



community foundation

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

We are home to a variety of different endowments, each with a designated purpose or area of impact that reflects the intent of the donor or donors to the endowment. Annually, we award grants through a responsive grantmaking process from a number of endowments.

Annual Grant Process Timeline

MID AUG	Visit www.gtrcf.org/grants/ for available opportunities
OCTOBER 1	Application deadline
OCT/NOV	Grant committees review applications, make grant recommendations
LATE NOV	Grant applicants are notified of the status of their application
EARLY DEC	Grants are awarded after approval of the Community Foundation board
MID SEPT <i>(of the following year)</i>	Final Grantee Reports are due

For more information on any of our fall grant opportunities, including criteria, application details and deadlines, visit www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/

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Regional Arts & Culture

Access to Recreation Endowment

The Access to Recreation Endowment was established in 2007 through a matching grant opportunity from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, as part of its Access to Recreation Initiative. Grant awards provide support for recreational projects, programs, and opportunities that are focused on providing universal accessibility design, beyond basic ADA requirements.

General Amount Available: \$1,200

Grand Traverse County Education

The Assisting Children's Education (ACE) Endowment

The ACE Endowment supports a variety of K-12 programs within TCAPS to help students and teachers develop and implement innovative ideas that are student-focused, curriculum-based and promote academic excellence. Grant awards support K-12 classroom activities throughout TCAPS that are not otherwise funded by the District's operation budget.

General Amount Available: \$7,200

Note: A separate application is required. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed annually in November.

Benzie County Environmental

John N. Barnes Environmental Education Endowment

The Barnes Environmental Education Endowment was created and supported by friends and family of John. N. Barnes, who died tragically at 24 years old, and had a love for the beauty of Benzie County. Grant awards provide support for environmental education activities for Benzie County residents.

General Amount Available: \$1,600

GT and Leelanau Counties Youth

Boys and Girls Club of Grand Traverse Endowment

The Boys and Girls Club of Grand Traverse Endowment provides support for programs and services that are consistent with the mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. This can be achieved by providing a safe place for children to learn and grow; supporting ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals; providing life-enriching programs and character development experiences; and providing hope and opportunity.

General Amount Available: \$2,500

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*Regional
Health & Human Services
Youth*

Campbell Endowment

The Campbell Endowment was established in 1996 with an anonymous gift from a donor with a heart for helping individuals achieve independence. Grant awards support organizations and programs that promote self-sufficiency and that address needs in one or more of the following areas: (1) Food, (2) Health Care, (3) Housing, and (4) Childcare. Preference is given to requests that offer a philanthropic approach to community needs, with the potential for transformative community impact.

General Amount Available: \$48,600

*Antrim County
Education, Environment
Health & Human Services
Youth, Arts & Culture*

Elk Rapids Area Community Endowment

The Elk Rapids Area Community Endowment was established in 1996 by an anonymous Elk Rapids woman who enjoyed the quality of life in the area. She wished to support activities, facilities, and programs in the Elk Rapids area so that others may enjoy the area as much as she did. Grant awards may support projects that enhance the beauty of the Elk Rapids community, such as landscaping improvements for parks and open spaces; transportation to healthcare for the area resident; or other programs and services that provide public benefit.

General Amount Available: \$10,000

Note: Individual grant awards of up to \$5,000 will be considered.

*Antrim County
Education*

Elk Rapids Area Education Endowment

The Elk Rapids Area Education Endowment was established in 1994 by a donor with a heart for education in Elk Rapids and a wish to enrich educational opportunities in the schools and in the community. Since then, more than 100 additional gifts - large and small - have been given from many donors. Grant awards support educational opportunities for Elk Rapids area residents, both within the public schools and in the community at large. These may include educational programs, scholarships, technology and arts equipment for classroom activities, and support for innovation by teachers.

General Amount Available: \$6,000

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*Regional
Arts & Culture, Education,
Environment, Health &
Human Services, Youth*

FOCUS Fund Endowment

The FOCUS Fund Endowment is an undesignated endowment designed to impact broad community needs and interests in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties. The Endowment offers a flexible response to current, immediate regional needs as well as provides a permanent funding source for future needs of the five-county region. Preference is given to requests that offer a philanthropic approach to community needs and that have the potential for transformative community impact. Program operational needs, direct services, capital or equipment expenditures, etc. are eligible for funding. The grant review committee encourages collaborative projects where grant dollars can be maximized and serve as many people as possible (relative to the community being served). Generally, \$1:\$1 matching grants, up to a maximum of \$2,500, are considered. From time-to-time, the Community Foundation may consider larger grant awards.

Approximately \$25,000 is awarded annually.

Note: Grant applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed three times a year.

*Leelanau County
Education, Health & Human
Services, Youth, Arts &
Culture*

Genuine Leelanau Charitable Endowment

Established in 2006 by Genuine Leelanau, many donors have joined together to give to a shared interest of supporting children and families in Leelanau County. Grant awards support integrated arts and other projects that benefit Leelanau County children and families in need.

General Amount Available: \$6,500

Note: A separate application is required.

*Grand Traverse County
Youth*

Grand Traverse Families in Action for Youth Endowment

Grand Traverse Families in Action, an organization that was committed to serving youth and helping young people to avoid substance abuse and violence, made a gift to establish the endowment in 2000. Though no longer an organization, the mission and vision of the organization continues through this Endowment. Grant awards support assisting Traverse City youth in avoiding substance abuse and violence.

