



## Enriching Geographic Communities Across the County

*In this cycle, the Community Foundation supports places, projects, and programs that meet needs and advance opportunities in specific communities.*

### Boyne City Area

#### **Boyne Valley Community Greenhouse**

**Grant:** \$10,000

This organization works to provide a year-round source of fresh produce for families, seniors, and veterans in need, even in the winter months when produce is most limited in Northern Michigan. To increase the yield and serve more people in need, this grant will help purchase supplies needed to install a vertical hydroponics system in the greenhouse.

#### **City of Boyne City**

**Grant:** \$5,000

In honor of their 100-year anniversary, the Boyne City Rotary Club is working with the City of Boyne City to design and build a picnic pavilion at Peninsula Beach. This pavilion will provide beach-goers the opportunity to have some shade, get out of the rain, or have a picnic under cover and off the ground.

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

**Grant:** \$20,000

The need for safe, affordable housing in our rural region is a well-known, complex issue. For many reasons, including drastically increasing construction and land costs, and the tourist-based economy which is driving up housing costs and limiting available housing stock, the need continues to far outpace the market's ability to respond. Simply put, it costs more to build a house than what average working households can afford. This grant will directly support the construction of a new, high-quality home in Boyne City. To be eligible for Habitat programs, household incomes must fall between \$30,000-120% of the Area Median Income (AMI), and applicants must live and/or work Emmet or Charlevoix counties.

#### **Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association**

**Grant:** \$9,959

A successful trail system includes a variety of trails to serve the variety of skill levels of its riders. The Boyne Forest trail system already has a strong selection of beginner trails and some types of intermediate trails. Phase 2 of the new section of Boyne Forest Trail will create a slightly more advanced trail that will challenge beginners who have become accustomed to the previous trail. This new section adds a level of skill for the advancing beginner to slowly increase their skills.



### **Top of Michigan Trails Council**

**Grant: \$3,611**

In addition to building trails, the Trails Council wants people to use them confidently. This grant will allow them to develop, design, and regionally distribute a Boyne City Area trail map, as well as assisting with wayfinding signage on the newly completed Boyne Valley Trailway and the existing segments of the still-under-development Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail, helping local residents and visitors connect to and through Boyne City.

## **Beaver Island Area**

### **Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance**

**Grant: \$3,000**

The Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance plans to host two brass concerts - free of charge to Island residents - to usher in the holiday season. The brass quintet, composed of two trumpets, a French horn, a trombone, and a tuba, will perform a blend of holiday classics on two dates in December. This grant will help to bring musicians to the Island to perform. The proposed holiday concerts round out BIPAA's first year of expanded performances beyond Baroque on Beaver.

### **Beaver Island Historical Society**

**Grant: \$5,000**

The Beaver Island Historical Society will purchase technology hardware for the Marine Museum, Print Shop, and the administrative office. Specific needs include two iPads for expanding exhibit offerings and creating more interactive exhibits, a laptop, projector, server and router upgrades, and a couple of new security cameras. This equipment will create an improved experience for museum visitors and will create efficiencies and security improvements for the administration of the museum.

### **Beaver Island Rural Health Center**

**Grant: \$11,236**

This grant will help the BIRHC secure safe and reliable vehicle for use by HC personnel in the performance of their daily work routines. The vehicle is to be used by HC personnel for: allowing medical personnel to make house calls when needed; picking up or delivering health care professionals arriving or departing the Island by ferry or plane; enabling temporary personnel or newly hired personnel domiciled in HC housing, to commute to and from their temporary Island residence to work; collecting medication, supplies, mail, and facilitating bank deposits; and attending meetings and other work-related activities on the Island.

### **Preservation Association of Beaver Island**

**Grant: \$1,500**

In September of 2019, the Irish Currach Club of Milwaukee brought two currachs (Irish rowing boats) and ten members to the inaugural Emerald Irish Féile. The currachs were a huge success at the Féile. Now, this grant will help to bring the Milwaukee Currach Club back, plus members of the Boston Currach Club to the 2023 Irish Festival for an American Currach Association-sanctioned regatta. This would be the first such regatta in the state of Michigan and reinforces Beaver Island's authentic link to Ireland and its growing recognition as an authentic Irish American Emigrant community.



## Charlevoix Area

### **Charlevoix Area Community Pool**

**Grant: \$9,000**

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool building was expanded in 2018, the grounds were disturbed, and trees needed to be removed. Then, the parking lot was expanded in 2021. Now: landscaping. This grant will help the CACP to take out the scrubby bushes between the building and US 31 at the entrance and add plants around the side of the building that faces the entrance to the parking lot. In addition to enhancing the look of the building, this work will also help with water runoff from the roof which goes into the parking area.

