



Community Enhancement Grants Awarded in 2014

Community Enhancement Grants fund initiatives for the arts, education, health, human services, and resource preservation—enhancing every area of life for people of all ages throughout Marathon County. The following grants totaling more than \$345,000 were awarded in 2014:

WAUSAU·MARATHON COUNTY FUND

Beyond Pencils and Crayons Grants: \$16,272

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Reward exceptional teachers for innovative curriculum enhancements that benefit thousands of K-12 students throughout Marathon County

Central Wisconsin Literacy Council: \$500

DynEd software to enhance adult literacy skills

Central Wisconsin Offroad Cycling Coalition: \$13,500

Rental of a skid steer and the purchase of a trailer for storage and transportation of equipment to help with trail development

Children's Museum of Marathon County: \$25,000

Capital campaign to create an innovative museum for interactive play and learning

Colossal Fossils: \$11,500

A Wisconsin Ice Age Hebior Mammoth skull for the traveling educational exhibit

Community Arts Grants: \$12,500

Support for various visual and performing arts programs throughout Marathon County

The Connections Place: \$10,000

Support for a study to research the feasibility of establishing a center for active seniors

The Donors Forum of Wisconsin: \$500

Sponsorship of "Assessing Your Grantees' Financial Health," a workshop for local funding organizations

Edgar Summer Baseball Fund: \$5,000

Development of a youth softball/baseball field in the Village of Edgar

Hmong American Center: \$10,000

Placement of a monument honoring Hmong veterans from Marathon County who fought in the Vietnam War

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum: \$2,500

iPads to enhance docent-led tours of the Museum

Marathon Elementary School: \$2,500

Construction of a new school playground for use by the entire community of Marathon

Robert W. Monk Gardens: \$20,000

A kitchen garden project, including a sheltered gathering space and public restroom facilities

Mosinee Community Athletic Association: \$5,000

The addition of restroom and concession facilities at Edgewood Park

Northcentral Technical College: \$3,000

Support for "Nonprofit Management Institute," a one year educational course for nonprofit leaders

Performing Arts Foundation: \$25,000

Installation of a video projection system in the Grand Theater

United Way of Marathon County: \$1,500

Support of the 2015-17 LIFE in Wausau and Marathon County Report

University of Wisconsin Marathon County: \$15,000

Capital project for updating the aesthetics, acoustics, and technology of the University's music rehearsal room

Village of Elderon: \$3,500

Enhancements to provide handicap-accessible pathways from the Village Hall to the outdoor shelters and restrooms at McNulty Park

Wausau Events: \$5,400

Enclosed trailer to transport supplies and signage to community events

Wausau Festival of Arts: \$2,830

Placement of a sculpture in downtown Wausau to commemorate the Festival's 50th anniversary

NILS FOLKE JR. & JEAN B. BECKER LEGACY FUND

Robert W. Monk Gardens: \$20,000

A kitchen garden project, including a sheltered gathering space and public restroom facilities

Stable Hands, Inc. Equine Therapy Center: \$6,000

Indoor riding arena enhancements to allow year-round therapeutic programming

YWCA Wausau: \$15,000

Expansion of the child development center to meet increased needs

GEORGE L. GEISLER TRUST FUND

Boys & Girls Club of the Wausau Area: \$4,400

Renovations and upgrades to the Club's skateboard park

CAROLINE S. MARK LEGACY FUND

Achieve Center: \$9,638

Neuropsychological assessment tests and protocol scoring software updates

American Red Cross North Central Chapter: \$7,500

Equipping a sprinter vehicle to transport equipment to mobile blood-drive sites and blood collections to laboratory testing sites

Blessings in a Backpack: \$5,000

Supplies to store, pack, and deliver food packs to children in the Wausau and D.C. Everest School Districts who would otherwise go without meals on weekends

Center for the Visual Arts: \$5,500

Kiln upgrades for the Center's well-attended pottery programs

Friends of Rib Mountain State Park: \$15,000

Construction of an enclosed park shelter for social and educational events

Michael's Place: \$1,045

Collection of kitchen items to be used in the food education and preparation center

myTeam Triumph: \$6,000

Equipment to enable special-needs children and adults to participate in high endurance races

Peaceful Solutions: \$3,500

Mental health, domestic violence, and alcohol and other drugs treatment center capital improvements

ORVILLE & GERALDINE PETERSON FAMILY TRUST FUND

Madison Community Foundation: \$3,000

Annual fund allocation to support community programs in Oregon, Wisconsin

Peaceful Solutions: \$3,500

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MARVIN & RUTH (Rudie) SCHUETTE FUND

Children's Museum of Marathon County: \$25,000

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Community Corner Clubhouse: \$15,000

Relocation of this community-based program that supports adults with mental illness

North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association: \$4,000

Development of two garden areas near Rib Mountain State Park's entrance center

CLARION G. & IRENE B. STERNBERG FUND

Boys & Girls Club of the Wausau Area: \$5,600

Renovations and upgrades to the Club's skateboard park



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