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**DATE:** March 12, 2013

**TO:** Honorable Mike Green  
Honorable Phil Potvin

**FROM:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison

**SUBJECT:** FY 2013 County Fairs Capital Improvement Grants

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In accordance with Public Act 200 of 2012, Section 805 (6), attached is the required report on the County Fair Capital Improvement Grants, as awarded. Due to the early stage that these grants are in, the project outcomes are not available at this time.

Additional information regarding the purpose of these grants or funding can be directed to Cinda Karlik, at (517) 373-9760.

Attachment

cc: Representative Terry Brown  
Representative Jon Bumstead  
Representative Nancy Jenkins  
Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood  
Senator John Moolenaar  
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**Michigan Department of Agriculture Rural Development  
County Fairs Capital Improvement Grants  
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The department received 61 grant applications requesting more than \$825,000. These applications included over \$2.5 Million in proposed enhancements to the fairgrounds. Of these grant applications 21 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, 2013 through December 31, 2013. An interim report is due June 1, 2013 and the final report is due February 1, 2014.

Fair Name	Grant Project	Total grant proposal	Grant Award	Available Match
Iosco County Agricultural Society	Campground Bath and shower building	\$ 110,487.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Chippewa County Fair	24x36 livestock office	\$ 26,987.64	\$ 13,493.82	\$ 13,493.82
Huron Community Fair Association	RV pedestals installions and related electrical work	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Oceana County Agricultural Society	Remove and replace old galvanized pipe waterlines and remove existing water pit	\$ 3,445.00	\$ 1,722.50	\$ 1,722.50
Hillsdale County Fair	Rabbit, Poultry and Barnyard Children Renovation	\$ 24,547.00	\$ 12,273.50	\$ 12,273.50
Montcalm County 4-H Fair Association	4-H livestock barn	\$ 47,425.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
St. Joseph County Grange Fair	Educational Exhibit pavilion to showcase beef	\$ 79,896.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Kent County 4-H Agricultural Association	Electrical Efficiency Improvements	\$ 6,816.25	\$ 3,408.13	\$ 3,408.13
Van Buren Youth Fair	Existing Electrical Service Upgrades	\$ 10,783.00	\$ 5,391.50	\$ 5,391.50
Chelsea Community Fair	Reroofing two large pole barns	\$ 27,112.00	\$ 13,556.00	\$ 13,556.00
Western Michigan Fair Association	Drainage project to add 8 more drains to the grounds	\$ 115,126.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show	36 x 64 pole structure with a 10 ft overhang	\$ 29,680.20	\$ 14,840.10	\$ 14,840.10
Allegan County Agricultural Society	Northwest campground electrical & water upgrades	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Berrien County Youth Fair Association	Re-Light Project	\$ 100,754.77	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Lapeer County Agricultural Society	T-12 florescent lighting fixture replacement with T-8 efficient lighting fixture	\$ 18,375.00	\$ 9,187.50	\$ 9,187.50
Northern District Fair Association	Old Horse Barn Renovations	\$ 21,660.00	\$ 10,830.00	\$ 10,830.00
Cheboygan County Fair	Midway Restroom Renovation	\$ 50,800.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Branch County 4-H Fair	Campground Improvement	\$ 15,475.00	\$ 7,737.50	\$ 7,737.50
Saginaw County Fair	Handicap accessible paths to livestock barns	\$ 32,102.00	\$ 16,051.00	\$ 16,051.00
Ingham County Fair	Camping site electrical upgrades, water lines and sewer additions	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Shiawassee County Fair	State of the art Septic System for Whitley's Bathroom project	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 4,108.45	\$ 4,108.45