

Youth Needs Cycle Grant Summaries 2021

Northern Michigan Equine Therapy

Granted: \$12,000

HorseSense curriculum and services have been available to meet mental health needs of the community utilizing an equine-based therapeutic approach since 2013. Funding will support to expansion of current services to address an increase in requests while continuing to offer scholarships across all three tiers of programming, develop educational materials, and provide for the necessary legal work to trademark and license the program under NMET. This grant will add capacity to serve clients while building out an additional revenue source for the organization through the trademarked program being used by others.

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan

Granted: \$13,000

The goal of the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), a best practice model, is to ensure that children and youth that disclose abuse or assault are not further victimized by the systems designed to protect them. The CAC aims to reduce stress on child survivors, to improve the effectiveness of the response, and to better hold offenders accountable. Funds will support Charlevoix County youth and children who have experienced and/or witnessed domestic abuse and/or sexual assault and the development of a specific protocol for Charlevoix County partners, such as law enforcement, child protective services, medical professionals, and other relevant groups.

Planned Parenthood of Michigan

Granted: \$7,500

Planned Parenthood of Michigan received support for their Mind, Body and You(th) (MBY) Project. In addition to providing sex education programs to youth in Charlevoix County, the MBY Project will provide youth with opportunities to have a say in decisions that impact their sexual health education, and create space for community conversations about how COVID-19 and social media have impacted the mental and sexual health of youth. Grant funds will support the staff time, travel costs, incentives, and office and education supplies required to implement the program.

Charlevoix Area Community Pool

Granted: \$1,350

The Pool will promote private lessons to Boyne City and Charlevoix students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Up to 20 scholarships will help fill the gap created by reduced opportunities to partner with schools during COVID-19. Scholarships at \$67.50 each will include a lessons package plus 5 vouchers to visit the pool so students can practice their skills.



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Boyne City Public Schools

Granted: \$2,500

Middle School staff want to support students during a challenging developmental time so the 5th-8th graders can be ready to learn. Currently staff and students have access to a few STEM-related, stress relief kits that are in high demand. These items offer ways for students to decompress, take a break, and mentally reboot when they need to. Funding will help purchase additional items to make them more widely available to middle school students.

Child Abuse Prevention & Education of Charlevoix & Emmet Counties

Granted: \$5,500

The CAPE Conference has provided training to educators, administrators, medical professionals, therapists, and parents to prevent child abuse and neglect for 10 years. The 2022 conference will address the issue of child mental health and educational stress, especially as they relate to the pandemic, which was identified in a recent community needs assessment. Funding granted will provide for fees and expenses of the keynote speaker, John Moe, who is one of the only national speakers known for addressing the fallout of the Pandemic specifically as it relates to children.

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts - Michigan Crossroads Council

Granted: \$2,500

Boy Scouts (ages 11-17) and Cub Scouts (ages 5-11) provide activities and skills lessons, mentorship, plus opportunities to explore the outdoors, develop leadership skills, improve self-confidence, and get involved in their communities. Funding will seek to increase promotion of Scouting opportunities, provide scholarships for enrollment fees when needed, and boost the overall opportunity to participate in Charlevoix County.

PoWeR! Book Bags (PBB)

Granted: \$10,000

PBB received grant funding to support 4,200 new books and book bags in Charlevoix County for roughly 619 children from age zero through 6th grade. PBB programs are built using research-based data to provide children with simple tools known to encourage language and literacy development and to promote positive mental health, such as materials for play and writing. Four partners provide PBB bags: Women's Resource Center (approx. 25), Early Head Start Home Visitor program (approx. 30), the Health Department's Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (approx. 450), and through the Beaver Island Community School (approx. 31).

