



2021 COMMUNITY GRANT WORKSHOP

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR OCEANA COUNTY

2020 GRANT PROGRAM
HIGHLIGHTS

**\$912,188 in
total grants**


Fund Type	Grants Awarded
Field of Interest	\$44,245
Urgent Needs	\$69,319
Donor Advised	\$131,515
Designated	\$11,260
Organization Funds	\$20,550
Scholarship	\$207,400
Unrestricted	\$71,350

Love, INC	Exterior Improvements to New Office in Shelby	\$	3,000
Stony Lake Therapeutic Riding Center	To purchase therapy equipment and activities including helmets, bareback pads, poles, etc.	\$	9,000
Tall Turf Ministries	Enhanced Learning During a Pandemic: STEAM kits for Oceana students.	\$	1,000
Trinity Lutheran Church	Supplies for baby pantry & reading room for children ages 0-5	\$	3,000
Village of Pentwater- Rec Program	To support renovations to the North End Park including the purchase of handicap accessible equipment.	\$	3,000
Village of Shelby	Land acquisition for the development of a pocket park in downtown Shelby.	\$	3,000
Grace Adventures	COVID-19 Health and Sanitation Response	\$	3,000
New Era Christian Reformed Church Farmer's Market	Vendor reimbursement for tokens in seniors and kids produce programs	\$	2,000
Oceana Conservation District	Otto preserve public access and interpretive signage	\$	3,000
Love, INC	Outfitting of new clearinghouse and help center office space	\$	3,250
Shelby Public Schools	Oceana County Early Learning Center: Connect 4 Learning and Teaching Strategies Gold Curriculum	\$	3,000
Pentwater Public Schools	Therapy dog training to help students with emotional regulation	\$	2,100
Sable Point Lighthouse Keepers Association	Painting the Inside of Little Point Sable	\$	1,500
Fountain Hill Center for Counseling	To provide Therapeutic Services and Supportive Resources including sessions at low to no cost, social-emotional learning tools, and support for CASA Volunteers.	\$	3,000
TrueNorth Community Services	Oceana County Eviction Protection: rental assistance to households at risk	\$	3,000
Arbre Farms via United Way of the Lakeshore	Consultation services for new childcare center in Walkerville.	\$	3,000
United Way of the Lakeshore	Dolly Parton Imagination Library	\$	3,000
Walkerville Thrives	Old Recreation School Center: Flooring for workout center	\$	3,000
West Michigan Horticultural Research Center	West Michigan Research Station: Wells and Septic System	\$	5,000

2020 COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDS

COMMUNITY WISH LISTS

- A compilation of nonprofit wishes put together every year
- 40 nonprofit wish list items funded
- Over \$40,000 in grants

 Community Wish List - Under \$500 Fall 2020		
Organization	Amount	Purpose
COVE	\$ 499	Materials for supporting the needs of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault FUNDED!
Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Workforce Development	\$ 499	60 blankets for farmworkers in need FUNDED!
Disability Network West Michigan	\$ 499	40 tables to increase job exploration opportunities for youth w/ disabilities through virtual job-shadowing software FUNDED!
District Health Department #10	\$ 400	200 child-size winter hats for Community Coat/Hat distribution event FUNDED!
Early Head Start	\$ 450	Diapers, wipes, and personal care items for families with children under 3 years old FUNDED!
Friends of the Pentwater-Hart Trail	\$ 300	Marketing for the Pentwater-Hart Trail (brochures and flyers) FUNDED!
Grace Adventures	\$ 490	2 sidewalk blowers for efficient campus maintenance
Harbor Hospice Foundation	\$ 125	Master Lock-Key Storage for staff to enter a patient's home with ease/safety
Hart Area Public Library	\$ 499	5 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) kits for families to borrow PARTIALLY FUNDED!
Hart Economic and Redevelopment Team	\$ 500	Prize money to encourage & recognize well kept properties within City of Hart. (1) \$250 summer "outstanding landscaping" recipient & (1) \$250 "best holiday decor" recipient
Hesperia Middle School	\$ 499	24 headphones for Special Ed English classes FUNDED!
Love INC of Oceana County	\$ 350	Chest freezer to hold donated meat for reNew Life Transformation recipients; used as an incentive for the program
New Era Christian School	\$ 450	4 security cameras for school hallways
New Era Farmers Market	\$ 230	Recycling cans for the market; would be a source of revenue for our markets FUNDED!
Oceana CAN! (College Access Network)	\$ 499	Virtual campus visit supplies (snacks, prizes, fun elements) to encourage students to get "on campus" to learn about finding their right fit for a post-secondary path! FUNDED!
Oceana Conservation District	\$ 350	A seed mix of native Michigan wildflowers and grasses that will provide one acre of pollinator habitat FUNDED!
Oceana County Agricultural Society	\$ 499	A medical turn out bag for first responders at the Fair/other events
Oceana County Council on Aging	\$ 450	Commercial sewing machine for the quilting club FUNDED!
Oceana Cross Country Ski Assoc.	\$ 480	12 sets of ski bindings to offer more PUBLIC ski events and provide FREE outdoor activity during the pandemic PARTIALLY FUNDED!
Oceana Historical & Genealogical Society	\$ 499	Creating a miniature replica of the "Lost Village" in the dunes for museum display
Patricia St. Clair Elementary	\$ 370	An iPad for a first grade classroom for digital portfolios/assignments
Pentwater Artisan Learning Center	\$ 480	20 tubs of oil and acrylic paint, paint thinner, and 5 set of canvases
Pentwater Chamber of Commerce	\$ 499	Storage bins and shelving units for new office location FUNDED!
Pentwater Park Place Community Center	\$ 300	Laser printer and ink for shared office business space at Park Place FUNDED!
Pentwater Public Schools	\$ 491	24 scientific calculators for students to use on state PSAT/SAT assessments FUNDED!
Pentwater Rec Program	\$ 480	Parts for Novacaulk crack repair system for North End Park Tennis Courts
Pentwater Township Library	\$ 420	Laminator and supplies for community/teachers/students to use

