



2020 YOUTH AND RECREATION PROJECTS

JANUARY 1, 2020

Mission Statement

The Committee serves as an advocate for the citizens of the County. The Committee is charged with the sole purpose of providing recreational activities for youth and recreation for Alpena County residents, as well as, recreational service and improvement or development of recreational sites. The Committee is also responsible for recommending to the County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as “Commissioners”, the prudent spending of public funds to promote youth and recreational opportunities to Alpena County citizens.

The Alpena County Youth and Recreation Committee, hereinafter referred to as “Committee”, was officially established on September 28, 2010. The committee consists of one representative from each of the districts of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners. Terms of office for representatives from the County Commissioner districts are established to be the same as the elected members of the Board of Commissioners districts, which is a two-year term.

Operating Millage Proposition for Youth & Recreation

“Shall the limitations on the amount of taxes which shall be assessed against all property both real and personal in Alpena County, Michigan be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution, and the Alpena County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed one half of one (1/2) mill (\$.50 on each \$1000.00 of Equalized State Taxable Value) for a period of four (4) years starting with the Levy made December 1, 2010, for the sole purpose of providing “Recreational Activities” for Youth and Recreation for Alpena County residents, as well as, recreational service and improvement or development of recreational sites? (The estimate of revenue the County of Alpena will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the first year (2010) is \$483,000.00”.

Total Amount Appropriated Per Year:			
2011	\$303,193.00	2017	\$651,149.00
2012	\$421,941.00	2018	\$541,756.00
2013	\$629,960.00	2019	\$545,223.00
2014	\$467,613.00	2020	\$550,743.00
2015	\$393,680.00	2021	\$648,901.00
2016	\$572,230.00	2022	

Organization	Project	Awarded
ACC Volunteer Center	Ropes Course	\$2,071.00
ACC Cross-Country Team	Operating Support	\$2,500.00
Alpena Figure Skating Club	Operating Support	\$5,000.00
Alpena Gymnastics Inc	Safety Landing Mat	\$1,810.00
Alpena Hockey Association	Learn to Skate Program & Coaches	\$1,798.00
Alpena Hockey Association	Player Cost Reduction	\$6,300.00
APS – AHS Band	Band Equipment (instruments only)	\$10,000.00
APS – AHS Boys & Girls Basketball	Operating Support	\$7,500.00
APS – AHS KAPUT	Activity Nights (no gifts)	\$18,375.00
APS – AHS Robotics Team	Operating Support	\$30,750.00
APS – AHS Softball Line Drive Club	Reduce Transportation & Contribution Fees	\$2,000.00
APS – The Woods Track Club	Hats & Shirts	\$1,058.00

Organization	Project	Awarded
APS – AHS Volleyball Program	Transportation & Contribution Fees	\$2,550.00
APS – TBJHS Track Replacement	Running Track Replacement	\$35,000.00
APS – TBJHS Athletic Outreach Program	Athletic Outreach Program	\$13,280.00
Boys & Girls Club of Alpena	Triple Play Mind, Body, Soul	\$12,500.00
County of Alpena – MSU Extension	Youth Programming	\$40,000.00
County of Alpena – Parks Commission	Beaver Lake Park Bathhouse Renovation	\$15,970.00
County of Alpena – Parks Commission	Long Lake Park Boat Launch Project (2019 award, carry over to 2020)	\$34,100.00
County of Alpena – Parks Commission	Handicap Swings	\$5,000.00
County of Alpena – Plaza Pool	Aquatic Operations	\$86,313.00
County of Alpena – Plaza Pool	Ready, Set, Swim	\$8,500.00

Organization	Project	Awarded
Friends of the Alpena Farmers Market	Youth Program	\$3,000.00
Friends of the Plaza Pool	Programming & Support Family Fridays	\$5,075.00
Friends of the TBNMS	Recreation Area	\$57,040.00
Girl Scouts of Michigan	Camp Renovations	\$17,500.00
MPAC dba Northern Lights Arena	Curling	\$23,000.00
MPAC dba Northern Lights Arena	Maintenance Support	\$19,300.00
MPAC dba Northern Lights Arena	Open Skating Support	\$12,650.00
Northeast MI Center for Fine Arts	Ready, Set, Create	\$21,250.00
Park Family Foundation	Ready, Set, SNAP	\$9,500.00
APS – Sanborn Elementary School	Playground Equipment	\$10,000.00
Sanborn Township Planning Commission	Handicap Roll-up Sidewalk	\$10,528.00

Organization	Project	Awarded
Thunder Bay Martial Arts	Fee Waiver/Scholarships	\$7,500.00
Thunder Bay Martial Arts	Women's Self Defense Training	\$3,000.00
Thunder Bay Schooners Swim Club	Pool Time & Meet Fees	\$11,000.00
Thunder Bay Theatre	Annual Productions	\$8,125.00
Thunder Bay Theatre	Educational Tour	\$18,500.00
Thunder Bay Trails Association	Youth Cross-Country Ski Club	\$5,500.00
Total:		\$550,743.00

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Alpena Volunteer Center at Alpena Community College
Project: The Ropes Course
Funded: \$2071.00

Funds not used due to COVID19

Alpena Community College Cross-Country Team
Project: Operating Support
Funded: \$2500.00

The money granted by the Youth and Rec committee to benefit the Alpena Community College Cross-Country program was again a great help in covering costs in running a top-notch athletic program. These dollars were used to help student athletes afford to attend Cross-Country camp to start the season and helped supply the team with sweat jackets and sweat pants. The week at camp was again a huge success. This "team time" allows each member to know each other and bond as team. Besides running over 50-75 miles each, the team was able to swim, play volleyball and euchre along with camp time. The 2019 team is on track to become the fifth straight ACC Cross-Country team to be named Academic All-American.



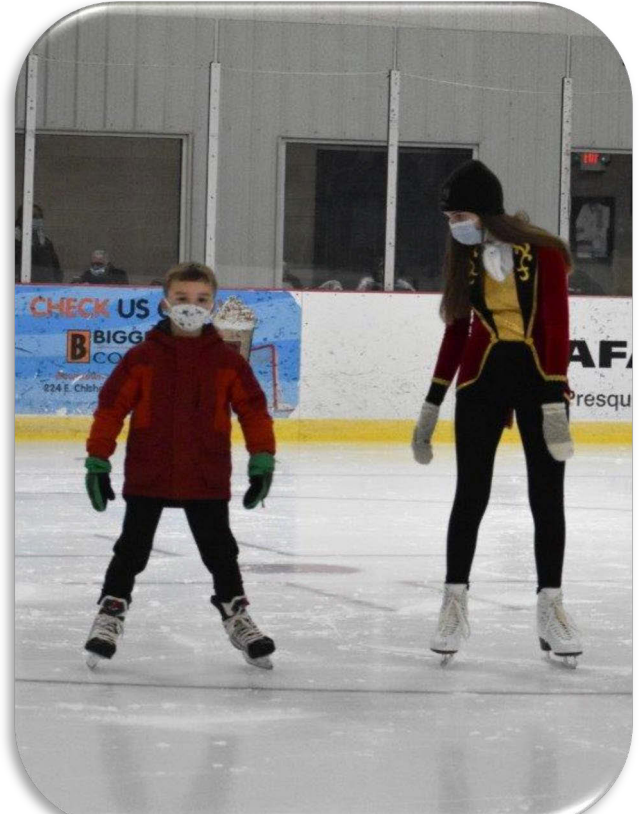


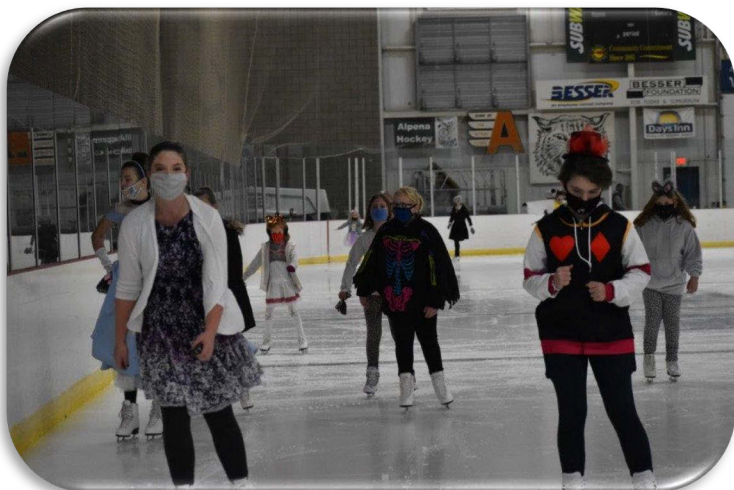
**Alpena Figure Skating Club
Project: Operating Support
Funded: \$5000.00**

The funds awarded by the Alpena County Youth and Rec committee has greatly reduced the price of figure skating for the Fall 2020 skating season. The Alpena Figure Skating Club was able to reduce skating fees by 20% this year even though ice fees at Northern Lights Arena increased! For the 10-week session, a skater taking lessons in Basic Skills had their fees lowered by \$60. For a skater taking lessons in

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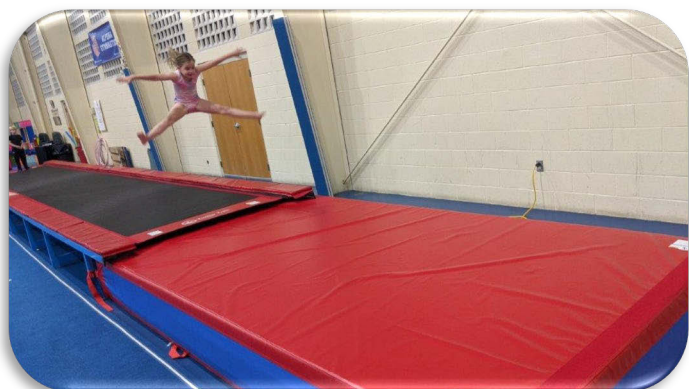
Freestyle, moves in the Field, Dance, and Synchronized Skating, their fees were lowered by almost \$120. Forty-three skaters who were positively impacted by this grant.

