

PASSION

& Purpose

LOCAL IMPACT

Community Funds have granted a combined **\$1,658,985** in funding to support their communities.

GREATER FLINT IS IN OUR NAME HISTORY OF CFGF COMMUNITY FUNDS

Five local communities have established endowed community funds at the Community Foundation of Greater Flint in the past 33 years. Each fund begins on its own terms, in its own way, by its own local people who care deeply about their community. Donors give to the fund. The endowments grow. Local leaders with community knowledge are recruited to advise grants. The grantmaking impact grows.

That is the story in Clio, Davison, Fenton, Flushing, and Grand Blanc. Local volunteer committees meet throughout the year to discuss funding opportunities to benefit their community. Members of the Community Foundation's Board of Trustees serve as committee members as well. Trustees and volunteers use their expertise and community knowledge to advise all local grants. This is hometown philanthropy.

The **Grand Blanc Community Fund** was established in 1989 with \$343,343 in assets from the former Grand Blanc Community Foundation. Ezra Perry led an effort in 1968 to create a permanent endowment for the community and would be pleased that the Grand Blanc Community Fund

has remained solidly focused on its mission to "enhance the well-being and well-doing" of the citizens living there.

In 1991, the **Clio Area Community Fund** was established under the leadership of Alice Boyse, John Engelhart, and Otis Stout. Miss Boyse was the first woman mayor of Clio and also served as a Community Foundation trustee from 1994-1995. Together, Alice, John, and Otis conducted a fundraising drive that netted over \$5,000 to establish the Clio Area Community Fund.

In 1991, the **Fenton Community Fund** was established under the leadership of Jack Winegarden. Well-known for his folksy and unabashed style in connecting with donors, Winegarden also served as a Community Foundation trustee from 1992-1999.

In 1997, the **Flushing Area Community Fund** was established under the leadership of Tim Purman and his fellow Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Flushing. A fundraising campaign was held to create a permanent endowment that would benefit the Flushing area. The campaign raised the seed money to establish the Flushing Area Community Fund.

In 2004, three community leaders were the driving force behind the establishment of the **Davison Community Fund**: Tim Elkins, Robert Callis, and Pete Auger. Recognizing the need to develop a permanent endowment to benefit the Davison area, they asked others to join the advisory committee and raised seed money to help establish the Fund.

The local impact of these funds continues to be expanded through community donations and new associated funds which increases the amount of money available to community projects. The growth of these charitable funds strengthens philanthropic giving, preserves family legacies, and fulfills the Community Foundation's mission to serve all of Genesee County. Thank you for your generosity.



Chris Graff, CFGF Trustee and Davison CF Committee Member, loves to prank. He is pictured here on the Low Ropes Course at Davison's Robert Williams Nature and Historical Learning Center.

Clio Area Community Fund

2022 GRANTEE: YOUTH HEALTH AND FITNESS FUND OF THE CLIO AREA

A \$2,000 grant was advised to the Youth Health and Fitness Fund to implement a series of three 5K Walk/Run races from May to October promoting healthy living. Proceeds support the implementation of healthy projects by partner organizations.

The Youth Health and Fitness Fund formed in 2017 as a charity serving children and families in the area; and as a coordinating organization for several nonprofit organizations whose mission supports youth and families. The organization is dedicated to increasing health outcomes for local children by organizing life-long physical activities, health education, and healthy meals and snacks.



Area partners include the Clio Youth Sports Complex, the Clio High School Cross Country Team, the Compassionate Life Foundation, the Freedom 4 Veterans Charity, and the Clio Fire Department, Inc.

