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**DATE:** November 26, 2019

**TO:** Honorable Roger Victory  
Honorable Greg VanWoerkem

**FROM:** Nathan Kark, Legislative Liaison

**SUBJECT:** FY 2019 County Fairs Capital Improvement and Shows and Expositions Grants

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In accordance with Public Act 207 of 2018, Section 805 (9), 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.

Attachments

cc: Senator Kevin Daley  
Senator Sean McCann  
Representative Ann Bollin  
Representative Thomas Albert  
Representative Phil Green  
Representative Sheryl Kennedy  
Representative Julie Brixie  
Representative Terry Sabo

**Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
FY 2019 County Fair Capital Improvement Grants**

The department received 41 grant applications requesting more than \$1,363,883.81. These applications included over \$2.8 Million in proposed enhancements to the fairgrounds. Of these applications 26 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 proposal. Grantees were announced in early March. The grants are for the period of April 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. An interim report was due from the grantees by June 1, 2019 and the final grant reports are due February 1, 2020.

<b>Fair Name</b>	<b>Grant Project</b>	<b>Total Grant Proposal</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>Available Match</b>
<b>Alcona County Fair</b>	<b>2019 South End Electrical Project</b>	<b>\$ 8,188.03</b>	<b>\$ 5,458.69</b>	<b>\$ 2,729.34</b>
Armada Agricultural Society	Horse arena expansion with adjoining campground electrical	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Barry County Agricultural Society</b>	<b>Barry county expo center facilites improvements</b>	<b>\$ 42,547.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,364.67</b>	<b>\$ 14,182.33</b>
Bay County Fair & Youth Expo	Livestock/Horse barn improvements	\$ 63,025.92	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 23,025.92
Chelsea Community Fair	Completion of Merchert barn	\$ 61,427.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 21,427.00
Chippewa Cty. Stalwart Agr'l. Fair Assoc.	Electrical Upgrade	\$ 9,370.00	\$ 6,246.67	\$ 3,123.33
<b>Croswell Agricultural Society Fair</b>	<b>Roofing repair/replacement</b>	<b>\$ 47,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,333.33</b>	<b>\$ 15,666.67</b>
Eaton County 4-H Agricultural Society	Kardel Hall Restoration	\$ 41,000.86	\$ 27,333.90	\$ 13,666.96
Fowlerville Agricultural Society	Splish splash ...a new bathroom	\$ 102,700.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 62,700.00
Genesee County Fair	Agriplex Community Pavilion	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 25,087.32	\$ 114,912.68
<b>Hudsonville Community Fair</b>	<b>Water Line Replacment</b>	<b>\$ 51,566.80</b>	<b>\$ 34,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,266.80</b>
Huron Community Fair Association	Improving on the Past to improve the future	\$ 66,400.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 26,400.00
Ingham County Fair	Horse complex, phase 2	\$ 186,682.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 146,682.00
Ionia Free Fair Association	Livestock barn safety and welfare upgrades and improvements	\$ 61,230.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 21,230.00
Iosco County Agricultural Society	Grandstand upgrade and safety improvement project	\$ 53,463.00	\$ 35,642.00	\$ 17,821.00
Iron County Fair Association	Upgrading plumbing systems	\$ 21,593.14	\$ 14,395.42	\$ 7,197.72
Lake Odessa Civic & Agricultural Assoc.	Campground phase 1- SEW	\$ 64,100.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 24,100.00
<b>Midland County Agricultural &amp; Horticultura</b>	<b>Equestrian Center Capital Improvement</b>	<b>\$ 62,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,100.00</b>
Montcalm County 4-H Fair Association	Montcalm County Horse Leaders Stall Additions	\$ 61,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Muskegon County Fair Association	Horse barn reroofing project	\$ 78,399.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 28,399.00
<b>Northern District Fair Association</b>	<b>Small animal barn renovation</b>	<b>\$ 23,985.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,990.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,995.00</b>
Ogemaw County Fair	Building #1 upgrades	\$ 69,128.12	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 29,128.12
Osceola County 4-H FFA Fair	4H/FFA Fair New Poultry Barn	\$ 59,999.99	\$ 34,552.00	\$ 25,447.99
Otsego County Fair	Electrical upgrade to main service	\$ 59,094.00	\$ 39,396.00	\$ 19,698.00
<b>St. Joseph County Grange Fair</b>	<b>Repair electrical infrastructural step 2</b>	<b>\$ 88,987.78</b>	<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 48,987.78</b>
Washtenaw County Farm Council	Remodel bathrooms in building A	\$ 55,350.00	\$ 36,900.00	\$ 18,450.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,638,337.64</b>	<b>\$ 855,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 773,337.64</b>

**Boilerplate Grants**

Tuscola County Fair	Grandstand improvements	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Tuscola County Fair	Community Center	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Antrim County Fair	Grounds Improvements	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 425,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 425,000.00</b>

**Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
FY 2019 Shows and Expositions Grants**

<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Grant Project</b>	<b>Total Grant Requested</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
Michigan Festivals and Events	Calendar of Events	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Kent County Youth Fair	Miniature Horse Show	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Isabella County Fair	Increase exhibitor Project 2019	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Shiawassee County Fair	Getting the Word Out	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Montmorency County 4-H Fair Assoc	Increasing Fair Visibility	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,020.00
Great Lakes Draft Horse	North American Draft Horse Show	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,695.00
Lake Odessa Fair	Marketing project	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,650.00
Sanilac County Fair	Marketing project	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Michigan Livest Expo	MLE Michigan Bred Premium Awards	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,670.00</b>	<b>\$ 24,865.00</b>