



**The Lowell Area Community Fund was established in 1997 by longtime resident Harold Englehardt. The purpose of the Community Fund is to seek community cooperation and participation to create a healthy and dynamic community. To achieve this, the Community Fund provides grants in seven critical areas including: arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health, human services and recreation.**



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT, Year Ended June 30, 2008**

<b>REVENUES</b>	
Investment Earnings	\$ (480,410)
Contributions	\$ 2,100
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ (478,310)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 747,033
Investment Manager Fees	\$ 84,430
Support Services	\$ 78,763
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 910,226</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$ (1,388,536)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 17,386,182
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 15,997,646</b>

**Community Fund Advisory Committee**

- John Darling, representing the Englehardt family
- Betsy Davidson, representing Vergennes Township
- Sandy Graham, representing Lowell Township
- Tricia Murphy-Alderman, Principal, Lowell High School
- David Organek, Huntington Bank
- David Pasquale, Lowell City Manager
- Gregory Pratt, Superintendent, Lowell Area Schools



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**Lowell Area Community Fund Grants July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**

Program Name	Description	Organization	Grant Amount
LACF Committee Member Service Recognition	To honor Kurt Lardie's service on the Lowell Area Community Fund Advisory Committee.	Alpha Women's Center of Lowell	\$1,000
Downtown Lowell Historic District	To preserve historic buildings in downtown Lowell.	City of Lowell	\$50,000
City Trees Program	To provide trees throughout the City of Lowell in both public and private areas.	City of Lowell	\$25,000
Lighting and Electrical Upgrade	To improve visibility level and electric connections for people using the Lowell/Englehardt Library.	City of Lowell	\$1,977
Expo Drawing Grant—Skate Park	Selected in a drawing at the Lowell Community Expo.	First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Lowell	\$100
Strategic Planning and Development	To set goals, set a strategic plan, identify future needs and resource those needs.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$5,000
Expo Drawing Grant	Selected in a drawing at the Lowell Community Expo.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$200
Organization Development	To complete an organizational assessment and retain consultant for organizational coaching services.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$12,000
Restoring the Circle Pow Wow	To provide an opportunity for Native Americans to gather together and celebrate customs and traditions and provide education to the public.	Grand Valley American Indian Lodge	\$2,500
2008 Sizzlin' Summer Concerts	To provide support funding for the 2008 Summer Concert Series.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$11,125
Kaleidoscope Publishing	To publish the Kaleidoscope brochure and community based website for the period of Winter 2007/2008.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$15,889
Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan	To provide continued match funding for implementation of the Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$30,000
Fallasburg Park Improvements	To provide general improvements to preserve the shelter house structure, improve safety and services, and promote the historic character of the area.	Kent County Parks Department	\$9,500
Fallasburg Park Property Acquisition	To acquire six acres of private land just west of the covered bridge that is currently surrounded by park property.	Kent County Parks Department	\$16,500
Staffing and Goat Barn upgrades	For continuing staffing support and also for facility upgrades to the fairgrounds.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$24,694
Enhancing Safety and Accessibility	To enhance the safety and accessibility of Kent County Fair participants, fair guests and year round users of the Fairground facilities.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$8,500
Vergennes Township Land Preservation Education	To create a new model of public and individual education for the preservation of prime farmland and open space in Vergennes Township.	Kent MSU Extension	\$19,500
Communications Tower	For the erection of a 100 foot communications tower.	Lowell Amateur Radio Club Inc. (L.A.R.C.)	\$5,500
Arts Alive Everyday in 2008	To support the Arts Council's administrative costs for calendar year 2008.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$21,700
Education and Program Director—Part-Time	To fund a part-time Education and Program Director whose primary responsibility is to maintain, develop and implement historical programs to enhance understanding of local history for the community and school children.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$15,000
Lowell Area Trailway Fundraising Assistance	To hire a fundraising professional to conduct a campaign planning project that will raise funds for local match of State and Federal grants to build phase one of the Lowell Area Trailway	Lowell Area Recreation Authority	\$20,000
Lowell Trailway Phase I	For trail construction, engineering and fundraising expenses of the first segment of trail.	Lowell Area Recreation Authority	\$150,000
Family Resource Centers	To establish a Family Resource Center at Cherry Creek Elementary to provide a single point of entry for linking families to resources appropriate for the ages of their children.	Lowell Area Schools	\$11,300
Video Broadcasting Public Channel & Internet	To purchase video and audio equipment, allowing for broadcasting of sporting and other community events.	Lowell Area Schools	\$19,175
Tots on Track for School	To help families with children prepare their preschool children to enter school healthy and ready to learn.	Lowell Area Schools	\$84,296
Shared Wireless Intercom System	To purchase a wireless intercom system to be shared between the WLHS AV Club and the Lowell Performing Arts Center (LPAC).	Lowell Area Schools	\$11,000
2007-08 Education Foundation Grant Cycle	To provide matching funds for the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation grants	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$20,000
Strategic Organizational Development	To increase community awareness, broaden donor base, and develop effective fund raising activities to enhance student learning in the Lowell Schools.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$10,000
Organizational Strength and Weakness Analysis	To determine organizational strengths and weaknesses and position the organization to sustain the ability to address the mission.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$2,000
Program and Operating Support	To promote wellness by inspiring individual responsibility through affordable and accessible wellness programs.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$16,000
Silver Ring Thing (SRT)	To bring a sexual abstinence program to the Lowell Community.	St. Mary's Church	\$3,360
Move it to Lose it—Teen Style	To educate 40 Lowell high school students through exercise and healthy eating to change their lifestyles to overcome issues of obesity.	YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	\$10,000
New Facility Feasibility Study	To conduct a feasibility study in response to the Peter Wege Foundation's interest in developing land in Lowell for a new YMCA facility.	YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	\$50,000
Scholarships	Scholarships for Lowell Area Students		\$42,000
			<b>TOTAL GRANTS \$724,816</b>