2022 Grantmaking Activity

GRANTEE / PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Vienna Township Business Development Authority Adaptative Playground at Jennings Rd. Park	\$ 3,500
Youth Health and Fitness Fund 2022 Clio Area 5K Races	\$ 2,000
Clio Area Human Services Fund General Operating Support	\$ 2,500
Clio Area Chamber of Commerce New Electronic Sign in Downtown Clio	\$ 1,812
Clio Center for the Arts Sewing Machines and Supplies	\$ 1,270
Clio Fire Authority AED Heart Starter	\$ 1,600
Clio Area Schools Senior High School Trip	\$ 1,000
TOTAL	\$ 13,682

ASSOCIATED FUNDS

The following funds were established as a legacy to individuals and organizations who have made a significant impact in the community:

- Alice L. Boyse Community Fund
- Clio Area Youth Initiative Program Fund
- Katherine A. Jones Fund
- Donald E. and Judy M. Lee Fund
- G. Jim and Marlene Wilson Family Fund
- Alice L. Boyse Scholarship Fund
- Clio Area Education Fund
- Clio Area Historical Association Fund of John and Clarice Engelhart
- Clio Veterans Memorial Park Endowment Fund
- Latture Family Fund

GIVING BACK

The Clio Area Community Fund considers all grant applications that have proposed benefit on residents and seek to improve quality of life in the City of Clio, Thetford Township, and Vienna Township.

Grantmaking
1991-2022
\$170,526
87 Total Grants



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Community Fund today!
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Davison Community Fund

2022 GRANTEE: DAVISON TOWNSHIP

A \$3,000 grant from the Davison Community Fund was made to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities at the Robert Williams Nature and Historical Learning Center. The addition of a new low ropes course aids in youth development, community building activities, health, wellness, and outdoor recreation. The course provides opportunities for team-building programs with a focus on adolescent youth and will be available for school field trips, after school clubs, parks programming, special events, and private rentals. Guided team-building experiences for local organizations, businesses, and community members are also offered. The course is located within a public park and is available for use by residents and non-residents.



2022 Grantmaking Activity

GRANTEE / PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Davison Township Low Ropes Course at Williams Nature and Historical Learning Center	\$ 3,000
St. John the Evangelist Parish Food Pantry	\$ 436
Outreach East General Operations	\$ 2,000
City of Davison Bike Repair Station	\$ 2,000
Davison Community Schools Salmon in the Classroom Project at Davison High School	\$ 2,000
TOTAL	\$ 9,436

ASSOCIATED FUNDS

The following funds were established as a legacy to individuals and organizations who have made a significant impact in the community:

- Graff Family Foundation Fund
- Justin M. Jury Fund
- Hunter Miller Memorial Fund
- Jim and Lynn Peters Fund for the Davison Community
- Sherri E. Stephens Fund
- Rev. P.T. Wachterhauser and Beth Bravender Fund
- Jack Abernathy Regional Park Fund

GIVING BACK

The Davison Fund will consider applications that focus on improving quality of life for residents in the Davison area (City of Davison, Davison Township, and Richfield Township); and/or on the strategic priorities of youth, literacy, basic needs (food, clothing, and shelter); and mental health.

Grantmaking
2009-2022
\$64,920
46 Total Grants



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Community Fund today!
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Fenton Community Fund

2022 GRANTEE: FENTON CENTER OF HOPE

The Fenton Center of Hope was founded as a food pantry and baby closet as part of Freedom Center Church. After 13 years of operating at the Church, the Center became a public charity to address the generations of residents living in hopeless situations. Their mission is to help local low-income residents in crisis situations towards successful resolutions to their immediate needs.

A \$7,000 grant supports the Center's emergency housing project. The purpose is to provide much needed safe, short-term housing for women with children, to enable them to regain momentum towards a level of sustainability and success. In 2021, the organization moved to an 11-acre property located in front of Camp Copneconic in Fenton. With four buildings, the Center can expand services into emergency housing and additional community educational services.