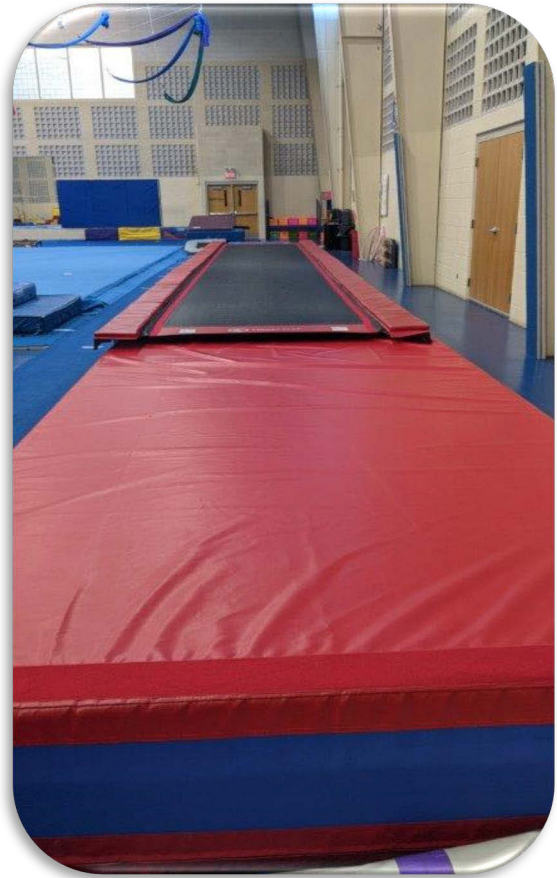
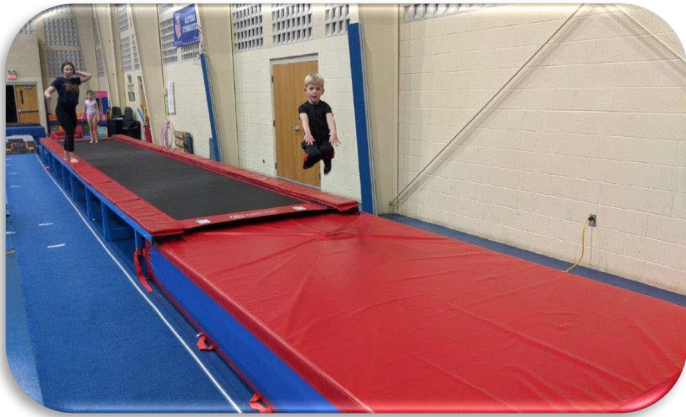


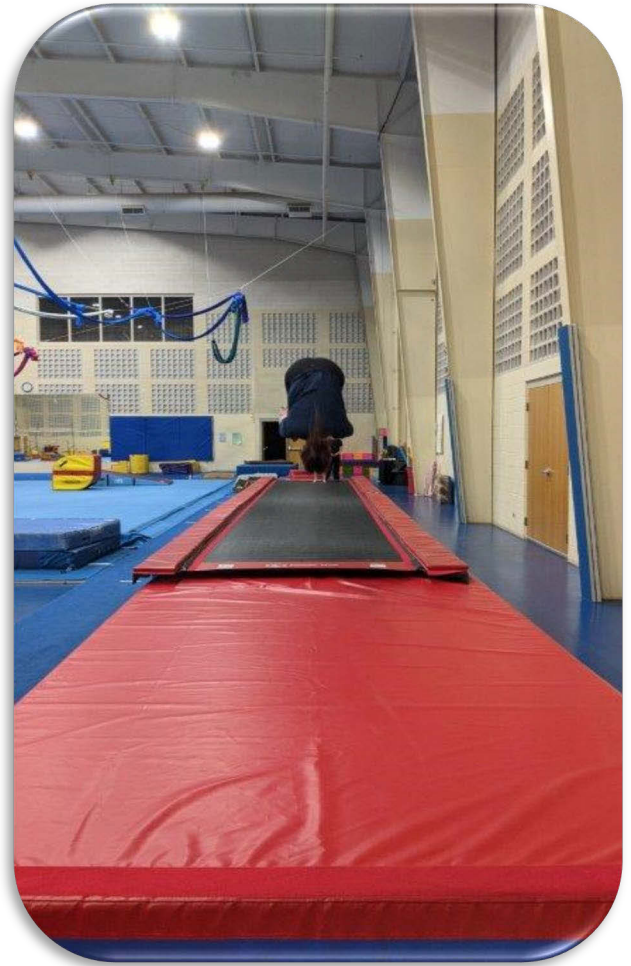
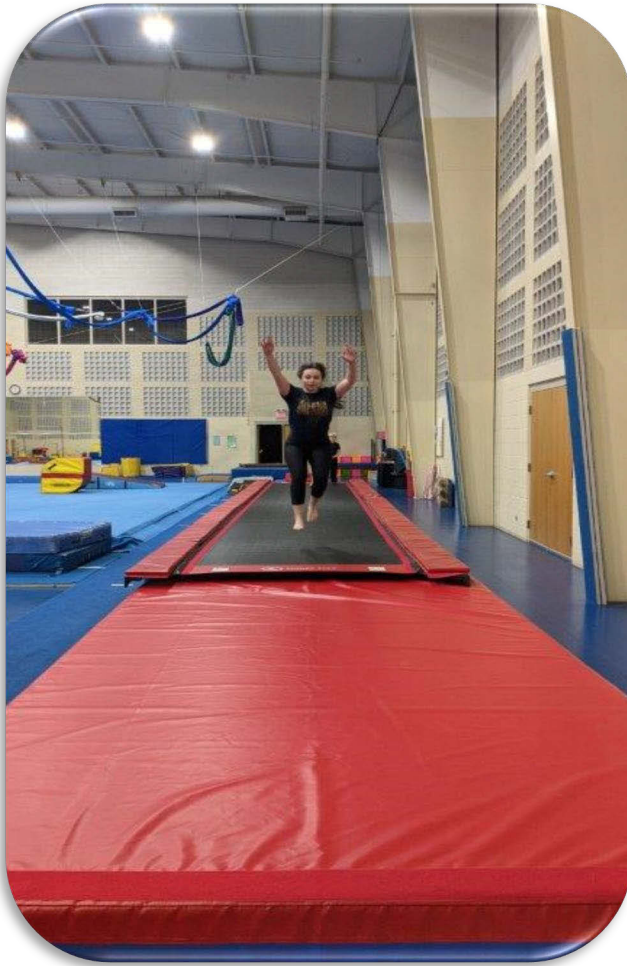


Alpena Gymnastics Project: Safety Landing Mat Funded: \$1810.00

This landing mat was specially designed to fit our tumble track. The design has straps that ensure that the mat won't slide out from under the gymnasts as they land. Also, it is just the right level to fit perfectly without any gaps between the mat and the tumble track. Gymnasts can safely work on skills off the tumble track and land on this landing mat. Without this mat the tumble track could not be used to its fullest.







Alpena Hockey Association
Project: Learn to Skate Program and Coaches
Funded: \$1798.00

It is with greatest appreciation to the Alpena Youth and Recreation Millage and the citizens of Alpena for the necessary funds to help support the instruction for the Alpena Hockey Association's IP/Learn to Skate youth hockey program. The IP/Learn to Skate program provides specialized instruction that is critical to building a skater's solid base for future hockey developments. With the help of the Alpena Youth and

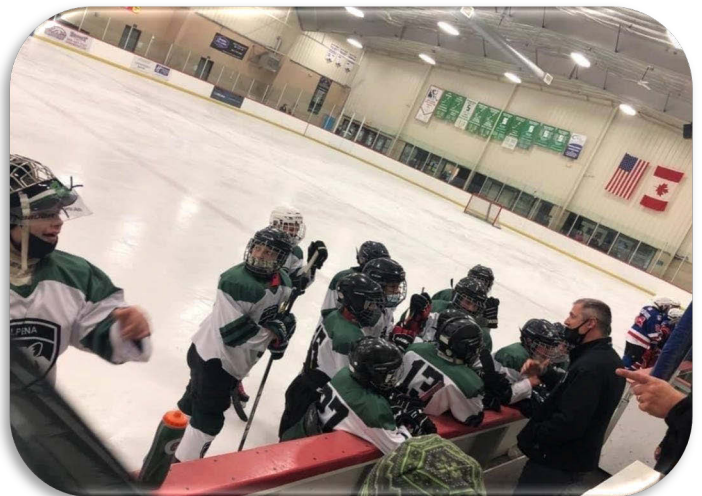
Recreation Millage, monies were provided to make sure 36 initial skaters received the proper and trained instructors.

