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Press Release

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SUBJECT: Spring 2021 Grant Awards

Mackinac Island Community Foundation trustees and staff are pleased to announce recent grant decisions totaling **\$128,270** supporting projects and programs on Mackinac Island.

“We are pleased to see so many organizations working in so many ways to better our community, whether it be capacity building for substance abuse programming, multiple preservation projects, or environmental education. We are proud to support these organizations and the work that they provide to Mackinac Island,” says MICF Executive Director, Mrs. Stephanie McGreevy.

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.

A full listing of funding for each program may be found at www.micf.org/recent-grants.htm. Below is a brief summary of each award.

Mackinac Arts Council | \$9,000

Support for the Mackinac Arts Council’s 2021 Summer Season Performing Arts Programming, including artist fees and a portable platform to host several outdoor performances at the Inn at Stonecliffe.

Mackinac Arts Council | \$7,750

Support for a preliminary program evaluation design process to analyze Arts Council programming and to research need & creative opportunities for the Mackinac Island seasonal workforce.

Mackinac Island Public School | \$5,000

Support for a Classroom Makeover at MIPS to create a flexible, supportive learning space at to allow for a variety of learning activities serving each student’s unique needs.

FLOW For the Love of Water | \$3,000

Support a community presentation via online meeting to update Mackinac Island leaders, residents, businesses, organizations, media, and others in understanding the law and status of legal challenges to the Line 5 Pipeline.

Chippewa Health Access Coalition | \$700

Support for a healthcare enrollment event on Mackinac Island, which will assist residents with understanding their healthcare options.

Great Lakes Recovery Centers | \$10,000

Support for Rebuilding HOPE: GLRC's recovery housing expansion project which will increase capacity for its men's residential substance abuse treatment center and create additional essential services for the region.

Mackinac Marine Rescue | \$30,000

Support for the MMR Repower and Upgrade project to extend the life of the Marine Rescue vessel with new motors and update the electronics to modern equipment with increased functionality.

Mackinac Horsemen's Association | \$6,000

Support for the Mackinac Horsemen's Association's operation of the Community Equestrian Center for the 2021 Season.

Mackinac Horsemen's Association | \$6,500

Support for the Mackinac Community Equestrian Center's riding lesson program for youth in summer 2021.

Mackinac Horsemen's Association | \$5,641

Support to purchase an Upper Level Jumping Horse to help students advance their horsemanship skills.

Little Stone Church | \$22,569

Support for Phase II of Little Stone Church's Building Restoration project.

Mackinac State Historic Parks | \$1,906

Support for Mackinac State Historic Park's project to replace the lamp globes on all of the street lights around Marquette Park and Fort St with historically accurate globes.

Trinity Episcopal Church | \$10,000

Support to replace the wooden front entrance steps, landing and railings at Trinity Church.

City of Mackinac Island Recreation Department | \$4,312

Support to purchase additional park benches, a bike repair station and lumber for additional bike racks at Great Turtle Park.

City of Mackinac Island Recreation Department | \$190

Support for an obedience Training Program for young dogs.

City of Mackinac Island Recreation Department | \$3,238

Support for Summer Sports Camps including youth basketball, middle/high school basketball, and Sporties for Shorties.

City of Mackinac Island Recreation Department | \$1,964

Support for Summer Exercise Programming, including Barre and Meditation classes.

Wawashkamo Golf Club | \$500

Support for the Wawashkamo Youth Golf Camp.

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.