

Geographic Enrichment Grant Cycle October 2023

Boyne City Area

Concord Academy Boyne

Grant Award: \$4,400

Concord Academy Boyne (CAB) is a K-12 charter school in Boyne City that focuses on small class sizes and providing enriching learning experiences. Grant funding will allow the school to travel to Ohio to witness a total solar eclipse, which will be a unique experience for all, and perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime experience for some, as many of the students have never traveled outside of Northern Michigan. Students will hypothesize the effects of the eclipse beforehand and then test their scientific hypothesis during the eclipse to see what actually happens. Grant funds will help provide this opportunity for CAB middle school students.

Boyne Area Skate Park

Grant Award: \$4,500

Boyne Area Skate Park is working to provide a safe, permanent, concrete, well-maintained skate park for local youth and adults in the Boyne City area. Research indicates that youth who are not active in extracurricular sports are more likely to engage in promiscuous/dangerous behavior. This park will offer youth who prefer independent activity an opportunity to be active and physically challenge themselves as well as find safety and connection in the community. Grant funds will help to produce construction documents, which is the next step toward construction of the park.

City of Boyne City

Grant Award: \$2,500

In honor of their 100-year anniversary, the Boyne City Rotary Club is erecting a picnic pavilion at Peninsula Beach in Boyne City. 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. Construction of the picnic pavilion started in 2022 and while they have completed the site work, foundation, and construction of the pavilion including the roof, increased costs of materials caused delays. To complete the project, grant funds will help to purchase and install the ceiling, siding, and cupola and to restore the site around the building.

Beaver Island

Beaver Island EMS

Grant Award: \$23,816

Grant funding will allow Beaver Island EMS to purchase the Philips Tempus Pro, a new cardiac monitor. Their current cardiac monitors are becoming obsolete. The manufacturer no longer services the existing units, and BI EMS must buy AED pads through a third party since they are no longer in production. The equipment this grant would allow BI EMS to purchase is tailored to address the unique challenges of rural settings, empowering local emergency medical services to deliver accurate diagnoses, precise treatments, and proactive interventions, thus enhancing their capacity to manage a diverse range of medical scenarios in remote locations.



Charlevoix Area

Charlevoix Historical Society

Grant Award: \$9,000

Charlevoix Historical Society has an obligation to protect and preserve the iconic structures of Charlevoix: the Museum at Harsha House, the Train Depot, and the South Pier Lighthouse, as well as their collections. The roof at the Train Depot needs to be replaced in order to restore and preserve the building's historic value and place in the larger Charlevoix cultural and historical communities. Replacement will also protect the building's interior, exhibit space, and the artifacts displayed and stored there.

Rotary Club of Charlevoix Charities, Inc.

Grant Award: \$10,000

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix actively seeks unique opportunities to meet the needs of local youth that are not being addressed by other entities. When they learned that a playground at Mt. McSauba was listed as a high priority project for youth in the City of Charlevoix's Master Plan, but was as yet unfunded, they got to work. Grant funds will help the Rotary Club to build and install a new playground at Mt. McSauba in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix Circle of Arts

Grant Award: \$3,000

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts (CCA) has been a cornerstone of the local arts scene, serving the Charlevoix community for 15 years by offering a diverse array of exhibitions, workshops, and programs. The gallery space is the heart of their organization, serving as a platform for artists, a place of inspiration for the community, and an educational resource for individuals of all ages. However, this space is in dire need of upgrades to continue fulfilling its vital role. Grant funds will help support upgrades in art-hanging infrastructure, lighting, and signage.

Charlevoix Area Community Pool

Grant Award: \$2,450

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool's (CACP) mission is to provide a wide range of aquatic programs promoting health, fitness, recreation and water safety. They provide swim lessons, water safety classes, lifeguard classes, and a wide-range of water activities including Aqua Exercise classes, open swim, and Independent Adult Fitness pool times. To keep things running smoothly, the CACP needs to replace outdated equipment such as computers, a storage cabinet, the pool accessible wheelchair, and pool exercise equipment. Additionally, they plan to add new equipment at the front desk that will increase safety for pool staff and volunteers.

