

Enriching Geographic Communities Across the County

Focus on Multiple Communities

Northern Homes Community Development Corporation **Grant Award: \$11,500**

Northern Homes will explore the feasibility of creating smaller homes at a higher density through the completion of final phases of current condominium developments and/or developing new small affordable condominium developments. The lack of homes for local workforce families is having an impact on our local businesses, schools and quality of life in our communities. Homes would be affordable to households earning \$40,000 to \$80,000 a year. Funding will support a feasibility analysis for projects in Charlevoix, Boyne City, and on Beaver Island.

Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital Foundation **Grant Award: \$24,000**

Security has been a growing concern for healthcare but has reached new heights due to the pandemic and drug seeking behavior. At Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital and its associated clinics around the County, it is imperative to provide a safe environment for employees and patients. Munson has made a commitment to invest in security measures for Charlevoix Hospital and community medical offices and clinics, including video surveillance and new keyless entry systems for staff. Funding will help purchase panic alarms for clinics in East Jordan, Boyne City, and Charlevoix.



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Focus on Boyne City Area

Boyne Eta Nu Charities

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Boyne Eta Nu Charities (Eta Nu) is a sorority organization focused on raising funds for local needs. Dress for Chill is one of their main projects that provides warm winter gear for children in Boyne City each year. The requested funds will be spent on building a digital platform to support a website and member portal to keep members connected, even when gathering is not possible.

Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association

Grant Amount: \$3,200

Boyne City has amazing trails that attract hundreds of users all year long, including Avalanche Park, The Hill Preserve, and Boyne Forest Trail. Many people are enjoying these trails for the very first time and others are very experienced. It is TOMMBA's goal to maximize safety which includes ensuring expedited rescue for those who have become injured. Local emergency responders have shared that some areas of these trails are more difficult to reach with current rescue equipment. Funding will be used to purchase rescue equipment and a storage shed for Boyne trails.

Focus on Beaver Island

Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association

Grant Amount: \$3,361

One of the responsibilities of a serious music organization is honoring the musical past while welcoming the musical future. BICAA will commission a composer to write new works for the Baroque on Beaver Festival, giving new musical compositions the opportunity to make their debut before entering the wider musical world. Funding will support commissioning a new musical work for the 2022 Baroque on Beaver Festival.



Focus on Beaver Island

Beaver Island Historical Society

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Repairs are needed at the Marine Museum due to Lake Michigan high water levels in 2020, which caused damage to the foundation. A study done after water levels receded revealed two supports had been washed away. Temporary measures were put in place to stabilize the structure, but a permanent solution is needed. Funds will be used to replace the support and repair the foundation.

Beaver Island Rural Health Center

Grant Amount: \$3,700

The entry doors to the Island Health Center are not compliant with the American Disabilities Act standards. The Health Center seeks to ensure that the increasing number of age 65+ Island residents and visitors more easily gain access, as well as navigate the Center in a safe and convenient manner. People using wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, or those with a limited mobility issue benefit from incorporating ADA compliant modifications. Funding will enable the retrofitting of existing doors to comply with ADA standards.

Peaine Township

Grant Amount: \$2,200

Pickleball and bocce ball are popular sports on Beaver Island, providing residents and visitors with outdoor exercise and socialization opportunities. Bocce ball currently has no formal courts and is played with impromptu courts outlined in temporary marking paint in the existing park area on rough field surfaces. These have been used for both recreation and charity fundraising events, but the lack of dedicated facilities has limited opportunities for play. This project provides the solution of permanent, low maintenance courts using available parkland. Funds would be used for Phase 2 of the recreation project; construction of Bocce Ball courts.





Focus on Beaver Island

Tara's Meadow Education & Retreat Center

Grant Amount: \$600

Tara's Meadow (TM) is facilitating a multi-phase, sequenced approach to the 3 pillars of the Beaver Island Sustainability Initiative (BISI): to enhance local food production; further clean energy initiatives; and protect & restore healthy ecosystems on the Island. Funding will support phase 3 of the project, board development training, and general operations.

Focus on Charlevoix Area

Charlevoix Historical Society

Grant Amount: \$2,690

During 2020, the pandemic caused many to work and deliver programming remotely. The Society had good success with Zoom for meetings and Power Point lectures. When they resumed limited in-person programs in 2021, they were asked to stream programs live, or record for later viewing. Funding will help purchase equipment and software for staff and board members to access membership and collections (photos and artifacts) databases while also allowing the public to access and view collections of artifacts and historic photos.

City of Charlevoix

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Charlevoix Main Street plans to provide winter vibrancy enhancements to make winter more enjoyable for Charlevoix residents and visitors. Examples include: snow golf at the City golf course, broomball at the ice rink, a sled library in East Park, and a take-out igloo park to encourage gathering and supporting small businesses during the time they need it the most. Additionally, signage and temporary lighting for the sledding area, banners to be hung on the edges of town more effectively promoting winter activities and amenities, a winter "Welcome Center/Warming Station" and marketing and promotion to enhance prizes and activities during the First Fridays events in downtown Charlevoix.





