



## Community Priorities Cycle Grant Summaries 2021

### Arts and Culture

#### **Beaver Island Historical Society**

**Granted: \$5,000**

For approximately 35 years, Beaver Island Historical Society has hosted an annual art show during Museum Week. Currently, the community artwork is displayed on 20 homemade panels which are made of plywood, with duct tape at the joints. The panels are heavy, detract from the quality of the artists' work, and moving them is hazardous. Funding will replace the old art panels and outdoor signage.

#### **Charlevoix Circle of Arts**

**Granted: \$13,861**

Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA) provides children and adults in Charlevoix and the surrounding communities with opportunities for expression, connection, sharing, and creating through a variety of arts experiences, including fine art exhibits, art workshops, dance classes, youth art camps and programs, lectures, and community events. CCA has experienced a loss of essential revenue from canceled fundraising events, operating at reduced capacity, limiting class sizes, and months of being shuttered with no programs due to the pandemic. Funding will support general operations of core programs and services.

#### **Charlevoix Historical Society**

**Granted: \$3,994**

The Charlevoix Historical Society has an estimated 10,000-17,000 photographs, slides, negatives and proof sheets from the Charlevoix Courier newspaper dating from the 1940s, that need to be catalogued and archived into the museum's collection. Funding will hire an intern to scan, digitize, and catalogue each item in the museum's software system and to protect and preserve these historic documents using the archival materials.

#### **Great Lakes Center for the Arts**

**Granted: \$10,000**

During the pandemic, the Great Lakes Center for the Arts pivoted quickly with COVID safety protocols, virtual outreach, and socially-distanced performances to the delight of artists and patrons alike. Forced by mandates to take a programming pause this winter, the Center eagerly anticipates a more normal 2021 Summer Season, though it must rely more heavily on donations and grants to reach its goals. Funding will help the GLCFA continue offering exceptional experiences along with impactful educational opportunities.

#### **Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra**

**Granted: \$9,000**

Funding to Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO) will support an eclectic concert in July at the Great Lakes Center For the Arts. The GLCO strives to expand programming that appeals to a wider audience and to present orchestra music in unique ways. "The Beatles vs. the Four Seasons" features a fresh version of Beatles music played by a young guest artist from the Canadian Brass accompanied by the GLCO, alongside a more traditional classical music piece by Astor Piazzolla, "The Four Seasons."

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## **Silver Linings Charlevoix**

**Granted: \$2,000**

Silver Linings plans to add a two- and three-dimensional art installation underneath the Charlevoix bridge in the form of a zoo. It will feature mammals, marine life, and bird species native and unique to our region. Adding an art installation under the bridge will cover over the unsightly embankment and the chain link fence and beautify this high-traffic pedestrian route, creating a more enriching experience for locals and visitors.

## **Community**

### **Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities**

**Granted: \$6,112**

Strengthening the local food system is critical to Charlevoix County's long-term resiliency. The Building Resilient Communities (BRC) program will fortify the local economy and strengthen ties between community and local farms. The pilot program will make the nutritious choice the easy choice and address the weaknesses in our existing food system emphasized by the pandemic. BRC aims to increase the availability of healthy, local food and/or foster spaces that support culinary or nutrition education for partner sites, which include food pantries, vending, concession, retail, cafeterias, farms, youth/senior centers, and congregate meals sites.

### **Housing North**

**Granted: \$9,500**

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) create smaller, efficient housing units that are built as accessory structures on the property of or attached to an existing single-family home. These housing units create rental income for the homeowner and more supply of a housing type that is much needed for a healthy workforce. The housing units can also assist extended families to house and care for family members of a different generation in close proximity. Funding will assist Housing North in the purchase of sealed architectural drawings for ADUs that meet zoning and building codes, removing a significant barrier for the homeowner.

### **North Central Michigan College Foundation**

**Granted: \$10,000**

Funding will support the Building Tomorrow Together campaign to renovate and expand the administration classroom building. This project will provide new classrooms, technology, and workspace environments in order to create adaptable learning environments and online services that provide a student-centered experience in and out of the classroom.

### **Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity**

**Granted: \$14,000**

With rising project costs and reduced sales in the ReStore due to the pandemic, Habitat is in need of construction equipment, a need that is rarely covered by annual donations. Funding granted will help Habitat purchase a construction truck and dump trailer, which will help with their next build in Charlevoix County and beyond.