### **Charlevoix Historical Society**

**Grant: \$10,000**

The computer equipment at the Historical Society office is becoming out of date and is inadequate to support the needs of the organization. Specific needs include a server to house the vast collections of photographs and documents securely, a network and accessories to improve operations and connect all CHS computers to the common server, and a firewall and other security software and hardware to protect the collections and improve cyber security for the organization. This grant will be used to help purchase the necessary hardware and software items and will build on previous C3F grants.

### **City of Charlevoix**

**Grant: \$10,000**

Able Eyes, a Michigan-based company, provides visual, state-of-the-art experiences and teaching tools for children and adults with disabilities. Able Eyes provides a user-friendly platform to explore environments from several different perspectives, using 360-degree virtual tours of the space. The goal of this program is to make public spaces and businesses more accessible and inclusive for people of all abilities by offering virtual tours. Visit Charlevoix, along with partners Pure Michigan/Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and Able Eyes, will highlight the accessibility of Charlevoix through this program.

## East Jordan Area

### **City of East Jordan**

**Grant: \$2,500**

In partnership with the City of East Jordan, the American Legion will develop the current GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) Park in downtown East Jordan into a Veterans Memorial Park. A site plan has been established and approved. This plan is divided into four phases and is projected to be completed in 2024. This grant will support the first phase of the project - the removal of the trees and relocation of the gazebo.



**City of East Jordan****Grant: \$9,000**

The City of East Jordan is updating its 5-year master plan for the City's Parks and Recreation Department. The plan will include public workshops, questionnaires, and website surveys to gather adequate input from the community. With a new plan, the City will continue to focus on improving major parks while looking at other areas of attention and creating more of a connection across the community to the downtown area. Funding will assist with developing the updated plan.

**East Jordan Ambulance Association****Grant: \$5,287**

The EMS Authority hosts CPR and First Aid training for crew members, other health care professionals, and the community. They regularly offer community classes and schedule businesses to come in and certify the entire staff on CPR, AED, and first aid. The training equipment being used is outdated and needs to be replaced/updated. This grant will help purchase four new AED trainers and four new CPR 'manikins' for community trainings, plus two CO2 monitors for patient assessment and monitoring in the field.

**Friends of the Jordan River Watershed****Grant: \$20,500**

Since 2014, local citizens, community advocates, and business stakeholders have been exploring how to extend 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 grant will build on a past C3F grant and help start the project with engineering and construction of the Connector Trail, the first leg of the Jordan River Watershed Trail. This section runs from Sportsman's Park to the Friends of Jordan River Watershed Center. Partners include City of East Jordan and Little Traverse Conservancy.

**Jordan River Arts Council****Grant: \$9,000**

JRAC, in collaboration with the East Jordan American Legion, the Jordan Art Walk Committee, and East Jordan High School, is seeking funds to construct a "Star" sculpture that will honor and highlight the contributions of East Jordan's veterans. The sculpture will be created by the East Jordan High School welding class under the direction of artist-in-residence, Ann Gildner (Industrial Arts Institute of Onaway) and EJ welding instructor, Dave Muladore. The sculpture will become a part of the American Legion's Grand Army Republic (GAR) Park plan as a permanent installation and will be added to the newly created Art Walk of East Jordan.

Learn more at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/jordan-valley-honor-star>



**Little Traverse Conservancy****Grant: \$4,000**

To provide more opportunities to access nature, Little Traverse Conservancy has identified a nature preserve located between the communities of Ellsworth and East Jordan as a great candidate for a publicly accessible trail. The Nathan Beem Memorial Nature Preserve was established in 2019 and has riparian wetland habitat along Six Mile Lake, but it also abuts Miles Road and has upland habitats that would be very suitable for a trail system. This grant will help LTC to add a trail plus a driveway and parking area for access to the preserve.

**The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center****Grant: \$12,500**

The mission of The Depot is to provide the community's teens (6th-12th grades) with a safe place to BE and a path to BECOME positive influences as spouses, parents, and members of the community. Studies show the hours between the end of school and when parents get home from work are the highest risk for teens to fall into risky behaviors. As such, The Depot provides a healthy environment with adult supervision as well as programs and activities during these times as positive alternatives. This grant will help provide healthy snacks and warm meals for kids, financial literacy resources and training, and support for rented space to host these programs.

**Training Wheels Childcare Center****Grant: \$3,500**

Playing outside promotes physical health. It isn't just fun - it can provide hours of important learning and growth opportunities for the youngest community members. Training Wheels Childcare Center has many outdoor toys, for all seasons, to help promote children's growth, development, confidence, and skills. But their current storage shed is falling into disrepair and it's difficult to access year-round. This grant will help them to purchase a new shed with a slide-up door for outdoor storage that will hold the outdoor toys and be more easily accessible, no matter the season.

*Thank you for your interest!*

