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## **\$58,700 Grants Awarded in Chequamegan Bay Region**

**The grants support local food availability, trails, covid-response, and summer youth camps**

BAYFIELD—The Apostle Islands/Chequamegon Bay Community Funds announced sixteen grants totaling \$58,700 to local nonprofits and the City of Ashland for community-based programs.

"We are honored to distribute these grants which help sustain our vibrant, healthy communities," said Ruth Oppedahl, director of the Community Funds. "These grants are possible because of the generous contributions of donors who have supported our endowments over the last twenty-one years and counting. Their endowment funds continue to grow as time goes on."

**Several projects respond to the interest of growing and sharing local food.**

The CORE Community Resources through its new "Community Harvest" program will supply the Bayfield Food Pantry with fresh produce, grown by community members in their home gardens or in community gardens

Akiing 8th Fire will collaborate with the Madeline Island Community Garden and St. John's UCC Food Shelf, to expand its production capacity by growing, harvesting, and distributing its farm products on Madeline Island using traditional indigenous and regenerative agricultural practices.

The Madeline Island Gardening Project's "Growing Forward: Building Island Food Sovereignty" will build on last year's success by continuing to expand member education and school outreach programs, and further improve growing spaces accomplished by manager Janet Moore and countless volunteers.

**Other grants focus on social opportunities, outdoor recreation, and Ojibwe history.**

An Adult Hobby Club will be established at the Washburn Club (the old Dupont Club). This program will help gather and engage senior citizens in arts, crafts, games and exercise, as well as providing time and space for socializing and community building. Northwest CEP is planning two summer youth camps; one focusing on adolescent girls and one focusing on "at risk" youth. Funds will be used for materials including Covid protection masks, face and shields as well as gear: boots hats/helmets and small tools. Landmark Conservancy is engaging the public on trail planning around the Brownstone Trail.

After missing a summer of outdoor shows at the tent, the Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua will be providing free transportation and tickets inviting tribal members from the Bad River and Red Cliff tribes to attend their new show, "Anishinaabe", about the history of the Ojibwa people in northern Wisconsin

The organizations and governments that received grants, their funding levels and projects are:

Akiing 8th Fire for Indigenous Agriculture for Madeline Island \$5,000  
Bayfield Maritime Museum for PastPerfect Software Installation \$5,000  
Bethesda Lutheran Church of Bayfield, WI for Lake Superior Bridge Builders Asylum Project \$5,000  
The BRICK Ministries for Software Support \$2,500  
City of Ashland for Covid-19 Response \$5,000  
City of Bayfield for Implementing Green Infrastructure (GI) in Bayfield \$4,000  
CORE Community Resources for CORE Food Pantry's Community Harvest Program \$5,000  
Friends of the North Pikes Creek Wetlands for Capacity Building to Expand Educational Mission \$5,000  
Historic Civic Center Foundation for Greater Adult Hobby Club \$2,500  
La Pointe Center for Garden Masters Friday Farmers Market \$1,800  
Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua for Invitation of the Bad River Tribe to "Anishinaabe" \$2,500  
Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua for Invitation of the Red Cliff and Bad River tribal members to "Anishinaabe" \$3,500  
Landmark Conservancy for Engaging Community to Restore the Brownstone Trail \$5,000  
MacPhail Center for Music for Madeline Island Chamber Music 2021 Season \$1,900  
Madeline Island Community Gardening Project for Growing Forward: Building Island Food Sovereignty \$5,000  
Northwest Wisconsin CEP for Two Summer Youth Camps \$2,500

### **ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:**

The Apostle Islands/Chequamegon Community Funds were established in 2000 and 2011 respectively. Through the generosity of donors establishing permanent endowment funds invested and managed by the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation, annual grants are made to strengthen communities.

Endowment Funds include:

Apostle Island Area Community Fund (composed of many family funds)  
Chequamegon Bay Area Community Fund (composed of many family funds)  
Grutzner Madeline Island Fund  
Michael Madeline Island Fund  
Red Cliff / Miskwaabikaang Fund

Several other endowment funds for Madeline Island Institutions include:

Bayfield Community Education Foundation Fund  
Madeline Island/LaPointe Community Clinic Fund  
Madeline Island Public Library Fund  
St. Johns United Church of Christ Fund

Scholarship Funds include:

Four Directions Scholarship Fund  
Northern Wisconsin Outdoor Experiential Education Scholarship Fund

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