



Community Enhancement Grants Awarded in 2016

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 nearly \$400,000 were awarded in 2016:

WAUSAU· MARATHON COUNTY FUND

Alexander Airport Park Fund: \$12,500

Neighborhood initiative to refurbish Alexander Park into an airport-themed playground

Alzheimer's Association Wausau Outreach: \$3,000

Awareness program conducted through the participation of local hair salons

Big Brothers Big Sisters: \$4,955

Technology enhancements to increase program efficiency

Central Wisconsin Off Road Cycling Coalition: \$8,075

Acquisition of a mini-excavator for developing and maintaining local mountain-bike trail systems

Community Arts Grant Fund: \$12,500

Support for visual and performing arts programs throughout Marathon County

Habitat for Humanity: \$25,000

Building acquisition for the organization's Recycled Building Materials program

JoJo's Jungle Fund: \$25,000

Capital campaign to support a playground for children of all physical abilities

Lutheran Social Services: \$2,600

Startup materials for the "Summer Experience" program for at-risk youth

Marathon County Conservation, Planning & Zoning

Commission: \$5,000

Bike fixation stations

Marathon County Historical Society: \$3,800

Digitization workstation for preserving historical documents and stories

Marathon County Sheriff's Department: \$7,500

Crisis Intervention Team training

Marathon School District: \$4,000

Equipment and supplies to begin a weekend food distribution program for students in need

The Sports Authority: \$25,000

Directional signage for the inaugural International Wisconsin Ginseng festival

Village of Edgar: \$4,950

Minnow Ponds Park and Beach enhancements

Village of Kronenwetter: \$25,000

Development of a pedestrian/bike trail along Old Highway 51

Wausau Events: \$1,952

Automated external defibrillator for use at community events in case of emergency

Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy: \$8,000

Support for "Toward One Wausau," a study on the ethnic diversity of the Wausau area to facilitate community dialogue

Woodson YMCA: \$13,000

Acquisition of exercise equipment designed for seniors and individuals with physical impairments

YWCA of Wausau: \$9,580

Passenger bus for before- and after-school care program

NILS FOLKE JR. & JEAN B. BECKER LEGACY FUND

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GEORGE L. GEISLER TRUST FUND

Positive Alternatives: \$4,100

Group home for at-risk youth in Marathon County

CAROLINE S. MARK LEGACY FUND

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes: \$1,100

Bicycles, helmets, and safety equipment for use at Camp Birch Trails

Marathon County Historical Society: \$7,000

Preservation of Marathon County's family farm history

Positive Alternatives: \$15,900

Youth group home operated by Marathon County Human Services

The Salvation Army: \$25,000

Passenger van replacement

ORVILLE & GERALDINE PETERSON FAMILY TRUST FUND

Raptor Education Group: \$2,906

Educational signage for the waterfowl area

Madison Community Foundation: \$2,900

Annual fund allocation to support community programs in Oregon, Wisconsin

MARVIN & RUTH (RUDIE) SCHUETTE FUND

Center for the Visual Arts: \$25,000

Renovations to the pottery studio

Wausau River District: \$12,950

Temporary stage at Library Park Plaza to provide an additional public entertainment venue

YWCA of Wausau: \$10,000

Childcare playground upgrades

CLARION G. & IRENE B. STERNBERG FUND

Wausau Events: \$3,000

Acquisition of a trailer to store equipment and supplies for the annual ChalkFest event

Wausau Community Theatre: \$2,200

Purchase of a panel saw for set construction



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