

MDARD Legislative Report – FY19 Rural Development Fund Grants

Report provided per requirements of Section 5 of the Rural Development Fund Board Act, PA 411 of 2012.

For the FY2019 Rural Development Grant program, MDARD received 67 proposals requesting \$5.1 million in grant funds. Of the proposals, 16 were recommended for funding totaling \$1,245,000 with a match of \$1,500,000. Funding areas were focused on four areas: business development; infrastructure development; rural capacity building; and talent/workforce. Projects were evaluated by a 11-member Joint Evaluation Committee (JEC) that scored projects in six areas: Project Purpose; Impact; Measurable Outcomes; Clarity of Work Plan; Budget; and Sustainability.

2019 Grant Projects

Grantee	Location	Funding	Match	Project Outcomes	Completion
County of Marquette	Marquette, MI	\$100,000	\$65,000	KI Sawyer WWTF Influent Pumping Improvements	9/30/2020
Michigan Asparagus Industry Research Farm	Hart, MI	\$100,000	\$123,800	Expand Processing Equipment	9/30/2020
City of Negaunee	Negaunee, MI	\$100,000	\$425,000	Upgrade Brown Ave Sewer	Completed
Powell Township	Big Bay, MI	\$43,500	\$20,000	Expand the Big Bay Pathway to a Year-Round Trail	9/30/2020
Clare-Gladwin RESD	Clare, MI	\$99,100	\$29,800	Workforce Development in Clare and Gladwin Counties	9/30/2020
Central UP Planning and Development Regional	Escanaba, MI	\$83,000	\$25,000	Develop Economic Resiliency Strategy	9/30/2020
Austin Brothers' Beer Company, LLC	Alpena, MI	\$34,300	\$14,700	Expansion of Equipment	Completed
Republic Township	Republic, MI	\$100,000	\$60,000	Building Improvements on the Iron Ore Heritage Trail	Completed
Bee Well Meadery, LLC	Bellaire, MI	\$89,800	\$48,300	Equipment Upgrades	9/30/2020

Village of Central Lake	Central Lake, MI	\$14,750	\$14,750	Sewer Feasibility Study	9/30/2020
Coldwater Board of Public Utilities	Coldwater, MI	\$100,000	\$30,000	Wastewater Infrastructure Plan	9/30/2020
City of Hillsdale	Hillsdale, MI	\$100,000	\$368,000	Upgrades to Hallett Street	Completed
Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG)	Gaylord, MI	\$10,100	\$10,000	Videoconferencing Capacity for Northeast Michigan	Completed
Paddle Antrim	Elk Rapids, MI	\$70,500	\$120,400	Marketing Paddling the Chain of Lakes	9/30/2020
Jones Farm Market	Saranac, MI	\$100,000	\$61,300	Expand Processing Facility	Completed
Michigamme River Basin Tax Increment Financing and Water Improvement Authority	Republic, MI	\$100,000	\$104,330	Republic Dam Renovations	9/30/2020

2018 Grant Projects

Grantee	Project Outcomes	Funding	Match	Completion Date
City of Escanaba	Replacement of aeration blowers for the city's wastewater plant.	\$99,300	\$119,200	Completed
Connect Nation	Conduct a regional analysis with Northeastern Michigan Council of Governments on local policies, ordinances, and asset inventory for streamlining broadband infrastructure.	\$70,000	\$35,400	Completed
Food for Thought	Procurement of new equipment for value-added manufacturing to build institutional packaging capacity at their new Traverse City facility.	\$88,000	\$141,300	In Progress 2020
Indian Summer Cooperative	Conduct facility wastewater system upgrades to meet production needs for fruit juices and sauces.	\$100,000	\$150,000	In Progress 2020

Marquette County Road Commission	Conduct preliminary engineering for CR492 to improve safety and provide a more reliable route for the mining and forestry industry.	\$100,000	\$30,000	Completed
Michigan Blueberry Commission	Blueberry research infrastructure for addressing critical pest control needs	\$99,300	\$29,900	In progress 2020
Negaunee Township	Expansion of the Township's existing water system to provide services to properties along the south side of US-41.	\$100,000	\$83,000	Completed
PM Power Group Inc	Create a pilot program to determine final costs to process and remediate stamp stands in White Pine.	\$100,000	\$30,000	In Progress 2020
Village of L'Anse	Construct a community solar array for the Village's municipal electric utility.	\$45,000	\$171,300	Completed
Village of Newberry	Enhance and upgrade the Village's financial software to new integrated financial management system.	\$55,305	\$23,705	Completed
Village of Pentwater	Conduct planning, design, and improve critical street parking, walking, and biking facilities utilizing a Complete Street approach.	\$35,000	\$15,000	Completed

2017 Grant Projects

Grantee and Location	Project Outcomes	Funding	Match	Project Status
Slagles Family Farm (Felch)	Commercial Kitchen Project	\$84,110	\$33,010 - private	Final Review being conducted in 2020
Grand Traverse Pasta Company, LLC (Traverse City)	Pasta Equipment Purchases for Improved Processes	\$75,250	\$32,250 - private	Grant Terminated

Grand Traverse Distillery, LLC (Traverse City)	Distillery Equipment Upgrades Lead to Greater Efficiency, Increased Production Capacity, Increased Export Capability and Job Creation	\$123,800	\$52,800 - private	Completed
Michigamme Township	Certified Operator for the Wastewater Treatment Facility	\$26,500	\$12,500 - local	Completed
Human Development Commission (Caro)	Commodity Distribution Program and The Emergency Food Assistance Program	\$61,600	\$26,400 - private	Completed
Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Foundation (Traverse City)	Research and Infrastructure project	\$170,000	\$170,000	Completed
Superior Watershed Partnership (Marquette)	Tri-County Nature Tourism Project	\$75,200	\$22,600 - private	Completed
Northern Michigan Geological Repository Association (Marquette)	Diamond Drill Core Library and Geologic Data	\$226,700	\$123,300 - private	Completed
Copper Peak Inc. (Ironwood)	Copper Peak Reconstruction (Ski Flying Facility)	\$125,000	\$71,715 - private	Completed
City of Munising	M-28 to Foster Street Project	\$150,000	\$64,400 - City	Completed

Village of Ellsworth	Engineering Plan for Community Sanitary Sewer System	\$32,000	\$10,000 – Village	Completed
Iron County Economic Development (Iron River)	The Iron County Tourism & Business Development Initiative	\$22,140	\$9,650 - County	Completed
Northern Economic Initiatives Corporation (Marquette)	Assess and Create Strategies for Central Upper Peninsula Businesses	\$50,000	\$33,338	Completed
Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region Commission (Houghton)	Feasibility Study for Community Photovoltaic Solar Generation System	\$27,230	\$8,170 – Local	Completed
Houghton County	Houghton County Airpark Sewer System	\$80,000	\$163,550 - County	Completed
Mason County Growth Alliance (Ludington)	LEAD and Interconnected Trails	\$35,000	\$15,000 – Regional Prosperity Grant	Completed
Newaygo County RESA (Fremont)	Skills Training Infrastructure Grant	\$176,753	\$971,922	Completed

Rural Development Fund (1509)
 Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
 Schedule of Source of Funds
 for the periods ending September 30

	2019
Sources	
Available Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 1,451,380.74
Encumbered Balance Forward	1,231,779.51
Revenues and Other Sources	1,641,132.96
Total Sources	\$ 4,324,293.21
 Uses	
Expended and Transferred	\$ 1,686,593.90
Encumbered	874,302.76
Total Uses	\$ 2,560,896.66
Ending Available Fund Balance	\$ 1,763,396.55

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