Focus on East Jordan

City of East Jordan

Grant Amount: \$27,000

The City of East Jordan proposes improvements to Sportsman's Park: to create a water trailhead and to upgrade various facilities. Funding will increase water access to the Jordan River with a new non-motorized watercraft landing and access road, new universally accessible (UA) kayak launch, accessible upgrades to existing fishing and river overlook piers, UA family-style restroom upgrades, and more.

East Jordan Ambulance Association

Grant Amount: \$9,000

JVEMSA will introduce and roll out a new membership program, which will eliminate out-of-pocket expenses when requesting help from JVEMSA in exchange for an annual fee for residents in the service area. The program will provide revenue for JVEMSA to better serve the community, while also helping to eliminate the hesitation to call for help due to the high cost of ambulance service for residents with financial concerns.

East Jordan Public Schools

Grant Amount: \$20,000

The garden program at East Jordan Elementary School (EJES) impacts all students in the elementary school through hands-on learning opportunities. Students work in the outdoor garden spaces, which provide a multi-disciplinary educational experience around STEM studies, sustainable agriculture, environmental stewardship, and nutrition. Funding will revitalize a pre-existing greenhouse area that connects to the elementary school, while also installing a hoop house that would serve as a season-extending growing space.

East Jordan Public Schools

Grant Amount: \$3,139

A collaboration between EJPS, the City of East Jordan and Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association (TOMMBA) resulted in the newly opened and nearly complete Brown's Creek Trail System. Over the past four years this collaborative group has updated and expanded the trails, added new access and parking areas as well as provided trailhead signage and maps. Adding a bike fix station at the trailhead is the final step to completing this multi-phased project. Funding will be used to purchase equipment and install the bike fix station.



Focus on East Jordan Area

Friends of the Jordan River Watershed

Grant Amount: \$3,700

Since 2014, local citizens, community advocates, and business stakeholders have been exploring how to expand walkable trails along both sides of the Jordan River from downtown East Jordan to Rogers Road. With much of the land already in public ownership, this group recognizes the opportunity to create a large, connected trail system that is accessible from town. This request is to fund an engineering study and plan for a riverside trail from East Jordan's Sportsman's Park to the Little Traverse Conservancy's Rogers Family Homestead Nature Preserve.

Jordan River Arts Council

Grant Amount: \$6,150

The Jordan Art Walk plans to expand by placing 6-7 additional sculptures in downtown East Jordan. The ultimate goal is a walk of up to 40 sculptures leading through town with the originals being rotated out and others added every 3 years. In order to accomplish this vision, the Arts Council, along with its committee of collaborators, needs to expand the online presence to attract new artists, new sponsors, and to generate interest. Funds will help establish an independent website and enroll in an online platform that solicits applications for public art projects.

Northwest Michigan Habitat for Humanity

Grant Amount: \$20,000

The need for safe, affordable housing in our rural region is a well-known, complex issue. Unfortunately, it is only getting worse. Simply put, it costs more to build a house than what an average working household in Charlevoix County can afford. Requested funds will directly support the construction of a new, high-quality home in downtown East Jordan within walking distance of schools and stores. This 1,200 square foot home is expected to cost around \$165,000 to develop. The requested \$20,000 in support will go toward the purchase of a modular housing unit at a cost of \$105,218. This unit will be delivered and installed on the foundation early this winter and the home will be completed and sold to a local, qualified buyer in Spring 2022.





Focus on East Jordan Area

Training Wheels Childcare Center

Grant Amount: \$2,998

A group responded to community need and opened Training Wheels Childcare Center - a non-profit daycare in East Jordan - in spring 2021. Training Wheels provides a much-needed service for many struggling to find childcare. They originally opened with just two rooms, serving 13 families and 17 children and have grown to now include 4 rooms, serving 39 families and 43 children. Funds requested will purchase two portable handwashing sinks to help keep kids healthy and safe, align with Covid protocols, and, by having the sinks inside the classrooms, will decrease interruptions in the children's schedules.

Wagbo Peace Center

Grant Amount: \$2,600

While Wagbo boasts numerous trails and unique farm experiences, there are no formal trail markers or maps to guide visitors around the grounds. Funding requested will allow for marked and mapped interpretive trails and a self-guided farm tour, to give our community an opportunity to experience the beautiful 212-acre farm and forest, maple syrup facility, livestock and gardens ANY time. A series of seven interactive hikes is also planned that will provide special creative opportunities to learn about natural history and land stewardship, make and experience art and poetry while on the trail, and enjoy a farm-(or forage!)-to-table treat.

