

Enriching Geographic Communities Across the County

Focus on Boyne City Area

City of Boyne City

Grant Award: \$2,650

The newly constructed trail between Boyne City and Boyne Falls is getting lots of use. Wayfinding signs will provide users of all ages and ability levels access to information necessary to navigate the trail safely and confidently. Signs will help prevent users from being misdirected and enhance enjoyment of the trail through basic and effective communication for both experienced and first time users. Funding will support the design and installation of two signs.

McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation

Grant Award: \$5,000

The Children's Bereavement Program supports grieving children and teens ages 3 to 18 years old that are facing the possible loss of a loved one or have suffered a significant loss of a parent, friend, sibling, classmate, or relative due to death by illness, accident, suicide or homicide. Children's Bereavement services are available free of charge to all members of our community. The program is tailored to meet the individual needs of each child and their family, whether it's a phone call, meeting in a support group setting, or individual counseling and activities in the child's home. Grant funding will support the program in Boyne City.



Focus on Beaver Island

Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association

Grant Award: \$4,000

BICAA heavily relies on their existing, basic website, which served as the gateway to the Baroque on Beaver Festival this year during the pandemic. The current website is dated and lacks interactive capability. Its navigation system is clunky. Because BICAA and BonB each have their own websites, information can be confusing. This rebranding initiative will combine the two sites, using the BICAA URL as a link to Baroque on Beaver, eliminating duplication and existing problems so that audiences, including sponsors, advertisers, grantors, and donors, have a positive, interactive, and “one-stop-shopping” experience when they are researching the organization and the Festival.

Beaver Island Historical Society

Grant Award: \$7,000

The flooring of the Print Shop Museum, the oldest part of the museum, is deteriorating and unsafe. Chairs have punctured holes in the flooring and there is no insulation underneath. The flooring is not original. Replacing the flooring with "Island wood" that has a period appropriate look, will considerably improve the safety and energy efficiency of the entire museum.

Great Lakes Center for the Arts

Grant Award: \$5,000

The Dorothy Gerber Strings Program is committed to serving Beaver Island students and has been an eager participant there for several years working closely with the school to provide instrumental education for all interested students. Travel to and from the Island, for students and instructors, is more expensive than in other parts of Charlevoix County. Therefore, the DGSP seeks funding to help with these travel costs and to continue offering equal opportunity to Beaver Island students.



Focus on Charlevoix Area

Charlevoix Circle of Arts

Grant Award: \$4,000

CCA is requesting funding to purchase and install a new fire exit door in the gallery space. The current, existing door is for emergency exit use only- it is in deteriorating condition and is difficult to close after opening. CCA will replace this door with a usable exit door that functions properly. Additionally, the new door will allow for better traffic flow in the gallery during the pandemic, thus improving safety for staff and visitors both now and into the future.

Charlevoix Historical Society

Grant Award: \$10,000

In 2006, the Charlevoix Historical Society was gifted a huge collection of photos, slides, negatives, and proof sleeves from The Courier. These items need to be preserved properly to remain accessible to the community as part of the area's history. This grant will help purchase the proper storage materials to archive these items.

City of Charlevoix

Grant Award: \$5,000

The Earl Young Local Historic District contains 11 of the homes that have been deemed the famous "Mushroom Houses." All of the Earl Young homes, including those in the district, have become a spectacle and visitor attraction. While this has been a positive for local tourism and economy, it has been challenging for those who call these wonderful structures home. The Charlevoix Historic District Commission in partnership with the Charlevoix Historical Society are working to install signage at 3 entry-points to the district that not only inform visitors that they are entering a Historic District, but also to remind them that these homes are in fact private property.





Focus on East Jordan Area

City of East Jordan

Grant Award: \$16,248

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking to update and replace the park receptacles bordering the lakeshore of the South Arm of Lake Charlevoix. The new receptacles, which will include both garbage and recycling sections, are planned for locations between the Tourist Park public beach, Loveday Field, municipal boat launch, basketball courts, tennis courts, and Murphy Field.

East Jordan Public Schools – new childcare center

Grant Award: \$22,000

The Training Wheels Childcare Center Board of Directors plan to open a daycare by December 1, 2020 for children ages 6 weeks up to the age of entering kindergarten. Currently there are only five in-home daycares open in East Jordan with the capacity to serve only approximately 36 children. Of these five in home daycares, none of them are accepting infants which places enormous burden on working parents to find childcare. Training Wheels Childcare Center seeks to alleviate some of this burden by providing safe, affordable, reliable care for children in East Jordan where they will "love them like Grandma does." Grant funds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies to open a daycare center in East Jordan.

East Jordan Public Schools – outdoor learning equipment

Grant Award: \$9,880

During the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, East Jordan Public Schools plans to provide students with more opportunities for outdoor learning. Through the purchase of tents, picnic tables, snowshoes and other materials, students will be able to learn outdoors year round. These supplies will also facilitate physical distancing and provide students and staff with a safe place to maintain learning, take breaks from mask wearing, and also decrease the number of students in the school building at any one time. Beyond the pandemic, this equipment will instill in students an enjoyment of lifelong healthy activities and the outdoors.





Focus on East Jordan Area

East Jordan Public Schools – vaping sensors

Grant Award: \$2,925

Vaping is a serious health and safety concern for youth at East Jordan Public Schools. Vaping is also hard to detect. EJPS will purchase 3 vape sensors for the most used school bathrooms as a pilot project to address vaping in schools. The sensors will provide an early warning to school personnel to address vaping and will allow the opportunity for students to get help and access resources, as well as maintain a safe vape-free building for students and visitors.