CENTER OF
HOPE

2022 Grantmaking Activity

GRANTEE / PURPOSE	AMOUNT
City of Fenton Silver Lake Corridor – LAFF Pathway Phase II	\$ 6,250
Wishing Well Theatre Shakespeare in the Park	\$ 5,000
Clara's Hope Expansion of Staff and Program Space	\$ 7,000
Fenton Center of Hope Pantry Support and New Location Renovations	\$ 7,000
Fenton Chamber of Commerce Freedom Festival Fireworks Sponsorship	\$ 1,000
Tyrone Township Historical Society Town House Project	\$ 7,000
Pioneer Memorial Association Podunk House Museum Storage	\$ 3,300
TOTAL	\$ 36,550

ASSOCIATED FUNDS

The following funds were established as a legacy to individuals and organizations who have made a significant impact in the community:

- Franklin D. Adams Fund
- Richard A. Beardsley Memorial Fund
- William and Alberta Close Memorial Fund
- Florence Michelson Fund
- South Lakes Youth Initiative Program Fund
- Kim and Ginger Virkler Community Trails Fund
- Fenton Community Cultural Center Fund
- Fenton Historical Society Endowment Fund
- Lake Fenton Community Schools Foundation Fund
- Loose Senior Center Endowment Fund
- Winegarden Family Endowment Fund
- William and Alberta Close Endowment Fund for the Loose Senior Center
- Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation Fund
- Jason E. King Thinking of Others First Fund
- James T. Botticelli Scholarship Fund
- Fenton High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
- Horace W. Hitchcock Memorial Fund
- Popa Family Endowment Fund

GIVING BACK

The Fenton Community Fund will consider applications that impact residents of Fenton, Lake Fenton, and Linden School Districts. Priority to projects that provide opportunities for children and families, especially recreational or arts & cultural activities and programs that enhance the natural environment including trails.

Grantmaking
1991-2022
\$450,873
87 Total Grants



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Flushing Area Community Fund

2022 GRANTEE: FLUSHING SENIOR CENTER

Flushing Senior Citizens Inc. was formed in 1977 to provide a wide array of programming and educational opportunities for seniors 50 and over. The Senior Center provides area seniors with information regarding direct access to services. They help keep seniors healthy and living out their lifetime within the comfort of their own home for as long as possible. The Center also provides information for seniors to find assisted living when that time comes.



A \$2,031 grant supported new furniture in the Center's conference room, a gathering space for local groups. During the pandemic, there was an uptick in participation with grief and Alzheimer support groups using the Senior Center as a meeting space. As a result, the Center used the grant award to replace its existing furniture with a proper conference table and matching chairs.

GIVING BACK
 The Flushing Area Community Fund will consider applications that have broad impact on residents of the Flushing Community Schools District and help to improve quality of life in the Flushing area.

2022 Grantmaking Activity

GRANTEE / PURPOSE	AMOUNT
City of Flushing AEDs for Police Department	\$ 3,000
Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation AEDs for Community Events	\$ 1,500
Flushing Area Senior Center FASC Conference Room Upgrades	\$ 2,031
Flushing Chamber of Commerce Flushing Concerts in the Park Sponsorship	\$ 593
Flushing Community Schools Free and Reduced Lunch Program Support	\$ 1,349
Flushing Community Schools Teacher Classroom Support	\$ 1,000
TOTAL	\$ 9,473

ASSOCIATED FUNDS

The following funds were established as a legacy to individuals and organizations who have made a significant impact in the community:

- Don Rock Fund
- Raymond J. Kelly, III and Kathleen B. Kelly Fund
- Flushing Urgent Relief Fund
- Shirley R. Hartkopf Fund
- Joe Daily Fund
- Flushing Christian Outreach Center Fund
- Flushing Historical Society Endowment Fund
- Mary J. Turcke Endowment Fund for the Flushing Area Historical Society
- Cornwell Park Fund
- Moms Who Care of Flushing High School Endowment Fund
- Rotary Club of Flushing Fund
- Edgar L. Cornwell Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Flushing High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
- Roberta Reed McWilliams Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Rotary Club of Flushing Scholarship Fund

Grantmaking
2008-2022
\$66,862
49 Total Grants



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Grand Blanc Community Fund

2022 GRANTEE: CITY OF GRAND BLANC

Rust Park is one of three parks owned and maintained by the city of Grand Blanc. Located at the end of Rust Park Drive, it was deeded to the City of Grand Blanc on December 15, 1939, by E. Sumner and Mary Rust. Equipped with a pavilion, picnic tables, electricity and grills, permanent restroom facilities, a fenced play structure, tennis and basketball courts, and a baseball diamond, Rust Park offers something for everyone.