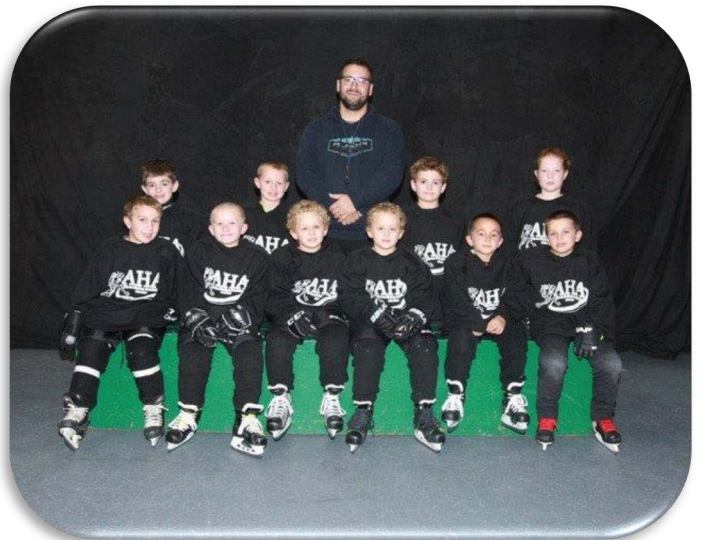
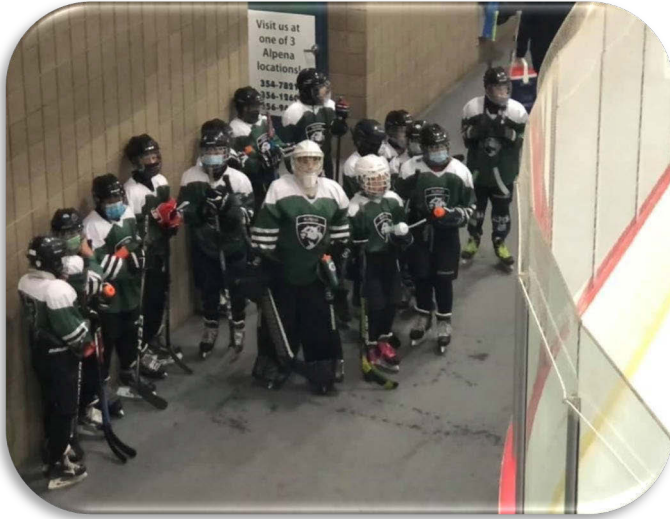




Alpena Hockey Association
Project: Player Cost Reduction
Funded: \$6300.00

The Alpena Hockey Association is thankful to the Alpena Youth and Recreation Mileage to provide funds to help offset season costs by providing a player reduction of regular season dues. This funding was important to help 109 Alpena hockey players and their families this season in continuing to gain access to the necessary practice ice while keeping the costs as low as possible. The grant monies also provided funds to continue to provide home games to help save families from travel costs and help the local economy.





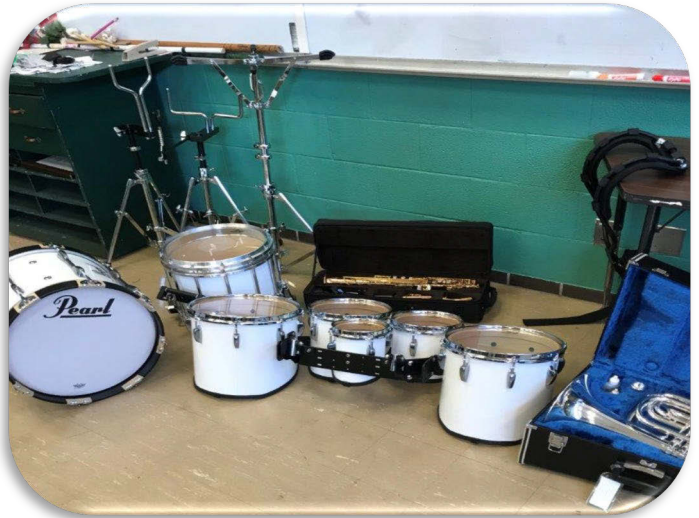


APS: Alpena High School Band
Project: Band Equipment; Instruments only
Funded: \$10,000.00

The Alpena High School band program represents our community in a variety of local parades, concerts, athletic events, and band festival events, where we have received some of the highest honors possible at the district and state level. On an individual basis, Alpena Band students have participated in clinics and workshops, and have consistently been selected to perform in various All-State and Honors Ensembles.

The new instruments received by the Youth and Recreation Grant were in extreme need to the point of holding students back from reaching their potential. The students excelled immediately with them and could be seen performing at all of our community concerts, competitions, and parades.



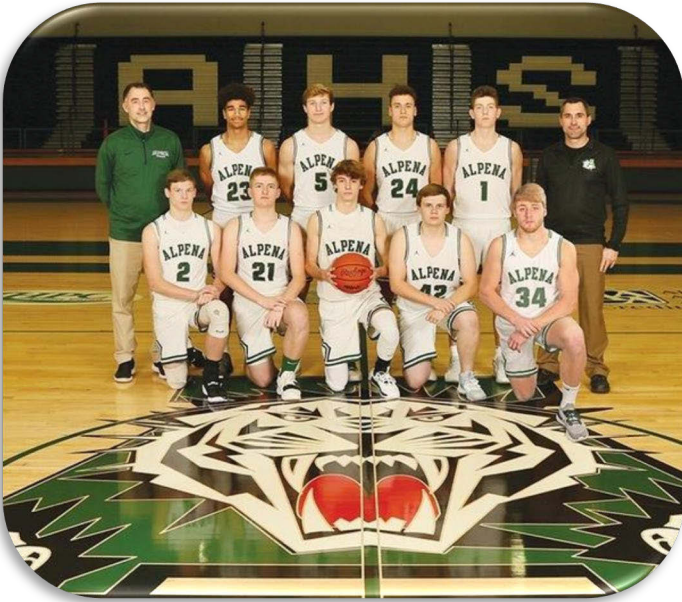


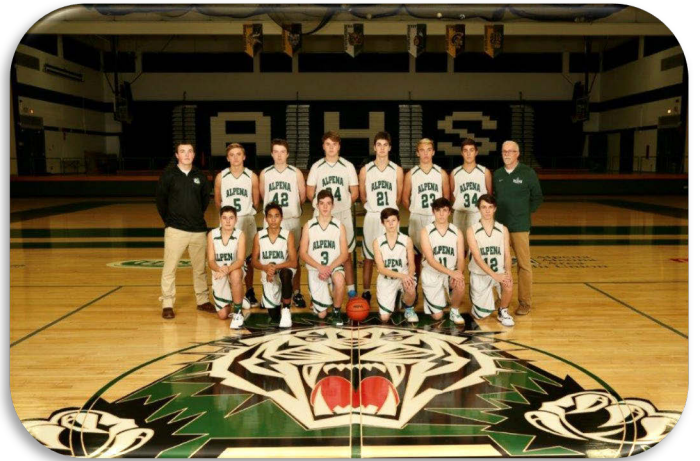
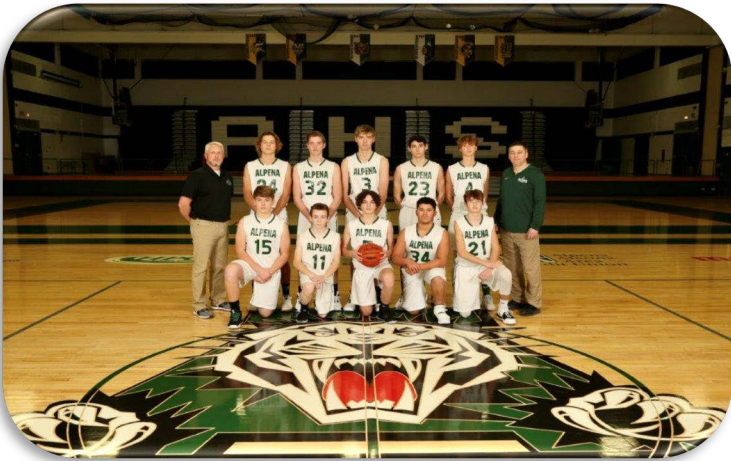
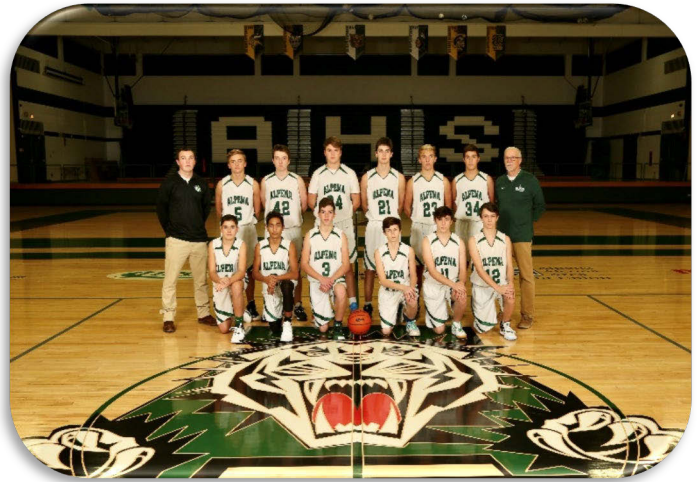
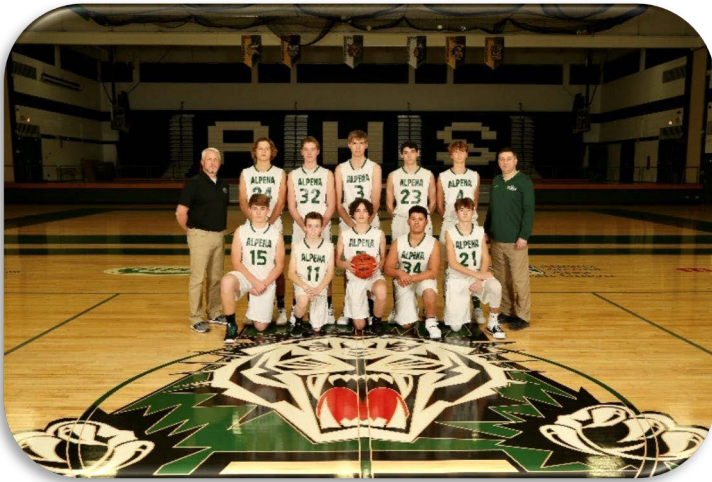
APS: Alpena High School Boys and Girls Basketball
Project: Operating Support
Funded: \$7500.00

The money helped to offset the cost of participation for the boys' and girls' freshmen, JV and Varsity Teams. Each player is required by the school to pay a \$50 transportation fee. Each sport is charged by the school a \$400 fee per team to offset the cost of the teams. Bus upgrades for travel totaled around \$8000 last year. The grant money received from the Recreation Committee helped to pay for these

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expenses. Over the last several years, the per-player cost has dropped from over \$300 to \$100. Thanks to the recreation grant money, this has been a huge savings for players families and the amount of fundraising they would need to do to pay for these expenses.





APS-AHS KAPUT

Project: Activity Nights, no gifts

Funded: \$18,375.00

Funds not used due to COVID19

No money was spent on KAPUT projects due to the mandatory school closure on March 13, 2020. No events were held this Fall due to COVID-19 restrictions.

