

Learn about our COMMITTEE GRANTMAKING



community foundation

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.



Boys and Girls Club of the Muskegon Lakeshore

Competitive Grantmaking

Many non-profit organizations and grantmaking committees participate in the Community Foundation's competitive grant rounds. In 2020, the spring round is focused on grantmaking through specific committees, and the fall round is focused on strategic grantmaking that aligns with the 2020 strategic plan. More information related to strategic grants will be coming soon! Some of our committees will also have fall ground round. 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 spring of 2020 grant round focuses on committee grants. The deadline is **February 14** for Application of Intent and **February 28** for complete applications. A grantee workshop will be held **January 29 at 4 p.m.** in the Hilt Building.

Spring grants will be made by the following grantmaking committees:

- Environment – Environmental projects and programs
- Muskegon County Lions Club – Hearing and vision services
- Muskegon County Medical Society – Medical training and STEM education
- Greater Muskegon Service League's Women and Children's Fund – Needs of women and 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 ecosystems
- 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



Annis Water Resources Institute

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

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

Muskegon County Medical Society Endowment Fund

Grants from this Committee will be targeted at programs and projects relating to health and science education and services.

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 at grants@muskegonfoundation.org or by calling 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 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 that improve the health of youth and seniors

Jayne Rollin and Leo Williams Trust Fund – Supports classical music concerts, music 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