A \$6,760 grant supports the Lt. William H. Rust Park Honor project, a City of Grand Blanc initiative to honor veterans of all Armed Forces.

Funding was used to install four park benches, two picnic tables, and one Veterans Memorial granite bench in the natural spaces of the park. The goal is to improve visitor experiences and accommodate those with mobility challenges. More improvements are planned for this part of the Park, which is now considered the Veterans Memorial area of Rust Park.



ASSOCIATED FUNDS

The following funds were established as a legacy to individuals and organizations who have made a significant impact in the community:

- Helen Dennis Family Fund
- Dr. Leonard and Mary Jane Dunworth Fund
- Grand Blanc Youth Initiative Program Fund
- Kay L. O'Malia Fund
- Grand Blanc Educational Foundation Fund for the Grand Blanc Community Schools
- Gupta Family Education Fund
- Gupta Family Fund for Fish, Inc. of Grand Blanc
- Eldon L. Auker Scholarship Fund
- Grand Blanc Rotary Scholarship Fund

GIVING BACK

The Grand Blanc Community Fund prioritizes funding in the following areas: basic needs of food, clothing, shelter; opportunities for youth to include college age youth, that are structured and unstructured; recreational opportunities especially outdoor resources; health including access to healthy food, good nutrition, and health resources; literacy; and senior living.

2022 Grantmaking Activity

GRANTEE / PURPOSE	AMOUNT
City of Grand Blanc McFarlan Library Capstone Project – ADA Improvements	\$ 5,000
Grand Blanc Township Trail Signage at Creasey Bicentennial and Perry/McGrath Parks	\$ 4,500
Project Syncere Stemnetics Programming at Mason Elementary	\$ 5,000
Old Newsboys Shoe/Boot Program for Grand Blanc Youth	\$ 1,000
Grand Blanc Heritage Association Museum Showcase Updates	\$ 10,000
City of Grand Blanc Fire Department Equipment	\$ 5,500
Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce Winterfest Sponsorship	\$ 1,000
FISH, Inc. of Grand Blanc General Operating Support	\$ 6,565
TOTAL	\$ 38,565

Grantmaking
1989-2022

\$905,804

203 Total Grants



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COMMUNITY FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Local volunteers lead the grantmaking of CFGF's five community funds by providing their own expertise and knowledge of community needs. Working with Community Foundation professional staff, these leaders have the administrative support, due diligence, and stewardship to create meaningful impact. When you make a gift to a Community Fund, your dollars stay local and support programs and services that you see every day. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of connecting your generosity to community needs.

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GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

The heart of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint beats with the people and trusted relationships we share together. Your gifts enable us to invest in much needed programs and services provided by local organizations.

Community funds in Clio, Davison, Fenton, Flushing, and Grand Blanc have made grants for purposeful and necessary work in 2022, meeting critical community needs. This was accomplished through your memorial gifts and gifts to endowment. Thank you for giving and confidence in our stewardship of your resources.

2023 Grant Proposals

The community funds are seeking grant proposals for 2023. Funding is available for programs and services that benefit residents within the geographic boundaries of the fund. Nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations, local government, churches, and schools are eligible to apply. The next grant application deadline is March 1, 2023. For more information contact Jennifer Farrington, Senior Program Officer, at jfarrington@cfgf.org, or call 810-767-3508 for more information.