KAPUT provides a unique and fun alternative for Alpena High School students that is free of charge for them to attend. Currently, AHS has a free and reduced lunch rate

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of 47.7%, which means almost half of our student population qualifies for this. KAPUT events are free from the dangers of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and vaping and gives students a safe environment during peak times that teenagers are more likely to be involved in fatal car accidents (Friday/Saturdays) and between the hours of 8pm-3am). KAPUT also provides parents/families the opportunity to be involved at Alpena High School as they volunteer at the various events.

APS – AHS Robotics Team

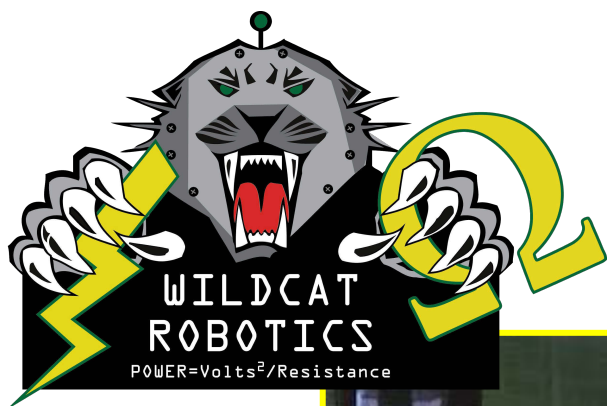
Project: Operating Support

Funded: \$30,750.00

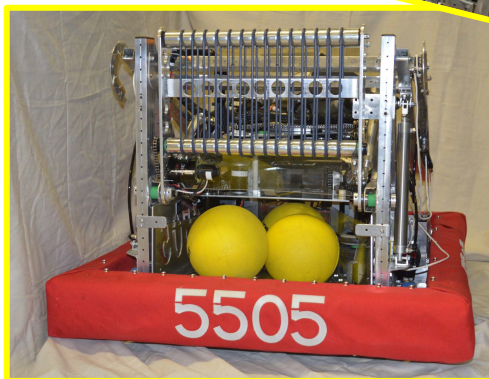
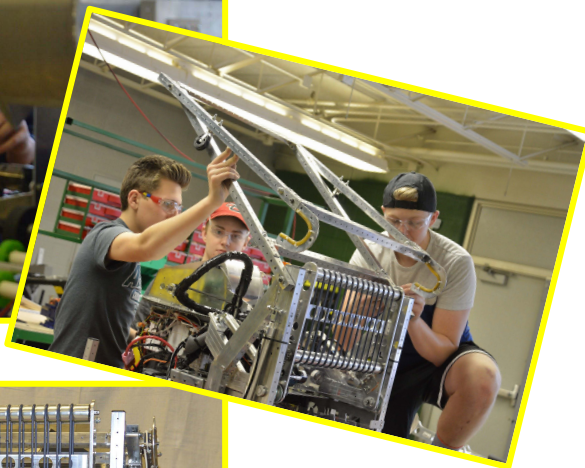
During the 2020 season, thirty-four student members of the Alpena High School Wildcat Robotics team designed and built two fully-functional and very impressive robots to compete in the 2020 FIRST Robotics FRC competition. Team 5230, "The Resistance", was comprised of all first-year members. These students were able to gain experience in many of the fields of designing and building a robot, including CADD, electronics, programming and mechanical aspects, along with developing the team's business model. Team 5505, "Volts Squared", was comprised entirely of veteran members, who were able to gain more in-depth experiences in their areas of interest and use their past experiences to design and build a more technical robot and refine their business model. All students greatly benefited from the ability to work with and learn from area leaders in business and industry through our mentorship connections, an invaluable part of our program.

Student members of the Alpena High School Wildcat Robotics team played the leading roles in developing connections with local businesses and industries to raise money for additional funds needed to sustain our program. Specifically, our students

planned and hosted an Open House for area stakeholders to visit our workshop and learn more about our program, with the intent of both thanking them for past support and encouraging future support, both through monetary and supply donations. Student members also ran concession stands during VEX Robotics competitions in the fall to raise additional funds.

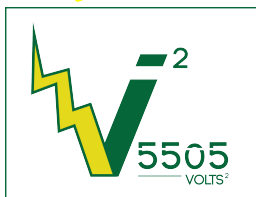


Wildcat Robotics 2020



Wildcat Robotics Open House

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APS: AHS Softball Line Drive Club

Project: Reduce Transportation & Contribution Fees

Funded: \$2000.00

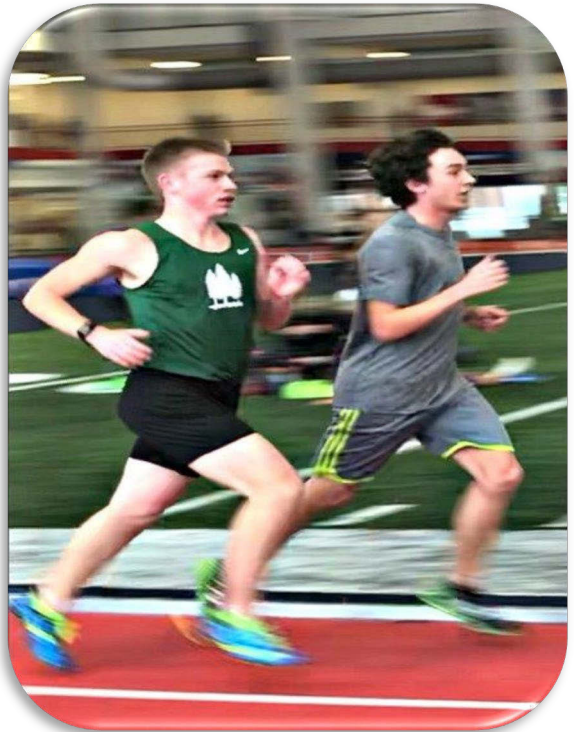
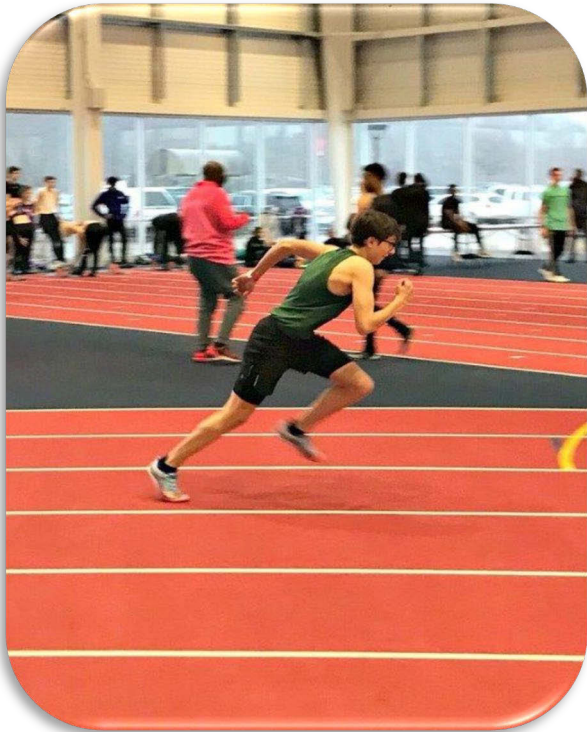
GRANT WAS NOT USED DUE TO COVID and the cancellation of season

APS: The Woods Track Club

Project: Hats and Shirts

Funded: \$1,058.00

The money granted by the Youth and Rec committee to benefit The Woods Indoor Track Club. These dollars were used to help student athletes afford long sleeve running shirts to be used as warm ups and to keep runners warm during the cold winter months.





APS: AHS Volleyball Program
Project: Transportation & Contribution Fees
Funded: \$2,550.00

The grant funding ensured that we could keep three levels of high school volleyball teams and adequately support them with resources, coaching and travel to away games. High school sports have had deep budget cuts and our high school girls need an opportunity to be student athletes and future leaders. The teams proudly represented Alpena County throughout the Big North Conference, as well as in tournaments from Saginaw to the Sault. They treated their opponents with respect, even garnering attention from other coaches and referees for their sportsmanship.

We were fortunate to be able to play in the 2020 season, despite COVID. The girls wore masks in all practices and games. We were not able to host our regular fundraisers like bottle drives, 50/50 raffles, pink games, or concessions, as the girls were not allowed to gather for the sport outside of practice, and we had very limited spectators, only 2 per athlete. Each family paid their dues for the girls and we ran the season on a lean budget. We did collaborate with a local vendor to create Wildcat Volleyball masks to sell.