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## **Wagbo Peace Center**

**Granted: \$11,500**

Wagbo's mission is to provide an inspirational place to connect people with each other and the land. Inspired by the wishes of Martha Wagbo and her sisters, they strive to create a place where dialogue, conflict resolution, community support, and community action are encouraged and facilitated. Funding will support the mission and expand the work of the organization by hiring new staff and by supporting the current Program Coordinator in an expanded role, which includes multiple programs in cooperation with East Jordan Public Schools.

## Health

### **Community Recovery Alliance**

**Granted: \$4,055**

The mission of the Community Recovery Alliance (CRA) is to serve as a resource for individuals and families of individuals impacted by substance use disorders (SUD) including drug and alcohol addictions, mental health issues, and the effects of incarceration as a result of those issues. CRA is committed to supporting its clients, post-incarceration, in their efforts to find suitable housing, jobs appropriate to their training and expertise, and pathways to recovery in keeping with their values and needs. Funding will support the mission and activities of the organization and will help build capacity to serve more clients in the future.

### **Hospice of Michigan**

**Granted: \$7,500**

Hospice of Michigan will use funding for new technology to enhance virtual care. Building upon two-way video visits, WE-Connect brings internet-enabled devices to all admitted Hospice of Michigan patients as a standard part of care. A user-friendly app specifically designed to meet the needs of our terminally-ill patients and caregivers encourages two-way communication and constant support through video, phone and chat functions, connecting patients with a virtual team (nurse, social worker), separate from and in addition to the field staff caring for patients at the bedside.

### **McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation**

**Granted: \$7,500**

To advance the high quality of care provided at McLaren's Family Birthplace Center they must replace six outdated maternal/fetal heart monitors used in Labor and Delivery. Existing monitors are presently functioning safely, however the units are cumbersome to administer and at 15-years-old are reaching end of life. Updating these items has been identified as a critical pediatric need and a top fundraising priority for the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation.

## Human Services

### **Bergmann Center**

**Granted: \$15,000**

The Bergmann Center provides meaningful employment and therapeutic activities to maximize each client's employability, teach life skills for clients to become as independent as possible, and to generally improve the lives of people with disabilities. Funding will be used toward the purchase of a handicap accessible lift van to safely transport clients to and from the Center's many activities.

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## **Bethany Christian Services**

**Granted: \$4,055**

The innovative Safe Families For Children (SFFC) program is designed to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing parents in crisis with a safe, temporary place for their children to stay and extensive support that can strengthen families, provide opportunities for optimal child development and reduce child abuse/neglect. The SFFC program will use grant funds to recruit, screen, train, and monitor volunteer families in Charlevoix County to make sure there are temporary homes and care for children during times of need.

## **Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan**

**Granted: \$5,000**

Currently, there are only 5 licensed foster homes in Charlevoix County while the need for foster homes is much higher. If Charlevoix County children in need of a foster home don't have one available, then they would be placed in a different county, further disrupting the child's life. Child & Family Services tries to keep each child in his or her own community if at all possible. More licensed homes in Charlevoix County are needed. Funding will help recruitment efforts to license more homes in Charlevoix County.

## **Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan**

**Granted: \$7,500**

Rates of violence often spike during crises when mobility is limited and stress is high, as it has been during the pandemic. The Women's Resource Center anticipates an increase in requests for services as pandemic restrictions continue to evolve in 2021. Meanwhile, they continue to provide regular services with modifications to protect the safety of families and staff. Funds requested will help the WRC continue providing a range of services to provide safety, emotional support, financial assistance, advocacy, hope, and healing for survivors across Charlevoix County.

## **Youth**

### **Advance Board of Commerce**

**Granted: \$2,000**

The Advance Board of Commerce (ABC) is bringing the Schooner Perception to Advance, MI. This program will provide youth participants from military families, ages 12 -18 with an enriching 4-day, 3-night team building experience. Funds requested will provide an enriching and empowering experience designed to build self-esteem, teamwork and knowledge of sailing, stewardship of the Great Lakes, and confidence in their community.

### **Government for Tomorrow Inc.**

**Granted: \$1,496**

Government for Tomorrow (GFT)'s mission is to help cities and schools create student positions in local government. There is not a more meaningful or hands-on government or civics class available for students and incorporating youth voices in community decisions is beneficial for the boards and commissions. Funding will cover the implementation of a student member on the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees, training books for four student members on various boards and commissions in Charlevoix County, and other program-related expenses.