GRANT PRIORITIES

- Arts
- Education
- Health and Human Services
- Community Development
- Emerging Community Needs
- Urgent Needs- Covid Response
- Homeless Prevention
- Geographic Areas of Interest: Golden Township, Hesperia

COMMUNITY GRANT GUIDELINES

2 rounds each year – spring & fall

Agencies able to apply to either or both, for unique projects

Requests up to \$5,000 considered

Good proposals are collaborative, comprehensive, and sustainable

Agency must be “in good standing” - no delinquent final reporting requirements

Must be a 501c3, church, body of local government or school district serving Oceana County

GIVING TOGETHER CATALOG

- New in 2020: Donor Advisor Catalog
- Vignettes of grant proposals shared with Foundation donor advisors
- Last year: \$15,600 in support from donor advisors
- Happens prior to grant committee meeting

Grants in Alphabetical Order

Love INC of Oceana County

Improve the appearance and accessibility of the rear entrance to the new Love INC administrative offices.

Amount requested: \$3,000 | Total project cost: \$6,000

The Village of Shelby has been focused on improving the look of its office and retail buildings on Michigan Avenue for the past few years. The rear of buildings on the west side of the road are adjacent to city parking lot, the rail trail, and the village's picnic pavilion and are highly visible to the public. The building Love INC recently purchased, 191 N. Michigan Avenue, is one of those buildings. The back entrance of the building has not been maintained for years. Love INC wants to be a part of the movement of improving the appearance and accessibility of buildings in the village of Shelby. They feel it is part of being a good neighbor in the village and want to make sure this entrance to the building is safe for all who enter it, especially those with mobility issues. The rear exterior of the office building is directly across from the pavilion on the Rail Trail in downtown Shelby. Improving this area includes removing two trees whose roots have caused heaving in the back sidewalk, repairing or modifying a fence, painting the back of the building and putting a new sidewalk up to the building and replacing the asphalt in the parking area.

Stony Lake Therapeutic Riding Center

To provide therapy tools and adaptive equipment for all students

Amount requested: \$3,000 | Total project cost: \$5,090

Students at Stony Lake Therapy Riding Center (SLTRC) attend hour-long sessions once a week to improve or gain uncountable skills such as balance, motor skills, increased muscle strength, flexibility, social and communication skills, greater independence, and confidence. This equipment includes helmets, bareback pads, ground poles, toys and activities, and adaptive equipment used with every rider. Each piece of equipment is used at least bi-weekly (if not during every lesson!). The equine equipment keeps the horses safe and calm, the therapy adaptation devices assist the riders in their learning and independence, and the activities provide lesson equipment to make therapy fun and exciting. The goal is not to have the students focus on what their disabilities are, but what abilities they have and how they can strengthen the rest of their mind and body. This leads to students who are happier, more independent, and successful at reaching goals they have set with their guardians, doctors, and therapy teams.

Students range in age from 3-65 years old, with the majority being children. Their diagnoses include Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome, Autism, Traumatic Brain Injury, blindness, PTSD, and CHARGE Syndrome, to name a few. Each of the students have an end goal of independence, and at SLTRC, they aim to reach those goals by providing progressive equine therapy to improve their quality of life.

COMMUNITY GRANT - PROCESS AND TIMELINE



- Spring 2021
 - Application of Intent due April 5
 - Full Application due April 19
 - Committee review meetings April-May
 - Agency award notifications made in late May
- Fall 2021
 - Application of Intent due September 16
 - Full Application due September 30

EGRANT PORTAL

FULL GRANT INSTRUCTIONS AT:
[HTTPS://OCEANAFUNDATIO
N.ORG/GRANTS/APPLYING-
FOR-A-GRANT/](https://oceanafoundation.org/grants/applying-for-a-grant/)

- Start at **oceanafoundation.org**.

Click on *Apply for Grant* under the *Grants tab*.

- After reading through all the instructions, scroll down the page to enter the eGrant portal where you will submit your grant application.

- Create a user profile.

Agencies that did not submit an application in 2020 will need to create a new profile.

- The next step is our **Application of Intent**, an overview before a more detailed application. Once you have submitted your Application of Intent, Foundation staff will reach out to you via email to let you know whether you are welcome to begin work on a full grant application.



Note: The eGrant Portal does not autosave! Remember to save often and do not leave an unsaved grant application sitting open - it will time out!

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Once your LOI is accepted:

- To start the application, click on **Opportunities** then **Grant Application**.

Brief Portal Demo



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TIPS AND TRICKS

eGrant does not auto-save: save, save, save!

eGrant times out. If you have egrant open, multi-tasking, or looking up data you need- be sure to hit save before you navigate away!

Word Limits/spelling: we recommend typing proposal responses in word, then copying into the portal

Word limits INCLUDE spaces/characters

You will receive a confirmation upon submission

GOAPPLY!

A new grant portal
launching in Summer 2021

New components

- New User Interface- User friendly!
- Linked final grant reporting

*Coming
Soon!*

NEED SUPPORT?



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