General Amount Available: \$4,800

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Regional Health & Human Services

Healthy Youth and Healthy Seniors Endowment

The Healthy Youth and Healthy Seniors Endowment was established in compliance with the award from the State of Michigan Tobacco Settlement Partnership. Grant awards support programs that improve the health of youth (birth - 18) and/or seniors (age 55 and older). These opportunities may include, but are not limited to, programs that focus on health and nutrition; family counseling; early childhood development; smoking prevention and cessation; daycare, preschool, and after school care.

Programs for healthy youth could include:

- smoking prevention and cessation and substance abuse
- violence and conflict resolution
- access to dental care
- community alternatives for recreation
- child care

Programs for healthy seniors could include:

- pharmaceuticals (i.e. access, cost, medication interaction)
- preventing and managing chronic disease (i.e. cancer, heart, lung, stroke)
- long term care alternatives (i.e. assisted living, respite care, family caregiver support)
- mental health and aging (i.e. substance abuse, depression)
- workforce and aging (i.e. age discrimination, continuing career opportunities)

General Amount Available: \$5,000

Regional Environment

Land Use and Conservation Planning Endowment

Established in 1997, in partnership with the C.S. Mott Foundation and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, this Endowment provides support for land use planning or land use stewardship activities. Grant awards support programs or projects such as seminars and workshops; developing school programs; assisting units of government in creating land conservation programs; watershed and wetlands conservation; and/or researching economic, environmental and social impact of land use and conservation planning.

General Amount Available: \$19,000

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Education, Health & Human
Services, Youth*

Joan Rajkovich McGarry Family Education Endowment

The Joan Rajkovich McGarry Family Education Endowment supports the continuation and further development of programs and services to support Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties. Applications for programs and activities focused on nutrition and in particular, school aged children and obesity issues, will be considered. Priority will be given to proposals that are creative, evidence-based, and linked with MSUE Resources.

Program objectives may include, but are not limited to:

1. Education for students and families, including;
 - Healthy choices for snacks/meals and consequences of unhealthy choices
 - Programs that educate about how to understand nutritional content in foods
 - Programs that educate preparation and preservation of food
2. Physical activity for students and families
3. Programs that represent the values of Home Economics (*Home Economics is the study of our near environment: food, clothing, family, home and community*) A professional home economist possesses expertise which includes: safe food handling, nutrition, parenting skills, household management, consumer buying, housing and leadership skills. Home Economics is now known as Family Consumer Sciences.

General Amount Available: \$12,700

Note: A separate application is required.

*Regional
Health & Human Services*

Northwest Michigan Osteopathic Endowment

Grant awards support medical professionals' education and other innovative health education, research and treatment programs, and programs/projects that respond to community health needs.

General Amount Available: \$15,700

*Leelanau County
Health & Human Services*

Suttons Bay and Bingham Endowment

A community fund committed to Suttons Bay and Bingham Townships, this Endowment was established in 1995. Owen Bahle, a champion for and friend of the Suttons Bay area, was a founding supporter and had a wish to support the community he loved. Many other donors have since joined in this commitment and a local advisory committee is engaged in continuing to build the endowment and review and recommend the grant awards. Grant awards support a variety of organizations, community projects, and programs that benefit Suttons Bay and Bingham Townships and the Village of Suttons Bay.

General Amount Available: \$9,400

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Grand Traverse County Education

Titan Excellence Endowment

The Titan Excellence Fund Endowment was established in 2010, the result of a three-year effort, primarily led by Traverse City West Senior High alumni and widely supported by community members. Grant awards support programs or projects to benefit students of Traverse City West Senior High, with a primary focus on supporting student life and academics. Programs or projects for music or athletics are also considered.

General Amount Available: \$1,400

Note: A separate application is required. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed annually in November.

Grand Traverse County Youth

Jim Tompkins Endowment for Traverse City Youth

The Jim Tompkins Endowment for Traverse City Youth was established in 2018 to meet the financial needs of and to advance the cause of youth in Traverse City.

General Amount Available: \$39,200.

Note: A separate application is required.

Regional Health & Human Services

Traverse City Track Club Endowment

The Traverse City Track Club Endowment was established in 2010 by the Board of the Traverse City Track Club who had a vision for and commitment to the long term ability to support the charitable giving efforts of the Club. Grant awards support programs that promote, support, and encourage running, race-walking and walking as a means to promote health, enhanced fitness, family recreation and competition for all individuals.

Activities eligible for funding include: Cross Country Programs, Track and Field Programs, Summer Camp Activities, Running/Walking Programs, and Charitable Giving Related to Running.

Approximately \$45,000 is available for granting from the TC Track Club Endowment and the Traverse City Track Club.

Note: This opportunity is available each year in the spring and fall.

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Education, Environment, Youth
Arts & Culture*

Richard V. and Kimiko O. Williams Endowment

The Richard V. and Kimiko O. Williams Endowment was established to support programs and activities in Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties related to Great Lakes maritime heritage, history, and education; stewardship of the Great Lakes; environmental conservation, education, and land use, including recreation.

General Amount Available: \$1,150

*Regional
Youth*

Youth Endowment

The Community Endowment Youth Endowment grants are available to nonprofit, educational, or governmental organizations serving youth in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties.

General Amount Available: \$70,000 total or \$14,000 per county

Note: A separate application and a presentation to our Youth Advisory Council are required.