



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR OCEANA COUNTY

## 2022 FALL COMMUNITY GRANT CATALOG

GIVING TOGETHER

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The Community Foundation for Oceana County's grantmaking committees are currently reviewing grant proposals from non-profit organizations serving Oceana County.

We are inviting our donor advisors to partner with us to stretch our limited competitive grant resources and serve more community needs. If you would like to fully, or partially fund, any of these proposals through your Fund, you may advise a grant by contacting us:

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Please make grant recommendations by Monday, November 28th to help our grant review committee to make decisions with other resources in mind.

***We thank you for your support!***





**2022 FALL COMMUNITY  
GRANT CATALOG****AgeWell Services of West Michigan**

*To provide food security to homebound Oceana County adults 60 and older.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$2,303,342**

This past fiscal year, AgeWell Services of West Michigan provided 12,905 Meals on Wheels (MOW) meals for 88 older adults in Oceana County. With the current demand, they expect to exceed these numbers this current fiscal year. The request for \$5,000 will help AgeWell Service continue to meet the demand for the Meals on Wheels program by funding the purchase of raw food for meals. Objectives include current and future program demand. First, continue to provide meals to current eligible Oceana County participants; second, add all eligible Oceana County participants to the program. Due to the nature of this program, number of meals and new participants ebbs and flows. Outputs include continued meals (all components from start to finish) and program promotion in Oceana County. Outcomes include increased food security, eating healthier food and feeling less socially isolated for all Oceana County participants.

**American Youth Foundation – Camp Miniwanca**

*To provide leadership training to a group of five Oceana County youth.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$9,700**

This program will provide leadership training to a group of five Oceana County youth through the AYF's National Leadership Conference. These youth will comprise the first Oceana County Leadership Lab, where they will experience leadership development and mentorship throughout 2023. Additionally, the group will plan, implement and evaluate a community-based service project or event in Oceana County. The five students will receive a full scholarship to the 2023 National Leadership Conference (NLC) program at Camp Miniwanca, continued mentorship from American Youth Foundation Staff, and a small budget for their own community service project.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore**

*To grow the BBBSL program in Oceana County.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$161,982**

Every child deserves a chance to see their potential realized by matching adult mentors, one to one with children in our communities by defending and helping to change lives, futures, today and tomorrow. BBBS will initiate community outreach and recruitment strategies to be accessible for youth and mentors in Oceana County, while fostering relations with local businesses and organizations. BBBS is strategically attempting to build and improve their footprint in Oceana County. BBBS's \$5,000 request will with the Bigs/Littles match process and to engage/expand further in the Oceana County area.

**Catholic Charities West Michigan**

*To provide the Healthy Family program to families in Oceana County.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$32,710**

Healthy Families is a home visitation and support program for families with children birth to 3 years old, who voluntarily sign-up for this support. The program is run by trained Family Support Workers who provide a wide variety of in-home services at no cost to participating families. Services include activities & education, monitoring of prenatal & postnatal care, well-child visits, immunizations & connection to all healthcare providers as needed. The request for \$5,000 will help partially cover the cost of providing the Healthy Family program in Oceana County.

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### Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters

*To repair COVE's shelter heating and cooling systems.*

**Amount requested: \$2,412 | Total project cost: \$2,412**

Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters (COVE) shelter services are available 24/7, 365 days per year. They aim to ensure that no survivor who is eligible for shelter is denied. Last year COVE provided shelter to 189 survivors for a total of 6,724 nights. Currently there are necessary repairs needed to their heating and cooling system to ensure they do not have to close their doors. The requested funds would allow COVE to hire an HVAC team to repair their system.

### Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore

*To increase the level of Oceana County area Girl Scout participation.*

**Amount requested: \$4,500 | Total project cost: \$7,538**

Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore offers hands-on, girl-led, girl-centered learning in STEM, the outdoors, and entrepreneurship, and abundant opportunities to develop invaluable life skills, Girl Scouts helps all girls take the lead early and often and is backed by more than 100 years of experience in the field. According to the latest census, there are just over 2,000 girls grade K-12 in Oceana County. Girl Scouts currently only reaches 4% of those girls. The request of \$4,500 would help fund recruiting, retention, and programming in Oceana County.

### Heart Economic and Redevelopment Team

*To install a 20-foot tin man sculpture as part of "Put the Art in Hart".*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$50,000**

This grant would kick off a community fundraiser for a 20-foot tin man sculpture under HEART's new initiative to "Put the Art in Hart". This piece will be commissioned by five-time Art Prize artist, Bill Secunda who has agreed to create a one-of-a-kind, large-scale tin man sculpture for the City of Hart. "Put the Art in Hart" has two main goals: 1) To revitalize the area and bring tourists off the freeway and into a hidden jewel of a city and 2) To use the arts as a way for locals and tourists to connect in a meaningful way to the stories of others. Using a combination of art installations, written word, and celebration, we explore the stories of those who founded Hart, return to visit, and those who continue to create the diverse and unique city it is today. Current funding gap towards the artist commission and site preparation costs is \$23,700.

