

Fall 2022 Community Grants

Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Amount	Grant Funded
AgeWell Services of West Michigan	Meals on Wheels in Oceana County	To provide meals to current eligible Oceana County participants and to expand participation. Outcomes include increased food security, eating healthier food and feeling less socially isolated for all Oceana County participants.	\$5,000	William R. Lathers Foundation (5000)
American Youth Foundation - Camp Miniwanca	Oceana County Leadership Lab	To provide leadership training to a group of (5) Oceana County youth through the AYF's National Leadership Conference and to form the first Oceana County Leadership Lab. Participants will experience leadership development and mentorship throughout 2023 and will plan, implement and evaluate a community-based service project or event in Oceana County.	\$2,000	Henry & Dorothy V. Fischer Family Fund (2000)
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore	Big Brothers Big Sisters Round-Up for Community Matches	To fund community outreach and recruitment strategies to enroll more 1:1 matches between youth and mentors in Oceana County, while fostering relations with local businesses and organizations.	\$5,000	Gail Paulus Family Fund (5000)
Catholic Charities West Michigan	Healthy Families	To support the Healthy Family program in Oceana County.	\$5,000	Child Neglect and Abuse Prevention Fund (1080) Oceana Youth Fund (1700) Bessie E. & Ethan Allen Gray Health Fund (2220)
Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters	Shelter Heating and Cooling Repairs	To pay invoices for repair and maintenance of COVE's shelter heating and cooling systems.	\$2,412	William R. Lathers Foundation (2412)
Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore	Girl Scout Leadership Experience - Oceana Area	To increase the level of Oceana County area Girl Scout participation.	\$4,500	Community Investment Fund (4500)
Hesperia Community Schools	Risers for Choir Safety	To fund new choir risers that meet safety guidelines for safe choral performances.	\$5,000	William R. Lathers Foundation (5000)
Hospice of Michigan	Northstar LINC	To provide each hospice enrolled patient an internet-enabled tablet combined with a user-friendly app that provides two-way communication and support through video, phone, and chat functions with a highly trained virtual clinical hospice team member.	\$5,000	William R. Lathers Foundation (5000)
Immigrant Connection	Immigrant Connection	To support start-up funding & operational needs for this newly accredited by the Department of Justice immigration support site.	\$5,000	William R. Lathers Foundation (5000)
MiSTEM Network Region 9	LEGO Computer Science Education	To purchase (15) LEGO Spike Essential kits to be shared across all Oceana County schools. The kits will be used by STEM teachers to help teach computer science through engaging, hands-on lessons using familiar materials, LEGOs.	\$4,700	Oceana Youth Fund (4700)
PoWeR! Book Bags	PoWeR! Book Bags and the Littlest Learners in Oceana	PoWeR! Book Bags is partnering with the Health Department to provide materials (books, literacy activities) at monthly social worker visits to every child in the family 0-5 specifically selected to strengthen their language, literacy, and social-emotional interactions within the family.	\$2,000	Oceana Youth Fund (2000)
Stony Lake Therapeutic Riding Center	Fall Roundup: Safety Stirrups, Double Bareback Pad & Hydraulic Lift	This grant will be used to fund three distinct projects: 1) Safety stirrup straps in three sizes (15 total), 2) Double bareback pad and 3) Final funding to purchase and install hydraulic ceiling lift	\$3,000	Oceana Youth Fund (2700), William R. Lathers Foundation (300)
Fountain Hill Center for Counseling	Oceana County School Services	To support the coordination of school therapy by FHCC's master level interns in Oceana County.	\$5,000	Community Investment Fund (5000)
The Playhouse At White Lake	Oceana County Experiences within White Lake Youth Theatre	For marketing materials to promote theatre opportunities and up to (60) scholarships for Saturday Theatre workshops.	\$5,000	Oceana Youth Fund (2000), William R. Lathers Foundation (3000)
United Way of the Lakeshore	Supporting Oceana Families in Crisis: Oceana County Urgent Needs and Neighbor to Neighbor Funds	Funds for (2) cash assistance programs to support 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.	\$5,000	Urgent Needs Fund (1500), Community Investment Fund (3500)
Village of Shelby	Downtown Facade Grant Project	Receive robust public engagement regarding the future vision of downtown Shelby. The results from the community engagement will be used to revitalize the Village of Shelby's core downtown through innovative street scape design and facade grant improvements.	\$2,500	Community Investment Fund (2500)
TOTAL GRANTS:			\$66,112	