



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, 2009

REVENUES	
Investment Earnings	\$ (3,173,413)
Contributions	\$ 540
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ (3,172,873)
EXPENSES	
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 703,200
Investment Manager Fee	\$ 81,366
Support Services	\$ 60,542
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 845,107
Change in Net Assets	\$ (4,017,980)
Net Assets, Beginning of the Year	\$ 15,997,646
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 11,979,666

Community Fund Advisory Committee

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



Grand Rapids
community foundation

For good. For ever.

185 Oakes Street SW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
Tel: 616.454.1751, www.grfoundation.org/lowell

For more information, or to make a donation, please visit www.grfoundation.org/lowell

Lowell Area Community Fund Grants July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Program Name	Description	Organization	Grant Amount
Safe Routes – Gee Drive Walking Path	To assist the Safe Walks 2 School project along Gee Drive.	City of Lowell	\$72,500
City Trees Program	To provide more trees throughout the City in both public and private areas.	City of Lowell	\$5,000
Emergency Housing Needs	To address the present and growing basic needs crisis for families in Lowell.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$40,000
Agency Expansion and Building Renovation	To address expanding community service needs by accomplishing a major capital development initiative.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$150,000
Organizational Development	To continue fund development mentoring, completion of the organizational structure and fund development planning.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$10,000
2009 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts	To provide support funding for the 2009 Summer Concert Series.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$13,125
2009 Kaleidoscope	To publish the Kaleidoscope brochure and community based website.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$17,420
Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan	To provide continued match funding for implementation of the Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$20,000
Invasive Species Removal	To eradicate autumn olive from the Wege Natural Area preserve.	Land Conservancy of West Michigan	\$2,510
Arts Alive Everyday in 2009	To support new and on-going administrative costs in calendar year 2009.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$12,500
Museum Exhibit "Cobblers to Tin-Knockers"	To fund an exhibit that will foster a greater appreciation for the unique history and character of the Lowell area.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$6,825
Museum Strategic Plan 2009-2012	To facilitate a strategic planning process that will guide the Museum in its mission for the next four years.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$7,500
Video Production Webcasting	To upgrade video production equipment to produce more complex and advanced programs suitable for eventual webcasting.	Lowell Area Schools	\$44,899
Tots on Track for School	To help families prepare their preschool children to enter school healthy and ready to learn.	Lowell Area Schools	\$74,000
Robotics Education	To provide for the purchase of a FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) robotics kit and associated supplies and curriculum.	Lowell Area Schools	\$6,000
Elementary Traveling Summer Schools	To create a highly effective summer school experience for all Lowell students.	Lowell Area Schools	\$9,000
Academic Service Learning	To continue to grow the practice of high-quality academic service learning within Lowell Area Schools.	Lowell Area Schools	\$16,000
Organizational Development	To increase community awareness of the organization, improve the effectiveness of fundraising efforts, and develop a plan for long term sustainability.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$9,200
LEF 2008-2009 Grant Request	To fund grants for innovative projects that support and enhance education in the Lowell Area Schools.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$20,000
High-Speed Internet Acquisition	To collect data that will assist in preparing a business case for potential internet service providers.	Lowell Charter Township	\$10,000
Organization Growth and Community Outreach	To continue to grow and develop programs, partnerships and services that will help, support and inspire citizens to work to healthier families and lifestyles.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$16,000
Lowell Ambulance Replacement Program	To replace the ambulance stationed in the City of Lowell.	Rockford Ambulance, Inc.	\$30,000
High-Speed Internet Acquisition	To perform a survey, collect data, and create a business case for desired Internet service providers.	Vergennes Township	\$10,000
Lowell to Ionia Trailway Acquisition	To acquire a railroad corridor for trail development that will eventually link the Lowell Area Trailway with the Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail in Ionia County.	West Michigan Trails Greenways Coalition	\$75,000
Scholarships	Scholarships for Lowell Area Students		\$43,000
TOTAL GRANTS			\$720,479