: "Calm Down Corners" provide students a space to regain control of their emotions as an alternative to sending a student to the hallway or principal's office. These spaces will contain a bean bag chair and sensory objects including stress balls, fidgets, coloring options, and visually calming bottles to aid children.



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City of Charlevoix

C3F Grant: \$4,000

Summary: The Recreation Department will reinvent summer camp curriculum to feature environmental education with an emphasis on science and connection to nature for campers ages 5 - 13.

East Jordan Public Schools

C3F Grant: \$9,928

Summary: Funding is needed to maintain an adequate Crisis Response Protocol, including “Go Bags” of materials needed to evacuate as well as “Reunification Boxes” that will assist in getting children back to their families after an evacuation, Emergency Protocol flip charts, and the installation of additional security cameras and data storage systems to provide the safest environment for East Jordan students.

Raven Hill Discovery Center

C3F Grant: \$2,500

Summary: Raven Hill will bring a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) plus arts and humanities program to elementary schools. The lessons will connect skills like communication, team-work, problem-solving, critical and creative thinking with STEM to provide a well-rounded grade-level curricular experience.

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan

C3F Grant: \$3,300

Summary: The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is designed to reduce stress on children who have suffered abuse or witnessed violence when they are interviewed at this child-centered facility. Here, various agency representatives work together as a multidisciplinary team to investigate abuse, help children heal from abuse, and hold offenders accountable. The CAC expects to serve 200-300 children annually. This request would purchase items such as wireless headphones to prevent noise interference and to protect confidentiality, items meant to provide comfort for children receiving services, including a blanket for every child, and electronics to provide entertainment and distraction during what can be an extremely difficult situation.



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Community

Boyne District Library

C3F Grant: \$2,500

Summary: The popular Community Room will become more user-friendly with 9 tables and 80 chairs that are easier to move around to accommodate flexible arrangements, made of easy-to-clean plastic, and designed for more efficient use of storage space.

Charlevoix Area Humane Society

C3F Grant: \$3,000

Summary: New computers, software, and the addition of a server that will network staff computers will improve efficiency and provide more security in advance of the 2020 expiration of their current equipment and programs.

City of Boyne City

C3F Grant: \$2,500

Summary: The purchase of a storage shed will protect agility and training equipment for this new, fenced agility park adjacent to the Ridge Run Dog Park.

City of Charlevoix

C3F Grant: \$5,000

Summary: This co-working and meeting space/business incubator offers people who work remotely or from a home office with reliable internet connection and a central downtown location. Desks and meeting spaces as well as technical equipment like copiers, scanners, and conference call tools are available. To offset the challenges of the basement location, City of Charlevoix aims to improve the appeal and comfort of the space with light filters for the fluorescent fixtures, standing desks, ball chairs, and an air purifier.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan

C3F Grant: \$5,500

Summary: Hospice of Northwest Michigan is re-launching as Northwest Michigan Hospice Assist. From its inception, the organization's focus has been to support people caring for loved ones with advanced illness in their homes. Earlier this year, the Board of Directors and Executive Director engaged in strategic planning, resulting in a new mission: Compassionate Support Through Illness & Grief. Funds will be used for marketing materials to roll out the rebrand in Charlevoix County.



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Northern Michigan Equine Therapy

C3F Grant: \$7,500

Summary: NMET is dedicated to using the healing nature of horses as a therapeutic tool to enhance independence, self-confidence, and quality of life of individuals living with physical and mental disabilities. A strategic plan and formalized fund development program will provide NMET with the direction it requires to develop the organization in areas such as operations, staff and board leadership, volunteer management, facilities, programs, and services.

Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity

C3F Grant: \$5,450

Summary: Purchasing a new site along M-119 will provide several advantages for Habitat: two long-term tenants will pay rent that will cover the cost of space for Habitat, freeing up nearly \$90,000 in Habitat's annual budget; the location offers better visibility and the opportunity to construct an improved retail space for their ReStore; a resulting increase in sales from the ReStore will boost the work Habitat can do for families in need of safe homes across the region as it directly funds programs. Because Habitat is currently engaged in four home projects with local families, grant dollars are needed to help secure the new space and take advantage of this opportunity.

Thank you for your interest!