### Hesperia Community Schools

*To equip the choir program with risers that meet safety guidelines.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$7,475**

Hesperia Community School students currently perform 8-10 concerts per year. Risers are necessary during these concerts for all students to be seen and make for better acoustics during the performance. The risers being used currently are very old and do not meet the proper safety requirements. They do not have a back rail to protect the students from falling off and are a safety hazard during set-up. The requested \$5,000 would be used for the purchase of new risers to be used during all concerts.

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### Hospice of Michigan

*To improve bedside care communication with NorthStar LINC tablets for clients/caregivers.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$87,116**

On average, Hospice of Michigan serves 45 patients per day in Oceana County. Through NorthStar LINC, these patients and families will have 24/7 immediate access to a virtual clinical team to help navigate end-of-life as a standard part of care. The ability for quick and easy 24/7 avenues of communication between families and their hospice providers not only provides patients and families with an extra sense of security, but also has the potential to reduce hospital re-admissions and emergency department visits. With a \$5,000 grant, Hospice of Michigan will purchase 15 of the 45 internet-enabled devices (tablets) needed for patients and caregivers in Oceana County.

### Immigration Connection Site at Hart Wesleyan Church

*To offer fee waivers or reduced fees for immigration legal services.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$26,900**

Recently accredited by the Department of Justice, the new Immigration Connection (IC) site in Hart will offer low-cost immigration legal services. These services will allow any person to get the help they need to successfully navigate the difficult and often confusing immigration system. Often that will be giving good and accurate information about immigration law, especially when there is no current pathway forward (and avoiding unnecessary legal services). For others IC will help with the forms and filing, acting as a legal representative, to obtain green cards, renewals, immigrant visas for family/fiancé, DACA, and finally US Citizenship. In 2022-23 they expect to help a minimum of 50 people. The requested \$5,000 will help offset the required fees, annual operating costs, and assist in keeping fees low, with fee waivers as needed.

### MiSTEM Network Region 9 – West Shore ESD

*To purchase 15 LEGO Spike Essential kits to be shared across Oceana County Schools.*

**Amount requested: \$4,700 | Total project cost: \$4,699**

The MiSTEM Network Region 9 seeks to purchase (15) LEGO Spike Essential kits that can be used across Oceana County schools. The kits will be used by STEM teachers in the county to help teach computer science through engaging, hands-on lessons using familiar materials, LEGOS. The 15 kits would serve up to (30) students at a time. The project is motivated by elementary STEM teachers in Oceana County that are interested in adding computer science into their curriculum. Each kit costs \$295, plus storage totes for \$275.

### Oceana County Council on Aging

*To build a Pickle Ball court on the land at OCCOA to be used by the community.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$35,000**

The goal is to bring more seniors together through health and fitness. Pickle ball is an activity that seniors enjoy and actively look for places to play. Building pickle ball courts at OCCOA is in hopes to make a court available to all seniors in the county that is easily accessible and available. To save costs, the court will be built on an existing parking lot. The \$5,000 request will cover the net, fencing, court surface and seating.

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### Pentwater Arts Council

*To provide funding for year two of a three-year public sculpture initiative in Pentwater.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$25,000**

The Pentwater Public Arts Sculpture Walk is a three-year program which successfully launched in the summer of 2022. The purpose of this grant request is to obtain year II funding for artist stipends. The Sculpture Project is intended to enhance the appreciation of the arts and will provide residents and visitors with an understanding of the sculpture medium. The project will include educational materials for students, families, and visitors to Pentwater as well as all residents of Oceana County. Sustaining this project will not only make Pentwater an "art lovers' destination," but also will provide economic development benefits through placemaking activities.

### PoWeR! Book Bags

*To provide literacy materials to children via the DHD#10 Maternal Infant Health Program.*

**Amount requested: \$4,000 | Total project cost: \$17,500**

The Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) offered through the DHD#10 Health Department serves the most disadvantaged families with prenatal to age two children (currently 80 families are enrolled). Social workers conduct monthly home visits with the mother, infant, and family. PoWeR! Book Bags provides age-appropriate books for these visits to every child in the family 0-5. Once a year, each child is provided a tote bag containing hand puppets, sensory balls, writing booklets & crayons and Talking is Teaching materials. The goal is to strengthen their language, literacy, and social-emotional interactions within the family. Funding request is for books & materials.

### Stony Lake Therapeutic Riding Center

*To purchase safety stirrups, a double bareback pad, and a hydraulic lift.*

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

Stony Lake Therapeutic Riding Center (SLTRC) is growing, and equipment needs are too! There are three distinct projects that need funding the help meet these equipment needs: safety stirrup straps in three sizes, double bareback pad, and final gap funding to purchase and install a hydraulic ceiling lift. The safety stirrups come in three sizes for our equine partner and rider needs, and the restock of all sizes will support the diverse student population at SLTRC. Their early program participants, who started as toddlers or early elementary students, have grown alongside the program and have outgrown the Center's start-up equipment. There are also some students who are either ready to transition from ground activity to the backs of equine partners, or simply need more reactive support when seated on an equine partner. A double bareback pad allows a therapist to sit safely with our students, providing critical trunk, head, neck, or arm support.

