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Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan Awards 31 New Grants Totaling \$44,857

ALPENA—The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) recently awarded a new round of community grants covering a four-county area that includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties. The Board of Trustees recently approved 31 new grants totaling \$44,857 during its March quarterly meeting.

This round of grant applications was due on Feb. 1, 2015 and was a very competitive cycle. “While we strive to increase the grant dollars available each year to serve the growing needs of our local communities, it continues to be a challenge to do so. For this most recent cycle, we had a two-to-one request for every dollar available,” said CFNEM Executive Director Barbara Frantz.

“One of the funding needs that seems to be growing across the four-county area we serve, as well as for the five counties our regional affiliate foundations serve, is the request to help stock student back packs, food pantries and clothing closets for school-age youth and families,” added Frantz. “We have always had these requests during the winter holiday season,” said Frantz, “but now we are receiving requests to support food distribution programs all year round.”

The next deadline for grant applications is August 1, 2015. Grant application forms and criteria are available at www.cfnem.org. Please note that CFNEM has recently changed the name of its “Common Grants” to “Community Impact Grants” to better reflect their purpose.

A summary of all grants awarded in this grant cycle follows:

- \$1,000 to the **Michigan Master Gardener Association/Alcona Master Gardener** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Alcona People’s Garden.
- \$1,040 to the **Alcona County Baby Pantry** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Safe Cribs for Babies of Alcona County project.
- \$3,000 to the **Alcona County Commission on Aging** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Meals on Wheels Mobile Unit.
- \$500 to the **Alcona County Board of Commissioners** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Quilt Trail project.
- \$3,000 to the **Atlanta Church of Christ/The Caring Place** from the Community Endowment Fund for Food Purchases.

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- \$1,500 to **Avery Township** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Day-Use Park project.
- \$1,000 to the **AuSable Free Clinic, Inc.** from the Community Endowment Fund for produce vouchers for Montmorency County.
- \$336 to **St. Ignatius School** from the Ann M. Kuntz Fund for novels for the literature class.
- \$400 to **St. Ignatius School** from the Ann M. Kuntz Fund for an overnight field trip to Colonial Fort Michilimackinac.
- \$2,000 to **Cheboygan, Otsego, Presque Isle ESD (COP/ESD)** from the Ann M. Kuntz Fund for Presque Isle Great Start Preschool Scholarships.
- \$2,000 to **Purple Martin Nature Center and Lakeside Inn** from the Ann M. Kuntz Fund for the Purple Martin Mania event.
- \$1,220 to the **Presque Isle County Fair Association** from the Presque Isle General Endowment Fund for the 40x30 Pavilion.
- \$3,000 to the **Westminster Presbyterian Church** from the Huron Shores Health Fund for the Presque Isle County Food Project.
- \$1,000 to the **Presque Isle County Historical Museum** from the United Communities of Presque Isle Fund for the Bradley House Kitchen Restoration.
- \$1,986 to the **Eastern National Forest Interpretive Association** from the Community Endowment Fund (\$274) and the Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Eustis Memorial Fund (\$1,712) for Sprinkler Lake Day Camp.
- \$1,500 to the **Thunder Bay Folk Society, Inc.** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Thunder Bay Folk Festival.
- \$1,500 to **Thunder Bay Arts Council** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Lake Huron Discovery Tour project.
- \$1,000 to **Art in the Loft/Northeast Michigan Center for Fine Arts** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Young Artist Exhibit.
- \$2,000 to **Thunder Bay Theatre, Inc.** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Dance–Summer 2015 project.
- \$2,000 to the **Alpena Fire Department** from the Community Endowment Fund for the 140th Annual Michigan Fireman’s Conference in Alpena.
- \$1,500 to the **Township of Alpena/Taking Pride in Alpena** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Taking Pride in Alpena 2015 project.
- \$500 to **Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary** from the Community Endowment Fund for “Place-Based Education in NE Michigan Showcase.”
- \$1,500 to the **City of Alpena/Alpena Mixed Beach Volleyball League** from the Community Endowment Fund for Mich-E-Ke-Wis Beach Volleyball Court landscaping and berm restoration.
- \$2,500 to **Immanuel Lutheran Church/Besser Male Chorus** from the Community Endowment Fund for the 2015 Concert Series.

- \$500 to the **Boys and Girls Club of Alpena** from the Community Endowment Fund for the “Healthy Futures Start Here” program.
- \$1,500 to **Northeast Michigan Rehabilitation Opportunity Center (NEMROC)** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Employee Special Needs Fund.
- \$375 to **Friends Together** from the Community Endowment Fund for men’s health awareness.
- \$1,000 to **United Way of NE MI** from the Community Endowment Fund for the School Clothes Initiative.
- \$500 to the **Northeast Michigan Community Partnership** from the Community Endowment Fund for Alcona CAN/PAC Family Fun Night.
- \$1,500 to the **Alzheimer’s Association – Greater Michigan Chapter** from the Community Endowment Fund for the Northern Michigan Expanded Education Initiative.
- \$2,500 to the **Boys and Girls Club of Alpena** from the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the S.M.A.R.T. Moves program.

Following is a breakdown of individual funds managed by CFNEM that contributed to this round of grant awards.

Community Endowment Fund*	\$ 30,689.00
Mr. & Mrs. O.B. Eustis Memorial Fund	1,712.00
Huron Shores Health Fund	3,000.00
Ann M. Kuntz Fund	4,736.00
Presque Isle General Endowment Fund	1,220.00
Tobacco Settlement Spendable Fund	2,500.00
United Communities of Presque Isle County Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total grants approved	\$ 44,857.00

* For granting purposes, the Community Endowment Fund consists of the General Endowment Fund, Genite Family Fund, Chuck and Kathy Ingle Fund, Lappan Fund, Neva Nelson Memorial Fund, Panel Processing Fund, Reitz Family Fund, Stevens Fund, Weinkauff Fund, and the Wilson Family Fund.

To learn more about CFNEM, visit www.cfnem.org or contact Executive Director Barbara Frantz at 989-354-6881, toll-free: 877-354-6881, or by email: bfrantz@cfnem.org. The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan is a nonprofit charitable organization committed to providing people who care about the future of our area with unique and effective ways of supporting their community now, and for generations to come.

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