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C3F Awards Community Priorities Grants Across Charlevoix County

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently hosted their Community Priorities Grant Cycle responding to requests from local nonprofit organizations working to address critical community needs across Charlevoix County. Thanks to donors who participated with the Community Foundation to make a difference close to home, they awarded a total of 16 grants to local organizations totaling \$157,840 in support of programs and projects benefiting Charlevoix County.

Organizations receiving funding this year include:

Boyne Citizen - Grant Award: \$12,500

To help to hire a journalism intern for the summer, with the hope that the position will become a full time reporter position.

Charlevoix Historical Society - Grant Award: \$9,000

To support the paint job and removal of condensation producing mill scale on Charlevoix's South Pier Lighthouse.

Crooked Tree Arts Center - Grant Award: \$3,000

To make necessary improvements and upgrades in their kitchen in response to increased demand for inclusive community culinary programming that provides life skills and fosters intergenerational connection.

Friends of the Jordan River Watershed - Grant Award: \$7,500

To help FJR and the EJ Area Chamber of Commerce to hire a Community Information Specialist to provide info about FJR, help move the FJR mission forward, and be a valuable resource for community and area info.

Hudson Township Fire and Rescue - Grant Award: \$5,000

To help to purchase a drone compatible with those in use by other Charlevoix County agencies for a standardized approach and training within the County.

The Stewardship Network - Grant Award: \$5,000

To support the sixth Great Lakes Islands Summit, September 21-24, 2025, on Beaver Island, which will provide opportunities for connection and learning among Great Lakes Island communities.

Beaver Island District Library - Grant Award: \$6,895

To help upgrade some outdated technology and offer coding and cybersecurity programs for all ages.

Char-Em ISD - Grant Award: \$10,000

To provide scholarships for Charlevoix County children to attend preschool at no cost.

Little Traverse Conservancy - Grant Award: \$10,000

To help The Farmland Conservation Initiative program to protect precious farmland through conservation easements, all while empowering farmers to continue their vital work.

Health Department of Northwest Michigan - Grant Award: \$5,146

To expand the Community Oral Health Services to include Charlevoix County in the Senior Smiles initiative, following the reduction in funding from the Delta Dental Foundation.

Hospice of Michigan - Grant Award: \$7,500

To support and expand the Jo Elyn Nyman Anchors Programs for Children, which specializes in pediatric hospice to support families medically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually from diagnosis onward, ensuring they have access to a full continuum of pediatric hospice and palliative care.

Bergmann Center - Grant Award: \$27,799

To replace rotting and non-functional windows throughout the building, which will enhance the building's appearance, ensure proper functionality, and improve energy efficiency for heating and cooling.

Child & Family Services of Northwestern Michigan - Grant Award: \$6,000

To support recruitment and retention efforts to find new and keep existing licensed foster homes available for kids in need.

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan - Grant Award: \$25,000

To support necessary infrastructure including IT cable wiring and security cameras to ensure streamlined and effective operations, as well as the safety and security of staff and survivors.

Charlevoix Area Community Pool - Grant Award: \$15,000

To help to replace the UV disinfecting light and pool filtration pump to maintain a clean and safe environment for CACP patrons and to prevent an extended shutdown of the pool due to mechanical failure.

President Ford Division DBA Michigan Crossroads Council - Grant Award: \$2,500

To support scholarships for membership fees, and a uniforms and handbook library for Charlevoix County scouts.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is dedicated to inspiring generosity to drive positive change for the people and places in our area, now and forever. We strive to understand the funding gaps in our region, respond to needs when they arise, and leverage resources for greater outcomes. Together with donors, we are a force for good that's both meaningful and enduring. With assets of over \$64 million, the Community Foundation has made grants totaling more than \$39 million since 1992.

For more information about the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, contact the Foundation office at (231) 536-2440 or visit the organization's website at www.c3f.org.

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