APS – TBJHS Track Replacement

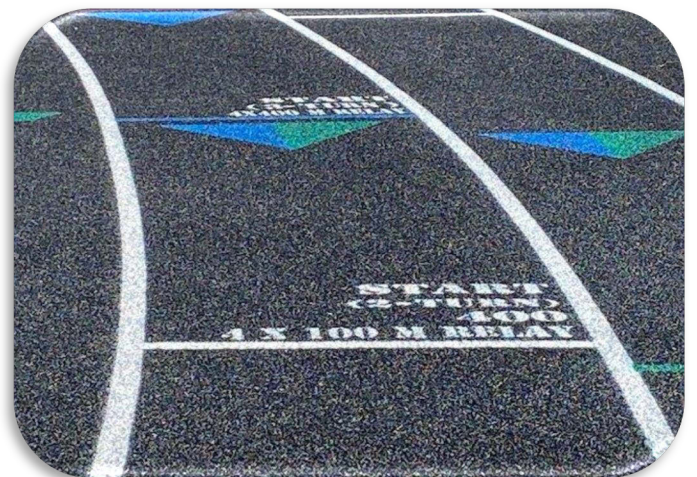
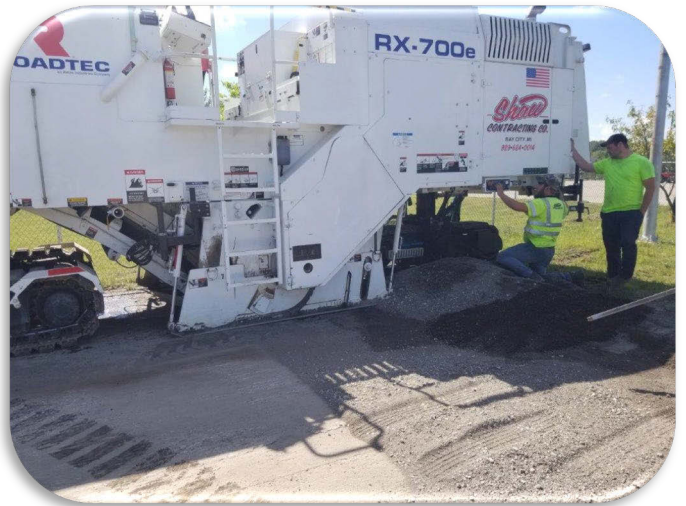
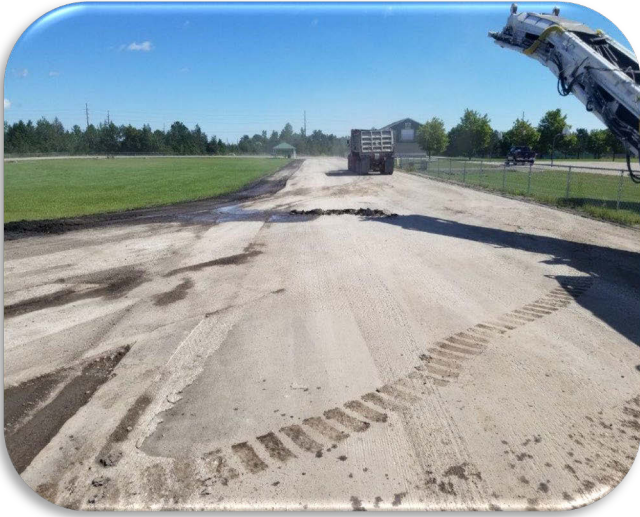
Project: Running Track Replacement

Funded: \$35,000.00

Alpena High School completed the Thunder Bay Junior High School Track replacement this past fall. Completing this project will provide us with a safe surface, state-of-the-art track for our students, student-athletes, youth groups and community members to use for well-being. This project will allow us to host large track events for both the High School and Middle School athletic program. We will be able to bring many other school districts to Alpena to compete in these events. By hosting these large events will provide another opportunity for economic growth in Alpena, Alpena County and Northeast Michigan. Our Physical Education classes will also be able to use the track for exercise and sport related activity. Many communities do not get the opportunity to improve their facilities and Alpena Public Schools is very grateful for the partnership with Alpena County Youth and

Recreation. Thank you for your commitment to help improve the overall experience of our facility.





APS: TBJHS Athletic Outreach Program
Project: Athletic Outreach Program
Funded: \$13,280.00

The Alpena Youth and Recreation Millage helps assist the youth of TBJH school have the opportunity to participate in sports such as basketball, volleyball, track & field, and cross country. Sixth graders have the opportunity to participate at an intramural level and the seventh/eighth graders participate in events scheduled by the Big North Conference and other nearby schools.

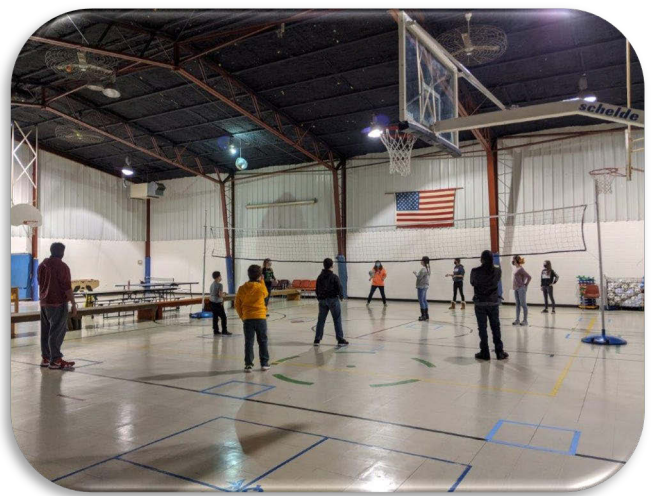
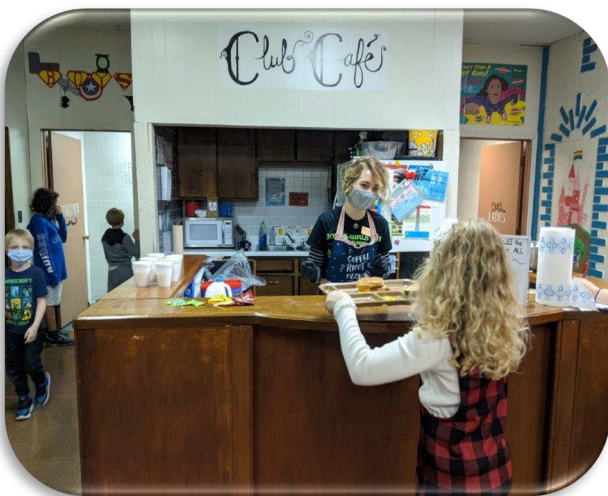


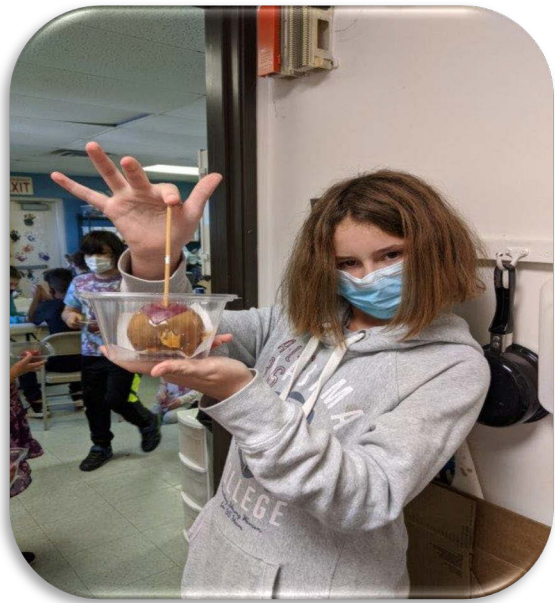


Boys & Girls Club of Alpena
Project: Triple Play Mind, Body, Soul
Funded: \$12,500.00

During the 2020 funding period the Boys and Girls Club was able to better serve over 600 youth participants in the Club's Triple Play/Wanna Play program. The youth participants were able to build self-confidence and skills through physical fitness activities, healthy nutrition/dietary planning and be recognized and rewarded for positive behaviors. We held monthly pizza parties for participants that met program expectations. Participants were able to take home a workbook to track their progress outside the Club and participate in community service projects. The parents really bought in to the program which helped the success and message of the initiative. At the end of the summer session, we took a group of youth that met or exceeded program requirements to Bob's Bullpen for a fun day of activities that included a movie viewing, refreshments and video arcade games. After comparing the pre/post test scores, youth showed an increase in their knowledge of healthy nutrition, improved physical activity skills and felt more supported by their

community and home environment. The addition of the community service aspect really allowed youth to see more value in their community and see ways they can make a difference. The funds continue to bring more exposure to the program, provide updated programming materials and allowed the youth to participate in special events that we were not able to provide in prior years. The consistency of the program, due to the funds received, helps youth, parents and our organization plan for the program and continue building upon the program each year.









County of Alpena – MSU Extension Project: Youth Programming Funded: \$40,000.00

Michigan State University Extension Youth Programs reached 2,608 Alpena County youth during the 2020 programming year. Youth participated in MSU Extension 4-H, Health and Nutrition programming, Agriculture and Horticulture Education, and Natural Resources education through Michigan Sea Grant, which is also part of MSU Extension. These learning opportunities focused on essential skills such as problem solving, financial literacy, science, decision-making, natural resources, leadership, resiliency, agriculture, gardening, food systems and communication. While learning these skills, youth developed positive relationships with adults and peers. Even during the global pandemic, 4-H has held online programs and events that were attended by Alpena County youth. In addition to the numerous online programs that have been offered this year, 4-H offered summer camp-in-a-box opportunities to

local youth, as well as the Alpena Virtual showcase (a virtual opportunity to replace the in-person county fair, which was cancelled due to the pandemic). Thank you for your continued partnership in our shared goal of providing educational and recreational activities for the youth of Alpena County.





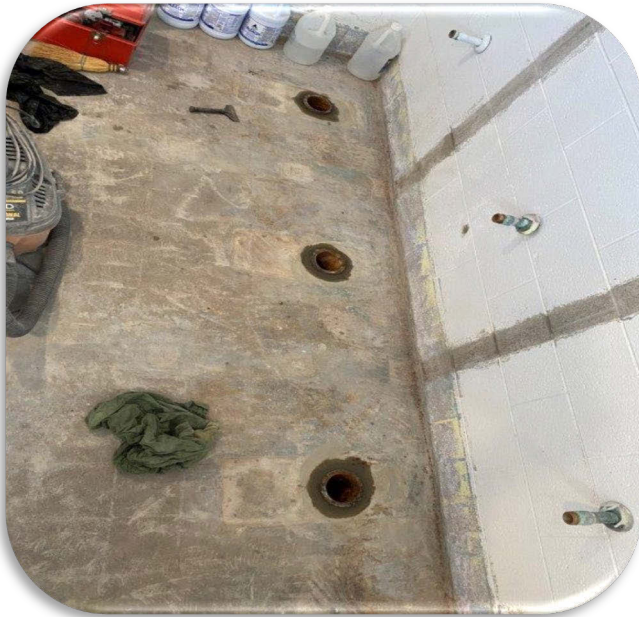
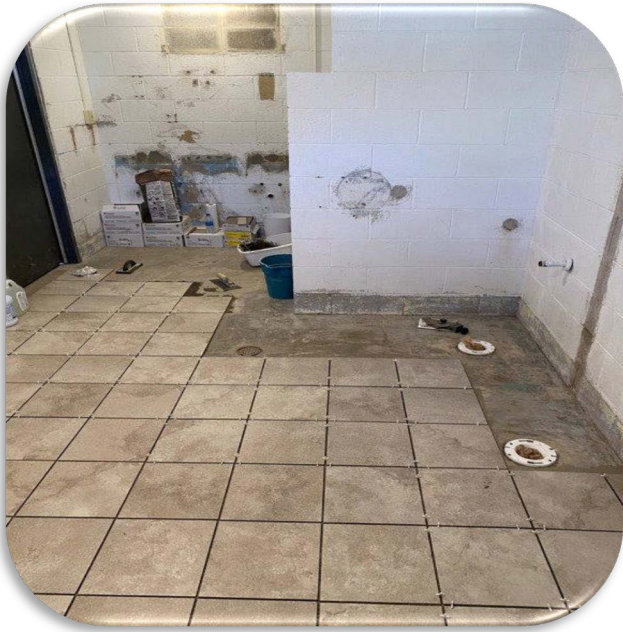
County of Alpena – Parks Commission