### Tall Turf Ministries

*To increase recruitment and engagement of Oceana County Youth.*

**Amount requested: 5,000 | Total project cost: \$11,761**

Tall Turf Ministries owns a Christian youth camp on Campbell Lake in Oceana County (between Newfield & Leavitt Townships). They plan to screen, hire, and train a diverse group of summer staff members for the summer of 2023. To ensure a diverse group of campers, Tall Turf will work with organizations, churches, and schools to attract youth from diverse backgrounds. Tall Turf's programming is intentionally focused on reconciliation, by facilitating guided learning experiences and cross-cultural team building. The majority of expenses will be spent to ensure mission and vision are realized through training and employment of young adults. Last year, Tall Turf employed 2 individuals from the local community and received numerous volunteers.

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*To provide therapy inside the schools of Oceana County.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$12,960**

The main goal and objective of this project is to provide professional mental health services for Oceana County students. The Fountain Hill Center will provide these therapy sessions with supervised Master Level interns during the academic school year. The Fountain Hill Center will provide ongoing services to 25+ students that are referred by administrators, teachers, or parents. Grant support will assist Fountain Hill to partially cover costs for a coordinator to make sure that all parties involved in the child's education can contribute to making them as successful as possible.

**The Playhouse at White Lake Youth Theatre**

*To recruit Oceana County kids and provide scholarships to those that need it.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$6,000**

The purpose of this grant is three-fold: 1) to raise awareness of the Youth Theatre with the creation of marketing materials promoting theatre, movement and scene making opportunities, 2) to identify and recruit Oceana students for available scholarships and 3) to reduce financial barriers for all children by awarding 60 full or partial scholarships for students 3-18, to take 1-2 arts education classes in their Saturday Theatre School. Saturday classes are offered three times a year, in 4-week sessions, in the fields of theatre, dance, movement and production workshops.

**United Way of the Lakeshore**

*To support Oceana County families in crisis through emergency cash assistance.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$15,000**

Funding will support two emergency cash assistance program resources to provide critical aid to Oceana County families in crisis, to be used only when all other available funds or resources from local public assistance programs or charitable organizations have been exhausted. United Way's Urgent Needs Fund provides reimbursement for goods or services rendered, or for overdue payment of a bill, such as food, rent, utility interruption, or vehicle repairs needed to sustain employment. United Way's Neighbor 2 Neighbor Fund is emergency cash assistance provided as a loan, to be re-paid according to a monthly repayment plan or through equivalent volunteer work hours in the community, as approved. The N2NFund is administered and monitored by the Oceana Hispanic Center (OHC).

**Village of Pentwater DDA**

*To purchase a handicap accessible picnic table with a charging station.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$6,985**

The DDA's goal is to create spaces where residents and visitors will spend additional time in the downtown area to relax and enjoy the waterfront. Spending more time in the downtown area is good for commerce. Over the past few years, promoting these areas with art and picnic tables enabled people to enjoy their lunches and dinners outside and extended their time downtown. The Village of Pentwater is also considering passing an ordinance to establish a social district, allowing the consumption of alcohol outside. The requested funding would go towards the purchase of a picnic table that is handicap accessible and is a charging station for cellphones and tablets. The DDA will collaborate with the Village for placement and location of cement base for new seating area.

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*To revitalize the Village of Shelby's core downtown.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$73,300**

The Village of Shelby is requesting funds to hire a consultant (McKenna Associates) to conduct downtown community engagement services to gather robust community input towards revitalizing the downtown via innovative streetscape design and façade grant improvements. The deliverables from this project will be a full public engagement report describing the feedback received and an implementation plan with action-oriented recommendations. Sequential to the community engagement process and report, the Village of Shelby will also use the funds for a downtown façade grant program. There is a need to revitalize downtown and to help local businesses that were hardest hit by the pandemic. A facade grant program will make funds available for downtown storefronts to be reinvigorated.

**Village of Shelby**

*To install two adjustable basketball standards at Getty Park.*

**Amount requested: \$5,000 | Total project cost: \$6,360**

The requested funding will enhance the user's experience while using the new basketball court at Getty Park. Getty Park, located near Shelby Public School's campus, is undergoing a full renovation with many new amenities. The Park is universally designed, allowing access for all people, regardless of age, disability or other factors. Specifically, the funding will be used for the purchase and installation of two (2) adjustable basketball standards. The basketball standards may be adjusted to accommodate individuals with disabilities, and/or younger individuals wanting to learn the game of basketball without the frustration of shooting at the standard height of a basketball rim.

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