

# Learn about our COMMITTEE GRANTMAKING



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Muskegon County

## Community Foundation Values

These values are woven into our daily work, going beyond good intention. We seek to partner with organizations that share these values.

### Create hope and opportunity, particularly for youth

Empowering our youth to have aspirations for a bright future and create opportunities for them to realize their dreams.

### Support collaborative community goals and decision making

Supporting active partnerships that are working together sharing power, resources, and decision-making for the common good.

### Build an inclusive community

Building a welcoming, accepting community that respects difference and actively promotes full participation by all people; a place where everyone has the opportunity to share their voice, to participate in decisions that affect their lives, and access all the community has to offer.

## Competitive Grantmaking

Many nonprofit organizations and grantmaking committees participate in the Community Foundation's competitive grant rounds. In 2020, the fall round is focused on grantmaking through specific committees. More information regarding grantmaking that focuses on the Community Foundation's 2020 strategic plan will be available soon! Each grant request is vetted by staff and forwarded to corresponding grantmaking committees to align with specific funding opportunities. Each committee has a specific area of focus. All applications are made online through *Submittable* and utilize the Community Foundation's general grant application.

## Grantmaking through Committees

Grantmaking committees are comprised of community stakeholders - volunteers in our community whose personal passion align with the focus area. Grantmaking committees have specific stated priorities and recommend grants from specific funds developed and reserved for that exclusive purpose.

The fall of 2020 grant round will focus on committee grants. The deadline is **September 3** for the Application of Intent and **September 17** for complete applications. A grantee workshop will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, August 4 at 3PM**. Email [grants@muskegonfoundation.org](mailto:grants@muskegonfoundation.org) for meeting details.



Boys and Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore

Fall grants will be made by the following grantmaking committees:

- Environment – environmental projects and programs
- Muskegon County Lions Club – hearing and vision services
- Greater Muskegon Service League's Women and Children's Fund – needs of women & children
- Youth Advisory Council – mental health needs for youth
- White Lake Community Fund – programs and projects that benefit the White Lake Area

### **Environmental Endowment Fund**

- To educate residents about the environment, including social justice issues that relate to current or past environmental practices
- Improve the quality of the environment through the reduction of pollution and waste
- Support a balanced and innovative approach to local and regional land use planning that maximizes use of available land and natural resources
- Promote conservation and restoration of natural areas, air quality, shoreline and dune areas, wildlife habitat and fresh water eco-systems
- Support for acquiring, conserving, or enhancing public accessibility to green space, open lands, natural parks, or undeveloped land in its natural state West of US 31 via the James Hanna and Mary Murphy Land Fund



### **Greater Muskegon Service League's Women and Children's Fund**

*Grants from this Committee will address a broad spectrum of programs and projects that address the needs and opportunities of women and children in Muskegon County.*

### **Muskegon County Lions Club Fund**

*Grants from this Committee will benefit organizations working to develop, implement, and support new and innovative programs that assist Muskegon County residents who are suffering from the loss of sight and/or hearing, including the prevention of such loss.*

### **White Lake Community Fund**

*Grants from this Committee support programs and projects that improve the quality of life for residents of the White Lake Area. Additional areas of focus:*

- To improve local library services, provide elderly assistance, for beautification projects or to support recreational facilities and public parks via the Leonard and Edna K. Blomdahl Fund
- Support improvements in Covell Park via the Covell Park Fund
- Support greater cooperation and consolidation between the municipalities via the R. Covell Radcliffe Fund

## Youth Advisory Council Fund

Grants from this Committee will be targeted at specific youth issues as determined by a youth-executed needs survey:

- Current focus: mental health issues for youth
- Teacher Mini-Grants for innovative classroom projects

## Questions

Contact the Community Investment team via email [grants@muskegonfoundation.org](mailto:grants@muskegonfoundation.org) or (231) 722-4538.

## Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest funds are also available to support nonprofit agencies engaged in similar work. They were created by donors with specific “interest” that align with community need. As such, they may or may not align with our strategic goals. These funds are advised by the distribution committee and are used to support grant requested submitted with the general grant application.

- **A. J. Flogge Performing Arts Fund** - The performing arts
- **African American Celebration Fund** - Celebration of African American culture and heritage
- **Beautification Fund** – Beautification projects throughout the City of Muskegon such as parks, natural areas, and publically owned properties
- **Children's Wish Fund** – Terminally ill children in Muskegon County
- **Clita R. Anderson Child Care Center Fund** - Child care centers
- **Dietrich Fund for the Prevention of AIDS & Drug Abuse** - Prevention of AIDS and drug abuse
- **Douglas A. Rosen Fund** - Lung disease, the arts, and United Way agencies
- **Edith and Jack Lipman Fund** - Improved quality of life for ill children in ways other than providing for health care costs
- **ESCO Company Fund** – Environmental issues, safety improvements, and economic development
- **Father Jack Foundation Fund** – Provide help to those with unmet needs
- **HEALTHY Muskegon Endowment Fund** – Sustainably increase access to healthy food, especially among children and seniors living in poverty
- **Healthy Youth-Healthy Seniors Fund** - Programs and projects that improve the health of youth and seniors
- **Jayne Rollin and Leo Williams Trust Fund** – Supports classical music concerts and lessons, and the environment
- **John and Christine Schumann Fund, John and Mary Schumann Fund , and Sebastian and Frances Kielar Fund** - Programs or organizations assisting women in crisis to gain independence by becoming self-supporting and improving the lives of Muskegon County’s children who are disadvantaged, neglected, or abused
- **Muskegon County College Access Fund** - College access programs
- **Muskegon Quadrangle B.P.W. Fund** - Advancement and betterment of girls and women

- **Next Generation Child Care Fund** - Child care for low income children
  - **Nick Pool Performing Arts Fund** - Programs and projects that enhance the lives of the elderly through performing arts
  - **Raymond C. Alstrom Memorial Fund** - Music programs
  - **Rhoda R. Rosen Fund** - Health-related activities, especially programs that relate to the psychological care of the terminally ill, as well as the prevention and education of cancer
  - **Roy R. Burch Fund** – Education
  - **W. William and Kathleen E. Joy Fund** – Education
  - **West Shore Mental Health Fund** - Identification, prevention and treatment of mental health impairments of children and adolescents
  - **William Munroe/Friends of the Disabled** - Camperships and recreation for the disabled
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