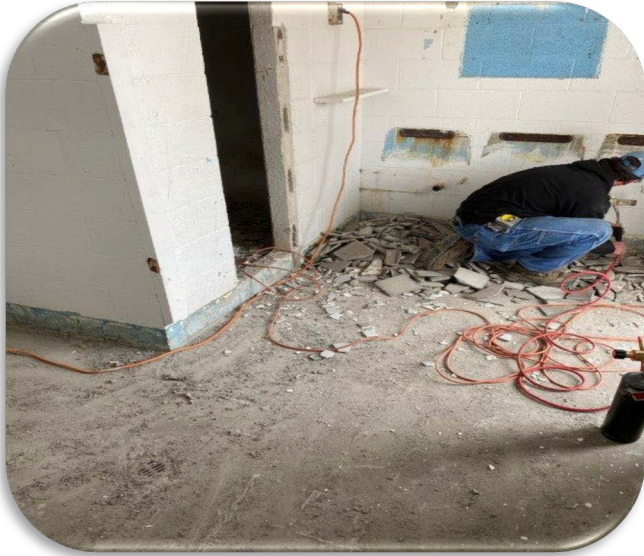
Project: Beaver Lake Park Bathhouse Renovation

Funded: \$15,970.00

Alpena County Parks and Recreation Commission purchased supplies with the money awarded to them for the Beaver Lake Park Bathhouse Renovation in the amount of \$15,970. The renovation includes both the women's and men's bathrooms from new ceilings, new floor and shower tiling, painting existing walls, removing cement partitions and putting in new partitions, new toilets, new sinks, new lighting and electrical, sidewalks, and new siding on the outside. Thank you to Youth and Recreation Commission for approving renovations to the Beaver Lake Park.







County of Alpena – Parks Commission
Project: Long Lake Park Boat Launch Project
(2019 award, carry over to 2020)
Funding: \$34,100.00

Funds not used due to COVID19

County of Alpena – Parks Commission
Project: Handicap Swings
Funding: \$5,000.00

The Parks Commission was able to purchase handicap swings for three of the County Parks: Sunken Lake, Beaver Lake, and Long Lake. These swings will be installed and ready to use for the 2021 camping season. Thank you to the Youth and Recreation Committee for funding these swings for all of the Parks.









County of Alpena – Plaza Pool

Project: Aquatic Operations

Funding: \$86,313.00

Even though COVID19 hit our community on March 16th shutting us down for 5.5 months and again on November 18th, some amazing record-breaking swim lessons, lifeguard trainings and lots of family swims and birthday parties took place. We have still been able to keep our patrons moving 6 months out of 12, giving families fun things to do, quality time with families, scuba training, workout classes and more.

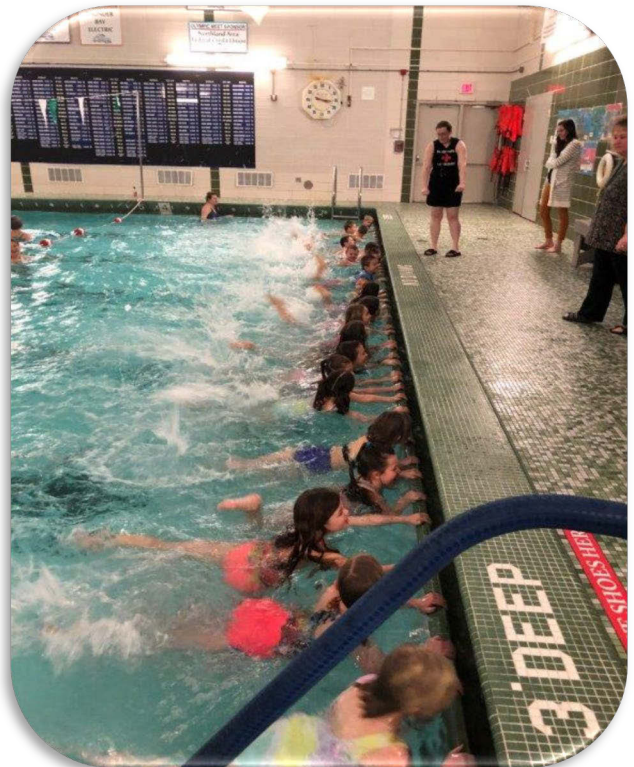






County of Alpena – Plaza Pool
Project: Ready, Set, Swim
Funding: \$8,500.00

The Ready, Set, Swim program provided 4 hours of basic water safety and basic swim lessons to 235 second graders in the 2019-2020 school year. This program has been offered to every second grader in the Alpena County area over the last 14 years.

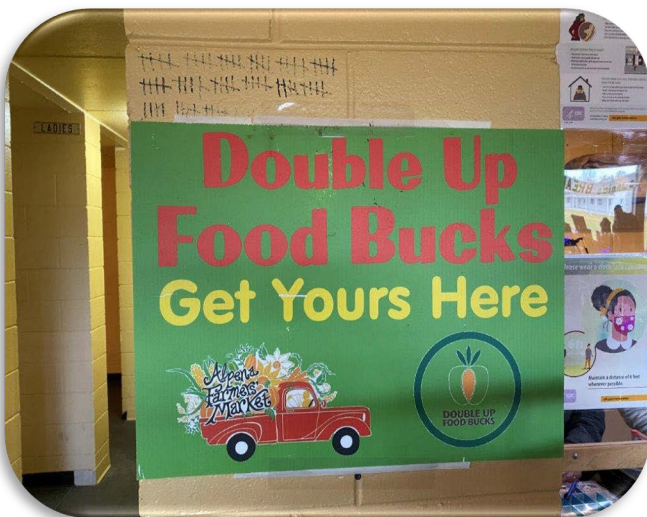




Friends of the Alpena Farmers Market Youth Program Funding: \$3,000.00

This activity provided a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that helped the budget of needy families so they could purchase healthy food and move toward self-sufficiency. Our program was especially needed in the financially strained climate of 2020. We did this by providing a location where people could use their Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards and Pandemic EBT cards to buy food from local food producers. Participants were also able to get up to an extra \$800 per month to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables each month through the Double Up Bucks Program. In addition, participants were able to use Senior Project Fresh and WIC Project Fresh Coupons at the market to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

This year we also created the Market Sprouts Program that will encourage and educate kids about healthier food and healthier choices by participating in fun interactive activities. Unfortunately, we were not able to implement this program to its full potential given COVID restrictions. We, however, were able to use some of our funds to develop this program and prepare a larger introduction in 2021. Finally, the Friends of The Farmers Market was able to help support local musicians that provide entertainment for people visiting market.





Friends of the Plaza Pool

Project: Programming & Support –Family Fridays

Funding: \$5,075.00

Free Family Fun Fridays, hosted by Friends of Plaza Pool and funded in partnership with Alpena County Youth and Rec 2020, was a success! Over the course of approximately 4 months, 660 participants enjoyed two hours of swimming at the Plaza Pool free of charge. The prediction was 400 participants would take advantage of this event, and even with the reduced caused by COVID restrictions, we were able to facilitate a 65% increase in the number of participants than what was expected.



Friends of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (TBNMS)
Project: Recreation Area
Funding: \$57,040.00

Funds not used due to COVID19

Girl Scouts of Michigan
Project: Camp Renovations
Funding: \$17,500.00

Funds not used due to COVID19

MPAC dba Northern Lights Arena
Project: Curling
Funding: \$23,000.00

Funds not used due to COVID19

MPAC dba Northern Lights Arena
Project: Maintenance Support
Funding: \$19,300.00

Funds not used due to COVID19

MPAC dba Northern Lights Arena
Project: Open Skating Support
Funding: \$12,650.00

Funds not used due to COVID19

Northeast MI Center for Fine Arts
Project: Ready, Set, Create
Funding: \$21,250.00

Through the generosity of the Alpena County Youth and Recreation program, Art in the Loft was able to conduct the largest “Ready, Set, Create!” program since its inception seven years ago. The grant award allowed roughly 400 students (mostly 4th grade) to travel to the gallery and be led through four weeks of hands-on art lessons by Certified Art Instructor, Brooke Stevens. During the four weeks, students participated in hands-on art lessons in conjunction with art history and a cross-curricular curriculum and walked away with four finished projects.

The Alpena County Youth and Recreation grant funds allowed Art in the Loft to provide transportation and instruction in a professional gallery setting. This program brought students a well-rounded fine arts experience, where otherwise this might not have happened.

