



**Mackinac Island**  
community foundation<sup>SM</sup>

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Consistent with our mission to promote the general well-being of Island residents and visitors, be assured that the Mackinac Island Community Foundation remains dedicated to assist with the critical needs of the Island as we deal with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. Amidst this time of disruption and uncertainty, we want to take a moment to address our respective grant applicants, as well as those seeking emergency assistance to help meet essential needs related to the coronavirus.

In a typical year, we award grants in May and December. This letter is intended to address the status of the May grant applicants. We very much appreciate the many grant applications we received before the March deadline. However, the Community Foundation has determined that it is necessary to now assess all grant applications in light of the hardships now facing our Island. We are concerned about not only those who are physically affected by this serious illness, but also those who are being adversely impacted by the Governor's Executive Order suspending all activities except those that are necessary to sustain and protect life.

We are asking our spring grant applicants to communicate with us in the upcoming week. If any grant applicant wishes to withdraw or postpone its application, we would ask that you please notify Stephanie McGreevy at [smcgreevy@micf.org](mailto:smcgreevy@micf.org) by April 8<sup>th</sup>. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you wish your grant application be considered in the Foundation's normal process.

Also, be assured the Community Foundation is prepared to help assist those facing challenges meeting "essential needs" at this time. For this reason, we are planning to make grant funds immediately available from our "Island Community Needs Fund." We encourage those organizations and individuals who are seeking to meet "essential needs" as a result of COVID-19 to also contact Stephanie McGreevy at [smcgreevy@micf.org](mailto:smcgreevy@micf.org). We also encourage those with donor-advised funds to consider making a gift to the "Island Community Needs Fund" to help during this challenging time.

As we learn more about this illness and its effects on our Island Community, we will keep you advised.

James J. Murray, Chair

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