Charlevoix Kiwanis Youth Foundation

Grant Award: \$3,000

The Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix has a close partnership with the Charlevoix Public Schools to help with reading programs. During the pandemic, the youngest students were greatly impacted by the lack of class interaction and fell behind in reading. They are now in fourth and fifth grades. Additionally, 61% of low-income families do not have children's books in their homes, which correlates to lower reading scores. Grant funds will help to purchase books for various reading programs including for pre-school and summer school programs, and stocking the book vending machine at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Greensky Hill Indian United Methodist Church

Grant Award: \$1,500

Greensky Hill's mission is to remain a sanctuary of love in a setting of natural beauty, preserve a unique Native American heritage, invite people to experience community, and empower people to serve all in need. One of their main priorities is "The Greening of Greensky Hill," a comprehensive creation care plan that includes carbon-free energy and land protection. Grant funds will help to install a new solar energy system, which will power heating, cooling, food preparation, and air-purification systems that will make available one of the safest gathering spaces in Charlevoix County.



East Jordan Area

City of East Jordan

Grant Award: \$21,000

The Shoe Club and American Legion, in partnership with the City of East Jordan, envision the continuing development of GAR Veterans Park in downtown East Jordan. Grant funds will help with the next phase of this project. Specifically, to construct a pavilion, add signage and a fence around the park, develop landscaping, sidewalks, and add a military relic and irrigation. These developments will add outdoor community gathering space, improve the aesthetic look of the park, and honor heroes; past, present and future.

City of East Jordan

Grant Award: \$15,805

A grant to the City of East Jordan Parks Department will fund upgrades to Centennial Park, which currently includes four Pickleball courts. Pickleball is a racket or paddle sport that can be played with either two or four players and has gained popularity over the last several years. The current Pickleball Courts stay full in the summer time with players often waiting to play. Grant funds will help the City to add an additional two courts with fencing and gates in place of the current under-utilized skate park.

Training Wheels Childcare Center

Grant Award: \$5,176

The number one goal at Training Wheels Childcare Center is to offer childcare that is nurturing, loving, and gives children the ability to learn, grow and explore in a safe environment. Nurturing children in this way can be messy, and without laundry facilities on site, soiled sheets and clothing are taken home by staff on weekends to be cleaned. This is problematic for meeting the needs of children and the extra hours of working (taking laundry home) contributes to staff burnout. Grant funds will help purchase washing and drying machines for the facility, thus improving quality of care for children and relieving staff of these extra duties so they can focus more fully on “loving them like grandma does.”

Little Traverse Conservancy

Grant Award: \$21,000

The Don and Eileen Klein Nature Trail is being constructed as a universally accessible trail connecting Sportsman's Park to the Rogers Family Homestead Nature Preserve in East Jordan. The trail is a true partnership with efforts by the City of East Jordan, the Little Traverse Conservancy, the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, and the East Jordan Trails Group. Grant funds will help to purchase and install two critical portions of the wetland boardwalk section, the bumpout seating areas, and the overlook access platform.

East Jordan Public Schools

Grant Award: \$14,000

East Jordan Public School facilities are a place where students shape their talents, interact with others, and perform for the community. Boswell Stadium, one facility that brings the community together, is in need of some updates and improvements, including replacing the drinking fountain with a water bottle fill station/drinking fountain combo, landscaping to keep kids safe, updated signage on the press box and main entrance, fresh coats of paint, and adding amenities in the locker room for improved conditions for players, coaches, and athletic directors. Grant funding for these upgrades will keep Boswell Stadium in tip top shape and greatly benefit EJPS staff and the community.



East Jordan Public Schools

Grant Award: \$14,000

The East Jordan Community Pool provides a source for aquatic programming for all ages. Due to the naturally corrosive environment of a pool, the current metal lockers are no longer functioning as they should, due to rust and corrosion, and need to be replaced with a more resilient material. The new lockers will be made of a plastic composite, which is anti-rust and pool-friendly. Grant funds will support the replacement lockers, which are more user friendly, can withstand water damage, and will hold up over time in the pool environment.

East Jordan Public Schools

Grant Award: \$13,514

East Jordan Public Schools has utilized and maintained the current baseball and softball facilities since the early 80's and that has served the district and community well. However, these fields are in need of some immediate improvements as well as some long term solutions. The biggest immediate need is to update and upgrade the entry to the district's most well-recognized building: the Middle/High School. Grant funds will help to replace the fence safety toppers, install fence screening in the outfield, and replace the concession stand door.

The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center

Grant Award: \$3,000

Programming at The Depot includes classes, activities, and experiences designed to support teens in their own personal development and obtain the skills needed to achieve their dreams. Grant funds will support the "Life Skills & Culture," track, which includes a series of classes, trips, and experiences that teach art skills using a variety of mediums such as watercolors, mixed media, fabrics, and more. The classes and local field trips will culminate in a Spring 2024 trip to the Detroit Institute of Art where the teens will receive a guided tour and an instructor-led, hands-on activity to learn more about various works of art.

