To continue an ongoing program of historic preservation for Lowell's downtown buildings. 

Lowell Area Recreation Authority $50,000

To support innovative projects that enhance and supplement the learning experience in Lowell Area Schools.

Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation $40,000

To replace the outdated stage and cover primarily used for the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts.

Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation $7,200

Continued support to extend the paved trail from Gee Drive to M21, along Alden Nash.

Lowell Area Historical Museum $25,000

$100,000

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation

To help with the initial capital campaign cost.

Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts

Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation $7,200

One year of funding to publish the Kaleidoscope ads, brochure and community based website.

Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation $15,000

To create a matching challenge for donors to complete the capital campaign.

Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts

Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation $15,000

To purchase a new high volume water unit.

Lowell Area Historical Museum $6,200

Schools.

Lowell Area Historical Museum $6,200

To improve reading outcomes for Pre-K through Third Grade students in participating Lowell Area Schools.

Hope Network $30,000

To purchase a new high volume water unit.

Lowell Area Fire & Emergency Services Authority $75,000

"Museum Immersion" Education Program Expansion

Support to develop a plan and training materials to provide additional area teachers and students with access to the new Museum Immersion Program.

Lowell Area Historical Museum $8,500

Lowell Township Park Interpretive Board Project

Installation of historic interpretive boards in the Lowell Township North and South Park.

Lowell Area Historical Museum $6,200

Phase 2a Trail Extension

Continued support to extend the paved trail from Gee Drive to M21, along Alden Nash.

Lowell Area Recreation Authority $7,200

General Support

To support innovative projects that enhance and supplement the learning experience in Lowell Area Schools.

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation $20,000

Strategic Data Initiative

To update LFSA's data collecting capabilities to support their 3-year plan and fund raising goals.

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation $5,000

North Grand River Riverfront Park Development

To supplement local business, resident and Township contributions to expand the North Grand River Riverfront Park Development.

Lowell Charter Township $60,000

TEAM Approach to Well-Being for Lowell

A youth-based pilot intervention program designed to prevent/reduce obesity rates and address health behaviors with education in nutrition, physical activity and social/emotional health.

Lowell Community Wellness $38,600

Connecting Regional Artists and Audiences

To support LowellArts programs and services in 2018 in the visual and performing arts for the greater Lowell community artists, residents and visitors.

LowellArts $30,000

Moving to Main Campaign Challenge

To create a matching challenge for donors to complete the capital campaign.

LowellArts $5,000

Lowell Area Middle School Y Achievers

To support a youth engagement program that expands career awareness and develops 21st Century skills for Lowell middle school students.

YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids $19,830

Scholarships

College scholarships awarded to Lowell Area Residents.

Scholarships $14,311

Lowell Area Community Fund Grants July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Program Name | Description | Organization | Grant Amount
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Lowell Historic District Commission | To continue an ongoing program of historic preservation for Lowell’s downtown buildings | City of Lowell | $30,000

Connection Program | Address the needs of Lowell residents in an effort to prevent evictions, foreclosures, and other hardships facing families. | Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. | $40,000

Main Street Housing Capital Campaign | To help with the initial capital campaign cost. | Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. | $50,000

Lowell LaughFest 2018 Event | Underwriting support for LaughFest 2018 events in the Lowell community. | Gilda’s LaughFest | $100,000

Part Time Event Coordinator | Support for the establishment of a part time Events Coordinator position. | Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation | $5,000

Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts | To support the 2018 Lowell Showboat Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts. | Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation | $1,700

Greater Lowell Community Calendar Kaleidoscope | One year of funding to publish the Kaleidoscope ads, brochure and community based website. | Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation | $15,002

New Stage, Cover and Equipment | To replace the outdated stage and cover primarily used for the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin’ Summer Concerts. | Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation | $15,107

Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan | Support for the implementation of the Greater Lowell Community Marketing Plan. | Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation | $40,000

Lowell Area Schools Reading Corps | To improve reading outcomes for Pre-K through Third Grade students in participating Lowell Area Schools. | Hope Network | $30,000

Tender Project | To purchase a new high volume water unit. | Lowell Area Fire & Emergency Services Authority | $75,000

"Museum Immersion" Education Program Expansion | Support to develop a plan and training materials to provide additional area teachers and students with access to the new Museum Immersion Program. | Lowell Area Historical Museum | $8,500

Lowell Township Park Interpretive Board Project | Installation of historic interpretive boards in the Lowell Township North and South Park. | Lowell Area Historical Museum | $6,200

Phase 2a Trail Extension | Continued support to extend the paved trail from Gee Drive to M21, along Alden Nash. | Lowell Area Recreation Authority | $7,200

General Support | To support innovative projects that enhance and supplement the learning experience in Lowell Area Schools. | Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation | $20,000

Strategic Data Initiative | To update LFSA’s data collecting capabilities to support their 3-year plan and fund raising goals. | Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation | $5,000

North Grand River Riverfront Park Development | To supplement local business, resident and Township contributions to expand the North Grand River Riverfront Park Development. | Lowell Charter Township | $60,000

TEAM Approach to Well-Being for Lowell | A youth-based pilot intervention program designed to prevent/reduce obesity rates and address health behaviors with education in nutrition, physical activity and social/emotional health. | Lowell Community Wellness | $38,600

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Moving to Main Campaign Challenge | To create a matching challenge for donors to complete the capital campaign. | LowellArts | $5,000

Lowell Area Middle School Y Achievers | To support a youth engagement program that expands career awareness and develops 21st Century skills for Lowell middle school students. | YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids | $19,830

Scholarships | College scholarships awarded to Lowell Area Residents. | Scholarships | $14,311

Total Grants: $755,300

Lowell Area Community Fund is a fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation

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

YMCA Grant Highlight

The Lowell Area Community Fund supported STEAM Ahead with the Y, a series of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math-focused lessons offered to Lowell elementary students. After participating in STEAM activities, 69% of students said they enjoy STEAM activities more than they did before they participated in STEAM Ahead with the Y. These students now say science is something they get excited about, which indicates increased enjoyment of STEAM-related subject areas.

Financial Highlights

REVENUE

Investment Earnings/(Losses) $117,348

Contributions $40,000

Total Revenues $117,788

EXPENSES

Grants and Scholarships $729,045

Investment Manager Fee $69,990

Support Services $17,280

Total Expenses $872,385

Change in Net Assets $301,068

Net Assets, Beginning of the Year $15,789,560

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR $16,090,628

2017-2018 Community Fund Advisory Committee

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