

Spring 2024 Community Grants



Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Amount	Grant Funded
Colfax Township	Establishment of an Accessible Picnic Area - Colfax Township Beach	Funds will be used for the creation of a designated accessible picnic area on the beach at School Section Lake. The project that is being proposed by Colfax Township will remove the current non accessible picnic tables and cooking grill. These removed amenities will then be replaced with universally (for all people) designed picnic tables (2) and one (1) cooking grill. The Township will also construct an accessible path to these new park amenities along with a hard surface for the picnic tables and cooking grill.	\$ 4,000	Oceana Youth Fund (1,000) Oceana County Parks & Trails Fund (450) Community Investment Fund (2,550)
Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters	Community Education	The community education project aims to provide education materials to community members, individuals who have experienced intimate partner violence and sexual assault, as well as community partners on the root causes of violence and best practices to support trauma survivors. This project would provide funding to ensure all community partners have enough COVE informational supplies to have readily available for referrals and community awareness. Informational and community awareness supplies would include call COVE cards, brochures, flyers, stickers, and other printed information. This funding would also give COVE the opportunity to purchase promotional items that will assist COVE's efforts to develop a powerful internal culture as well as build excitement around the mission of our agency.	\$ 3,000	Bessie E. & Ethan Allen Gray Health Fund (1,500) Janie Denman Legacy Fund (1,500)
Grant Township Firefighters Association	Fire prevention inflatable house	Fire prevention saves lives. We have noticed an influx of fires in dwelling places with no working smoke detectors. If we can educate the public on the importance of fire safety in a fun and relatable way we have the potential to make a significant impact in our communities. Having a portable option to move to multiple events and locations is crucial in reaching as many people as possible. Funding would be used to purchase a simple, yet portable solution would be an inflatable house that people of all ages could receive fire prevention training. Purchase cost of the inflatable fire prevention house is dependent on which vendor we utilize. Depending on size and accessories, the price may fluctuate.	\$ 5,000	Oceana Youth Fund (4,000) Gail Paulus Family Fund (1,000)
Hesperia Beautification Committee	Vida Weaver Park Pavilion	With a projected cost of \$140,00.00 to construct a covered multi-use pavilion in Vida Weaver Park, the Village of Hesperia, collaborating with Hesperia Beautification, began the process of securing funds to complete the project. With a \$25,000 grant from Oceana County American Rescue Plan Act funds; a \$45,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and a \$25,000 commitment from the Village of Hesperia, we are left with a \$45,000 shortfall. A grant from the Foundation will help close that gap. We are currently conducting a capital campaign which will give the entire community an opportunity to invest in the future of Hesperia.	\$ 5,000	Oceana Youth Fund (1,000) Edward and Evelyn Kolbe Fund (4,000)
Hospice of Michigan, Inc.	NorthStar Palliative Care	NorthStar Palliative Care (NSPC), a program of Hospice of Michigan (HOM), offers a community-based palliative care program that provides symptom management and advanced care planning services for patients with life-limiting illnesses who have been discharged from a post-acute setting to home. NSPC offers an additional layer of specialized medical care focused on improving quality of life, facilitating goals of care conversations, decreasing symptom burden, and navigating resources for patients and caregivers. The funding will be utilized for several purposes: acquiring essential supplies like iPads, cell phones, and personal protective equipment (PPE) for patient visits; covering mileage expenses; developing and implementing evaluation strategies. Additionally, a substantial portion of the funding will support Communication & Marketing efforts, including creating and printing brochures and community resource guides, organizing meetings, lunch and learns, producing videos, and conducting trainings.	\$ 5,000	Randall and Linda Wagner Family Fund (5,000)
Oceana County Council on Aging	Assistive Device Clinic	The CDC lists transportation and programmatic barriers as two of the most common barriers for people with disabilities. This is reflected in Oceana County where there is no out of county public transportation and limited services. OCCOA is hoping to eliminate some of these barriers by providing an Assistive Device (AD) Clinic that will give residents the opportunity to meet with an expert on assistive devices like walkers and wheelchairs and have access to an advocate from Disability Network to guide them in the process. Funding will be used to cover the cost of the experts, scholarships to pay for any parts that need to be ordered to repair equipment, and rental costs for offsite clinics.	\$ 2,700	Healthy Youth, Healthy Seniors Fund (1,000) Bessie E. & Ethan Allen Gray Health Fund (700) Ordoobadi Family Fund (1,000)
Oceana County Economic Alliance Corporation	Progress in Oceana County	Oceana County faces a national trend where low-population and low-income areas are missing opportunities to succeed. OCEA has been involved in bringing more national and state resources to the community since 1980 when it originated as an office of Oceana County government. Progress in Oceana County addresses the need to accelerate collaboration with businesses, local government, and community leaders to study, plan, and prepare for the ever-changing world. With ARPA and IRA funds funneling through federal, state, and local agencies and increased costs and chaos since 2020, more resources will help OCEA address the urgency to help residents, growers, and businesses to succeed.	\$ 5,000	Community Investment Fund

Oceana County Medical Care Facility	CPR Manikin	<p>The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for the purchase of a CPR manikin to aide healthcare employees of OCMCF to achieve and sustain exceptional skills and performance in CPR. The intent is for the organization to provide low-dose, high-frequency training for its staff to reinforce live-saving skills that is easily available and accessible for staff to achieve a high compliance rate while minimizing disruption to resident care and work flow. By providing this training on-site, staff could more easily obtain and maintain certification requirements and improve performance results.</p>	\$	2,500	Bessie E. & Ethan Allen Gray Health Fund
Pentwater Historical Society	USS Sequoia Scale Model and Exhibit	<p>The visit of the Sequoia, a former presidential yacht, to Pentwater in 1984 and 1988, sparked intense interest and community involvement. The model of the USS Sequoia can act as a centerpiece of the museum. The model is expected to be completed by June of 2024, and will be unveiled at an event on June 23. The public will be very interested in seeing this new exhibit at the museum. The majority of the cost will be in the labor for the model builder, and secondarily in the case and base.</p>	\$	1,000	Community Investment Fund
Trinity Lutheran Church	Walk in freezer/cooler project	<p>Due to increased demand, the Trinity Community Food Pantry has a desperate need to increase its ability to store both frozen and refrigerated food. We believe that installation of a walk in freezer and cooler unit will help to alleviate food acquisition and storage issues, and help us continue to serve the community. Food insecurity is increasing in the County, and food pantry usage has risen more than 60 percent since 2022 and is predicted to double by 2025. The demand will only continue to increase, and the pantry needs to adapt and change to meet these needs. This additional freezer and cooler space is a critical part of our ability to continue to meet the needs of our community.</p>	\$	5,000	Bessie E. & Ethan Allen Gray Health Fund (5,000)
Walkerville Public Schools	Empowering Teachers in Training with Professional Development	<p>We are a small, dedicated school with a pressing need for additional teachers. Our dedicated para-professionals, while still in college completing their degrees, have generously stepped up to fulfill these roles. They are currently providing consistent instruction to our students, despite the challenges of being in training. The primary objective of this proposal is to secure funding to enable our para-professionals to attend the HIVE Literacy Conference in Denver. This conference is organized by the same publishers who provide our reading and math curriculums, ensuring the learning will be directly applicable to the teaching these individuals are providing daily.</p>	\$	5,000	Oceana Youth Fund (4,000) Ordoobadi Family Fund (1,000)