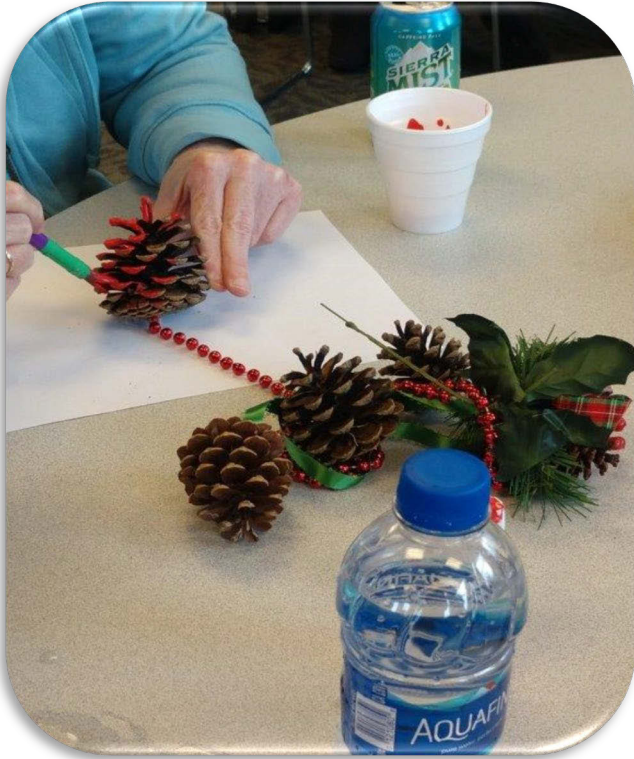
Due to the novel virus, Covid-19, not all area 4th graders were able to take part in the program. About ¼ were serviced, while the cancelation of schools in March 2020 and the cancelation of any off-site trips when school started in the Fall 2020 were prohibited.





Park Family Foundation
Project: Ready, Set, SNAP
Funding: \$9,500.00

With the funding provided by Youth and Recreation grants, the Ready, Set, SNAP program was able to provide supplies, snacks, prizes, etc. for at least 325 community members that has any type of special needs.

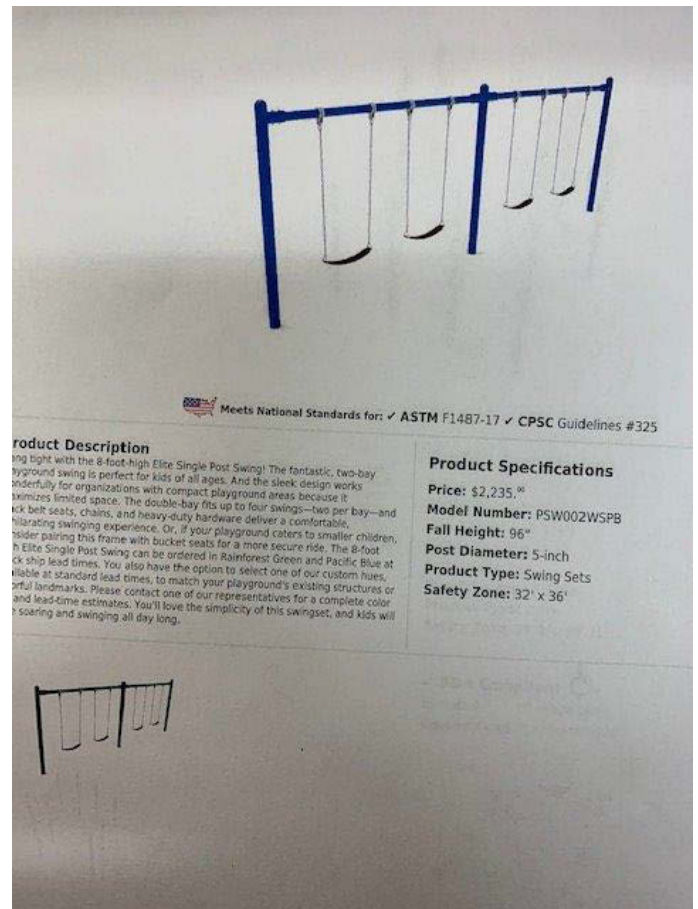
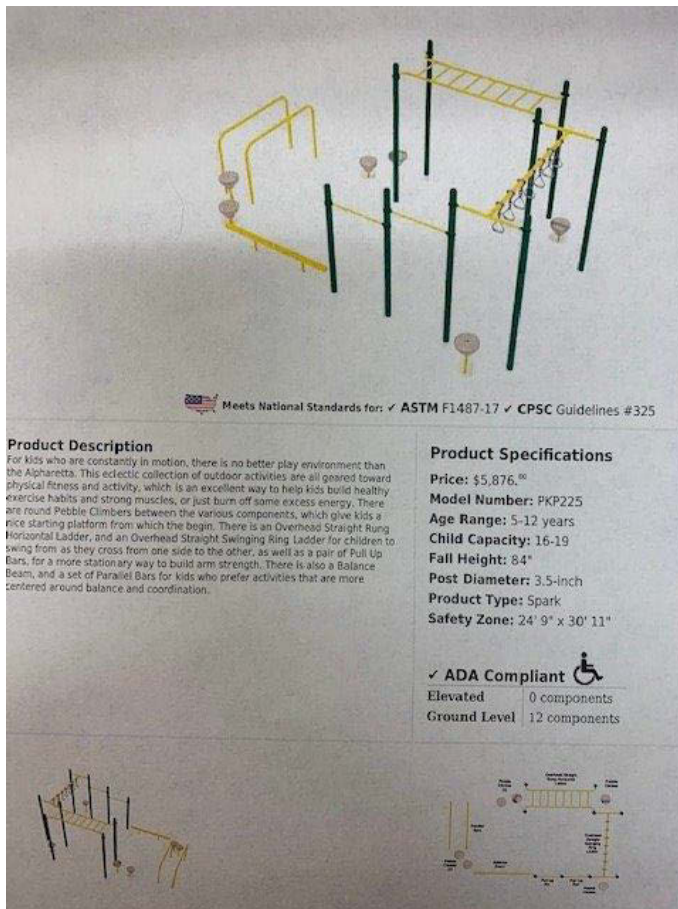




APS – Sanborn Elementary School
Project: Playground Equipment
Funding: \$10,000.00

The Alpena County Youth and Recreation Grant provide Sanborn Elementary School funding to continue to improve and expand upon their existing playground for their students and the community of Ossineke, Michigan. The playground, in this beautiful wooded setting, allows children from Alpena County to have a safe and clean place to play. We understand how important it is to provide children with an area that they can thrive in outdoor play and how it is so important to their health and fitness into their adult years. We are so thankful for the generous support of the Alpena County Youth and Recreation Grant, which allows us to embrace our dreams

to enhance the physical wellness of our community and families and future generations to come.

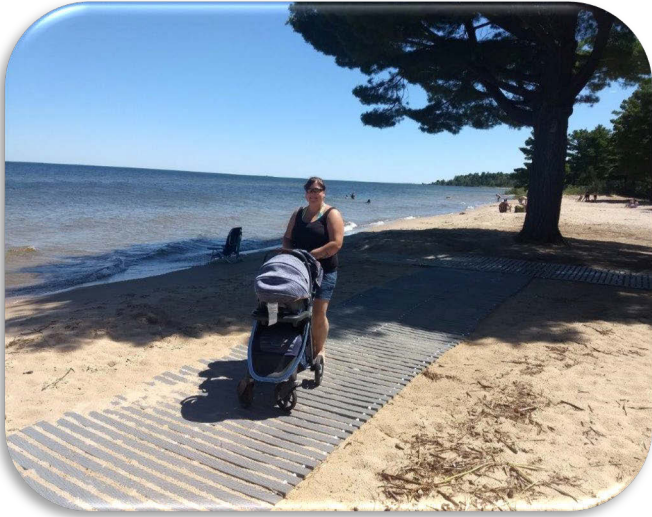


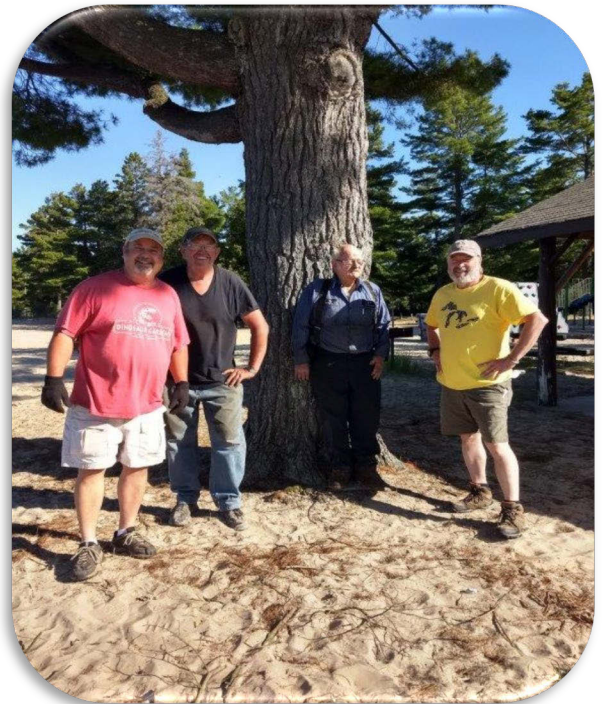
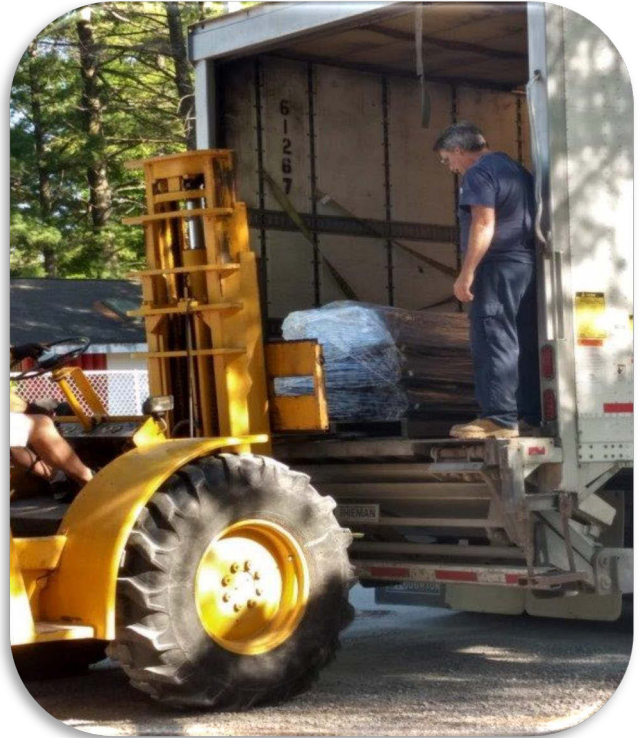
Sanborn Township Planning Commission

