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Coopersville Area Community Foundation Grants More Than \$25,000

Wednesday, January 26, 2026 – Coopersville, MI – The Coopersville Area Community Foundation (CACF) awarded a total of \$25,890 in grants through its Community Impact program to area schools and non-profits during 2025, representing its largest year of community funding to date. “For over 30 years now, we’ve been dedicated to positively impacting our community and making it a better place to live and work for all,” stated Paul Huizen, CACF Advisory Board Chair. “We are so pleased to be able to support such wonderful causes throughout the Coopersville area and look forward to making an even bigger difference in this new year.”

Through a \$1,000 impact grant, **Arbor Circle** was able to provide educational tools and resources focusing on online safety, youth substance use, and addiction to Coopersville Area Public Schools parents and guardians. This work was completed in partnership with the Ottawa Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. Additionally, CACF awarded Arbor Circle \$1,500 to support the 2025 Youth Assessment Survey, monitoring area teen behaviors that impact their health and well-being, informing evidence-based decision making across the county for youth-focused programs.

Additionally, the **City of Coopersville** received a \$5,000 award through the impact grant program to support completion of the North Bank Trail. This work will connect the trail to the Grand River Greenway, enhancing the appeal and connectivity of the Coopersville area to the wider regional trail system, and attracting new visitors via bike, foot, and waterway.

CACF supported the **Coopersville Area District Library** in 2025 with expansion of its “Library of Things” collection, which allows patrons to borrow items that are outside of the typical library catalog including electronics, mobile hotspots, outdoor games, interactive audio devices, and home tools. With a \$2,127 grant award, this collection will be expanded and be continually refreshed, furthering the community’s access to items that may not otherwise be purchased due to cost or practicality of ownership.

The CACF impact grantmaking also supported **Coopersville Area Public Schools** this year through a \$2,000 grant award to support the launch of a new Exploratory Art Class at Coopersville High School. This programming will pair high-need special education students in the school with



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general education peers, who will receive specialized training adapted from the Grand Valley State University Statewide Autism Resources & Training (START) program.

Additional grants made this year to support the Coopersville community include: a \$3,000 award to **Camp Blodgett** to assist with expansion of summer experiential learning programs; an award to **AgeWell Services of West Michigan** of \$1,000 to help upgrade the Coopersville Lunch & Activity Center; \$5,000 in grant funding to **Feeding America West Michigan** for the Mobile Food Pantry Program within Coopersville; an award of \$2,000 to **Hand2Hand** supporting a refurbishment of their facilities; and a combined \$3,263 to **Coopersville Cares** and the **CAPS Community Schools Coordinator** to support the purchasing and distribution of winter clothing and supplies for area children and families in need.

“We are so proud of the significant impacts our affiliates at the Coopersville Area Community Foundation have made with their grantmaking,” said Amy Moore, Grand Haven Area Community Foundation’s Vice President of Grants and Program. She added, “We certainly look forward to what CACF has in store for the Coopersville area in 2026”.

About the Coopersville Area Community Foundation

The CACF was established in 1993 as an affiliate of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and has since grown into a \$14.3 million non-profit, for-impact organization with nearly 100 funds. Since its start, the CACF has given over \$3.5 million in grants, impacting numerous local organizations and programs that make a difference.

With in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities and resources that shape communities, the CACF monitors all areas of community need, including arts and culture, economic and community betterment, education, the environment, and health and human services.

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