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# Press Release

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**SUBJECT:** Fall 2020 Grant Awards

Mackinac Island Community Foundation trustees and staff are pleased to announce recent grant decisions totaling **\$37,449** supporting projects and programs on Mackinac Island.

“It is a joy to announce the fall grant awards,” says MICF Executive Director, Stephanie McGreevy, “Our community continues to promote the well-being of Island residents and visitors through first responder training, arts education, meals to our seniors and so, so much more. We are also excited to introduce the Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch to our grantees.”

The foundation’s Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was instrumental in funding multiple grants this cycle, citing areas outlined in MICF’s most recent Youth Needs Assessment as important funding priorities.

“The Youth Needs Assessment provides goals for us to work towards, including creating healthy outlets to relieve anxiety for students, with the introduction of Yoga in the Classroom,” says Mrs. McGreevy.

Below is a brief summary of each award.

**Mackinac Arts Council | \$9,800**

Support for Youth Creative Visual Arts Project, a 7-week youth program in collaboration with Mackinac Island Public School and Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

**Mackinac Island Public School | \$4,000**

Support for the MIPS FIRST Robotics Team to assist the costs for the team and their two 2021 competitions

**Mackinac Island Public School | \$1,638**

Support for Yoga in the Classroom pilot program to support purchase of yoga equipment for MIPS students.

**Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch | \$6,000**

Support for the Mackinac Island Hawk Count, which will count the number of birds of prey on the Island and compile information to educate and inform the scientific community as well as land and business owners in the region.

**Cheboygan Life Support/Mackinac EMS | \$4,104**

Support for EMS equipment upgrades for the EMS first responder education on the Island.

**Mackinac Island Medical Center | \$885**

Support to provide biohazard certification training for Medical Center staff.

**McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation | \$1,500**

Support for the McLaren Patient Assistance program, which serves Mackinac Island residents.

**Ste. Anne's Catholic Church | \$1,000**

Support for the Meals on Snowmobiles program, which allows the church to provide two healthy meals to homebound residents twice a week in the winter months.

**Wawashkamo Golf Club | \$1,800**

Support to replace six wood historical information signs posted throughout the golf course.

**City of Mackinac Island Recreation Department | \$1,995**

Support for various winter programs, including Ice Hockey, Art Classes, and Bullet Journaling Classes.

**City of Mackinac Island Recreation Department | \$723**

Support to replace the PVC mini soccer goals at Great Turtle Park, which are used by both adult and youth leagues during the summer.

**City of Mackinac Island Recreation Department | \$4,004**

Support to replace the drinking fountain at Great Turtle Park.

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*Mackinac Island Community Foundation, based on Mackinac Island, is committed to making a difference in the lives of individuals, families and organizations on Mackinac Island. Grants are provided to non-profit organizations primarily on Mackinac Island and Mackinac County for projects to enhance child development, protect natural resources, promote the arts, and build community on Mackinac Island. We invite you to learn more about the Foundation and its history by visiting our website [www.micf.org](http://www.micf.org).*