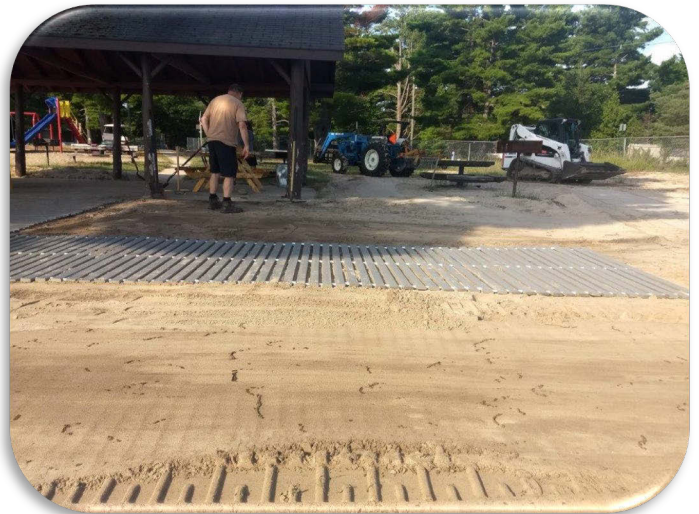
Project: Handicap Roll-up Sidewalk

Funding: \$10,528.00

I have witnessed many people struggle to move a wheelchair, walker or stroller across the sand. This sidewalk will help those who struggle with mobility to get closer to or in the waters of Lake Huron. We are anticipating an article and pictures in the Alpena News to share this information with the rest of Alpena County very soon. (Or they may wait until next summer when it is timelier.)







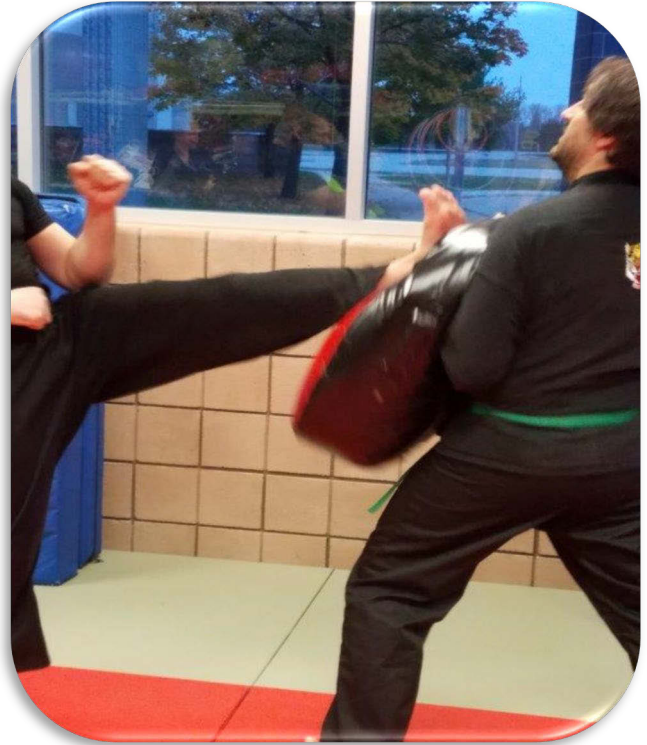
Thunder Bay Martial Arts

Project: Fee Waiver/Scholarships

Funding: \$7,500.00

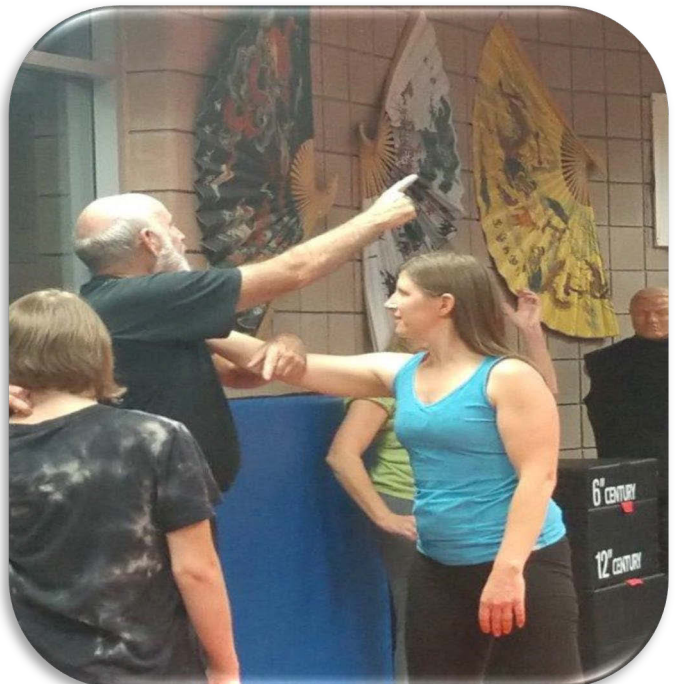
With the money provided by the Youth and Recreation grants, we were able to provide Karate training for 13 students. This program helps students develop healthy living habits and helps them physically, mentally and emotionally.





Thunder Bay Martial Arts
Project: Women's Self Defense Training
Funding: \$3,000.00

With the money provided by the Youth and Recreation grant, we were able to provide self-defense classes to 12 women in our community.



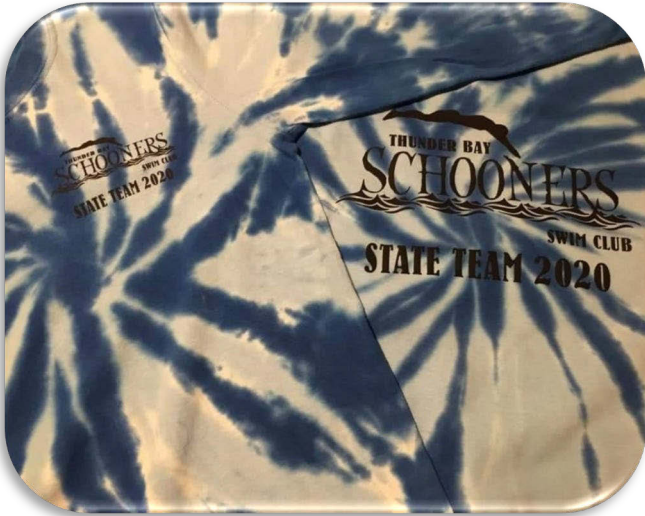
Thunder Bay Schooners Swim Club

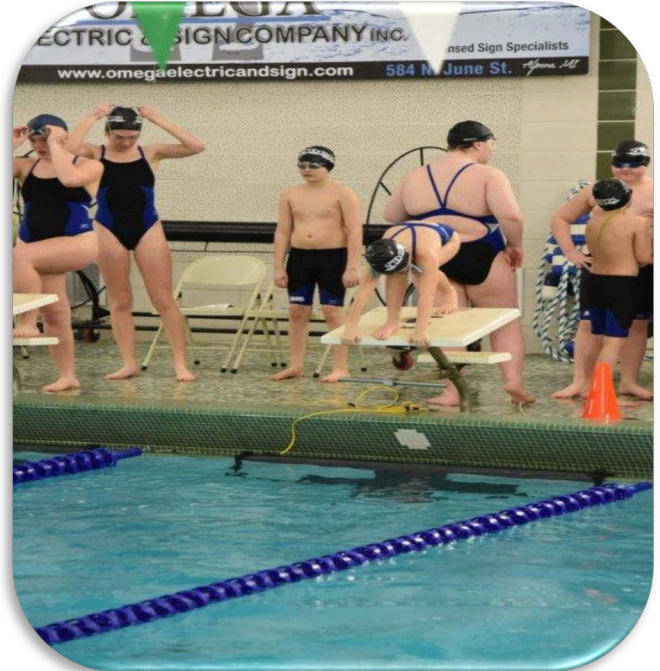
Project: Pool Time & Meet Fees

Funding: \$11,000.00

Over the 2020 year, the Thunder Bay Schooners Swim Club has had the privilege to serve the youth of Alpena County. This year we have welcomed 54 swimmers in the club ranging in ages from 5 to 18, beginning swimmers to seasoned competitors. We have tried to instill in each one of these swimmers the importance of hard work, dedication, and team work. These youth competed in many competitive meets throughout the state. Almost all of these swimmers saw the results of their hard work by improving on their personal best times, improving skill and technique, and becoming healthier with fun and demanding exercise.







Thunder Bay Theatre
Project: Annual Productions
Funding: \$8,125.00

Funds not used due to COVID19

Thunder Bay Theatre
Project: Educational Tour
Funding: \$18,500.00

Declined due to staff changes and unable to do the tour

Thunder Bay Trails Association
Project: Youth Cross-Country Ski Club
Funding: \$5,500.00

The Thunder Bay Trails Association (TBTA) was awarded \$5500 from the Alpena County Youth and Recreation Committee to purchase cross country ski equipment and form a Youth Cross-Country Ski Club for area youth ages 3-15. The TBTA utilized the Alpena County Youth and Recreation Funds to purchase cross-country skis, poles, boots and bindings. In order to serve the wide range of youth sizing, the TBTA purchased 53 pairs of skis, 63 pairs of poles, and 72 pairs of boots. The TBTA offered six instructional ski sessions on Sundays from January through March. Unfortunately, the mild winter and minimal snowfall limited the sessions to five. The response to the ski program was overwhelming as 44 kids registered and 35-40 kids and parents participated in each session. The Youth Cross Country Ski Club program

introduced kids and families to a new healthy winter sport without having to make a large investment in equipment. The TBTA provided groomed ski trails at the Alpena Public Golf Course and Norway Ridge Pathway. They also provided volunteers to distribute the equipment, ski instructors, and snacks for the participants. The TBTA is a local non-profit organization that collaborates with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to maintain non-motorized trails and groom cross-country ski, hiking, and biking trails on state land in Alpena County.

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2020 Alpena/TBTA Youth Cross Country Ski Club
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