



**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, 2007**

<b>REVENUES</b>	
Investment Earnings	\$ 2,627,353
Contributions	\$ 635
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 2,627,988</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Grants and Scholarships	\$ 615,442
Investment Manager Fees	\$ 53,953
Support Services	\$ 74,586
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 743,981</b>
Change in Net Assets	\$ 1,884,007
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 15,502,175
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 17,386,182</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, 2006 - June 30, 2007**

Program Name	Description	Organization	Grant Amount
Art, Culture and Drama Enrichment	To provide art, culture and drama classes to Lowell area home school students.	Christ the King School	\$1,800
Cooperative Land Use Planning	To facilitate and mediate for cooperative land use planning between local governments.	City of Lowell	\$635
Lowell Dog Park	To create a free off-leash dog park in the City of Lowell.	City of Lowell	\$5,000
Advanced Technology Upgrades: Police Dept.	To enhance services to the Lowell community and its supporting agencies.	City of Lowell	\$25,000
Richards Park Skating Rink	To provide a permanent ice rink in the winter and a hard surface for skateboarding in the summer.	City of Lowell	\$16,000
Our Love, Lowell Community Skate Park	To purchase equipment used for skateboarding and BMX biking.	First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Lowell	\$20,000
Expo Drawing Grant	Chosen by Expo attendee to receive a \$100 grant in a drawing.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$100
Housing and Related Needs Project	To provide financial housing assistance to Lowell area residents to assure warmth and housing.	Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.	\$40,000
"Restoring the Circle" Pow Wow	To fund the Pow Wow at the Lowell Fairgrounds.	Grand Valley American Indian Lodge	\$2,750
Publish Kaleidoscope Brochure	To provide one year of funding to publish the Kaleidoscope brochure and community based web site beginning with winter 2006/2007.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$18,290
Lowell Leadership	To widen, deepen and develop the leadership potential of individuals in the greater Lowell community.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$6,081
Office Support for LACC & GLCF	To provide funding for a part-time staff position.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$10,895
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
2007 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts	To provide support funding for the 2007 Summer Concert Series.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$10,000
2007 Lowell Showboat Nostalgia Night	To provide support funding for the 2007 Lowell Showboat Nostalgia Night.	Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation	\$8,250
Teen Mothers of Preschools - Lowell Area	To continue to offer a Teen Mothers of Preschoolers program for teen mothers and expectant teen mothers in the Lowell community.	Impact: A Wesleyan Church	\$3,000
Kent County Youth Fair	To provide for a staff position to increase the year-round rental use of the Fairgrounds.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$26,960
Expo Drawing Grant	Chosen by Expo attendee to receive a \$100 grant in a drawing.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$100
Kent County Youth Fair	To improve and upgrade facilities at the fairground for youth to safely display their projects.	Kent County Youth Agricultural Association	\$15,108
Capital Campaign Planning Grant	To support the Planning Phase for the Lowell Area Arts Council, Chamber of Commerce and City of Lowell capital campaign.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$28,200
Arts Alive Everyday	To support the programs and services the LAAC offers in the visual and performing arts to residents and visitors to the greater Lowell community.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$20,000
Capital Campaign Planning	To support the planning phase of the LAAC capital campaign.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$5,300
Program Support for FY 2007	To provide operating support due to loss in State funding.	Lowell Area Arts Council	\$5,000
Museum Exhibits	To fund three exhibits that will foster a greater appreciation for the unique history and character of the Lowell area.	Lowell Area Historical Museum	\$7,525
Mediatrex/Red Arrow Productions	To enable Mediatrex and Lowell High School's video production curriculum to collaborate to broadcast sports on television.	Lowell Area Schools	\$7,500
TOTS on Track for School	To ensure all children have an opportunity to begin school healthy and ready to learn.	Lowell Area Schools	\$81,827
Public Access Channel Transfer	To purchase equipment needed to transfer Lowell Cable TV public access channel 20 to Lowell High School.	Lowell Area Schools	\$5,500
Magnificent Math Mentoring Program	Service learning initiative where high school math students will provide math mentoring services to at-risk elementary math students throughout the 2006 - 07 school years.	Lowell Area Schools	\$13,000
Online Curriculum for Summer School	To provide the NovaNet Online Curriculum Program for Summer School.	Lowell Area Schools	\$32,000
Saw for Industrial Arts	To purchase a new saw for the industrial arts program to increase safety.	Lowell Area Schools	\$4,100
WLHS "Remote" Equipment	To purchase equipment that will enable WLHS to remotely broadcast a wide variety of events.	Lowell Area Schools	\$849
Wege Land Study	To conduct a facility needs assessment with conceptual design and cost estimate and overall development of a master recreational plan for the Lowell Area.	Lowell Area Schools	\$35,000
Year Three of Three Year Project Plan (2004 - 2007)	To provide matching funds for the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation grants.	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$20,000
Tribute Tree Leaves	In honor of service on the Advisory Committee - Kurt Lardie	Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation	\$400
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Grand River Riverfront Park Enhancement Project	To enable park improvements and additional amenities.	Lowell Charter Township	\$14,270
Lowell Community Wellness	To enable the continued growth in programming for the community and the school district, and to support the staff positions of a part-time director and part-time administrative position.	Lowell Community Wellness	\$54,500
Parcel Mapping	To purchase the software and printer to update, maintain and use a current township parcel map.	Vergennes Township	\$2,300
Feasibility Study for Lowell Rail Trail	To partially fund a feasibility study for a rail trail connecting Greenville to Ionia, via Lowell.	West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition	\$4,500
Expo Drawing Grant	Chosen by Expo attendee to receive a \$100 grant in a drawing.	YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids	\$100
Scholarships	Scholarships for Lowell area students.		\$41,000
			<b>TOTAL GRANTS \$623,240</b>