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DATE: November 25, 2015

TO: Honorable Mike Green
Honorable Nancy Jenkins

FROM: Matt Blakely, Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: FY 2015 County Fairs Capital Improvement and Shows and Expositions Grants

In accordance with Public Act 252 of 2014, Section 805 (6) and Section 806(5), attached are the required legislative reports on the County Fair Capital Improvement and Shows and Expositions Grants, as awarded. Additional information regarding the purpose of these grants or funding can be directed to Cinda Karlik, at (517) 284-5723.

Attachment

cc: Representative Roger Victory
Representative Dave Pagel
Representative Edward Canfield
Representative Sam Singh
Representative Jon Hoadley
Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood
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**Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
FY 2015 County Fair Capital Improvement Grants**

The department received 49 grant applications requesting more than \$773,888. These applications included over \$2.0 Million in proposed enhancements to the fairgrounds. Of these grant applications 23 were awarded grants. Grant applications were evaluated, scored, and ranked by a Joint Evaluation Committee composed of industry representatives not directly involved in any grant proposals. Grantees were announced in early February. The grants are for the period of February 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. An interim report was due June 1, 2015 and the final report is due February 1, 2016.

FAIR NAME	Grant Project	Total Grant Proposal	Grant Award	Available Match
Alger County Fair	Campground Improvments	\$ 6,840	\$ 3,420	\$ 6,840
Allegan County Agricultural Society	Campground Electrical and Water Upgrades	\$ 40,100	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,100
Antrim County Fair	Electrical Upgrades	\$ 7,800	\$ 3,900	\$ 4,201
Barry County Agricultural Society	Electrical Upgrades & Improvements to Campground A	\$ 39,420	\$ 19,710	\$ 34,488
Berrien County Youth Fair Association	Replacement of the Horse Complex Storm Drain	\$ 82,500	\$ 11,517	\$ 11,517
Cass County Fair Association	New Roof on Commercial Building	\$ 16,590	\$ 8,295	\$ 8,295
Chippewa County Fair	Shower Facility Construction Project	\$ 88,714	\$ 20,000	\$ 52,467
Clare County Agricultural Society	Barrier Free Accessibility to Exhibit Halls, Building and Campground	\$ 44,090	\$ 20,000	\$ 37,475
Gratiot County Fair For Youth	New Parking Lot, Upgrade Main Entrance, and Upgrade Campsites with Water and Electrical	\$ 50,218	\$ 20,000	\$ 31,556
Hillsdale County Fair	Grounds - Water, Electric & Sewer Improvements	\$ 44,460	\$ 20,000	\$ 24,460
Iosco County Agricultural Society	Drainage Improvement Project	\$ 11,644	\$ 5,822	\$ 5,822
Iron County Fair Association	Iron County Horse Committee Arena Project	\$ 18,895	\$ 9,448	\$ 9,448
Kent County 4-H Agricultural Association	Swine Barn Renovation	\$ 41,508	\$ 20,000	\$ 21,508
Mecosta County Agricultural Fair Assoc.	Construction of Bathhouse and Restrooms	\$ 200,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,163
Montcalm County 4-H Fair Association	4-H Campground Improvement Project	\$ 46,580	\$ 15,561	\$ 15,561
Newaygo County Agricultural Fair	Campground Improvements	\$ 71,170	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Saginaw County Fair	Project Light the Way- Grandstand Lighting	\$ 39,874	\$ 19,937	\$ 19,937
Shiawassee County Fair	Roofing Project 4-H Food Stand and FFA Pavilion	\$ 12,594	\$ 6,297	\$ 6,297
St. Clair County Agricultural Society	Show Arena Safety Renovations	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Van Buren Youth Fair	Electrical Service Upgrades	\$ 23,308	\$ 11,654	\$ 11,654
Wayne County Fair Association, Inc.	Water Supply and Campsite Upgrade	\$ 78,365	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
	Totals	\$ 1,004,670	\$ 315,561	\$ 403,788

Bolded match amounts indicate completed projects and final amounts.

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FY 2015 Shows and Expositions Grants**

Fair or Exposition	Grant Project	Total Grant Proposal	Grant Award	Available Match
Barry County Fair	Premium Enhancement & Exhibition Encouragement	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500
Michigan Cattlemen's Association (MAC)	MAC Beef Expo and Block & Bridle Jr Beef Show	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Michigan Purebred Dairy Cattle Association	Michigan Dairy Expo	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Michigan Great Lakes International	Michigan Great Lakes International Draft Horse Show	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Iosco County Fair	Iosco County Fair Exhibitor Incentive Program	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Michigan State University Extension	State 4-H Horse Show	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Michigan Livestock Expo	2015 Livestock Expo Premiums	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
	Totals	\$ 55,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000