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**TO:** Senator Roger Victory  
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State Budget Director Chris Harkins

**FROM:** Ashley Steffen, Legislative Liaison

**SUBJECT:** FY 2021 County Fairs Capital Improvement and Shows and Expositions Grants

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In accordance with Public Act 166 of 2020, Section 805 (8), attached is the required legislative report 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 Michael Hetherington, by phone at (517) 285-8463 or email [HetheringtonM1@Michigan.gov](mailto:HetheringtonM1@Michigan.gov).

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**Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
FY 2021 County Fair Capital Improvement Grants**

MDARD received 60 grant applications requesting more than \$1,376,263. These applications included over \$3.2 million in proposed enhancements to the fairgrounds. Of these 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 proposal. Legislative notice was provided in early June 2021. The grants are for the period of May 1, 2021 through February 1, 2022. An interim report was due from the grantees by September 15, 2021 and the final grant reports are due February 1, 2022.

<b>Fair Name</b>	<b>Grant Project</b>	<b>Grant Proposal</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>	<b>Available Match</b>
Alger County Fair	New Pavilion for the Alger County Fair	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 20,640.00	\$ 15,360.00
Allegan County Agricultural Society	Asphalting of the Fairgrounds	\$ 45,430.15	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,430.15
Armada Agricultural Society	4-H Barn Relocation and Demolition Project	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Barry County Agricultural Society	Barry County Expo Beef Barn Roof Improvements	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Berrien County Youth Fair Association	Drainage Improvement Jack Dan Memorial Horse Ring	\$ 71,650.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 41,650.00
Branch County 4-H Fair	Dearth Community Center Foundation Repair	\$ 52,600.00	\$ 26,300.00	\$ 26,300.00
Chippewa County Stalwart Agricultural Fair Association	Cook Shack Updates	\$ 3,885.00	\$ 2,590.00	\$ 1,295.00
Clare County Agricultural Society	T-Barn Roof Replacement	\$ 59,883.14	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,883.14
Gogebic County Fair	Let there be Light - and Locks	\$ 12,198.00	\$ 8,132.00	\$ 4,066.00
Houghton County Fair Association	Phase 2 Safety Renovations	\$ 94,741.00	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 68,941.00
Ionia Free Fair Association	Water Line Replacement and Road Upgrades	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
Iron County Fair Association	Fairgrounds Horse Enclosure Rebuilding Project	\$ 36,401.35	\$ 24,267.57	\$ 12,133.78
Jackson County Fair	Jackson County Animal Wash Station	\$ 40,343.00	\$ 26,875.00	\$ 13,468.00
Manchester Community Fair	Lighting Proposal	\$ 2,401.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 801.00
Midland County Agricultural & Horticultural Society	Barn 31 Capital Improvement Project	\$ 47,100.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 17,100.00
Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show	Missaukee Youth Show New Event Facility Project	\$ 90,800.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 60,800.00
Monroe County Fair Association	Drinking Water Infrastructure Replacement	\$ 43,801.60	\$ 29,201.07	\$ 14,600.53
Oceana County Agricultural Society	Oceana County Fair Grandstands	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
Ontonagon County Agricultural Society	Livestock Barn Completion	\$ 24,036.00	\$ 16,024.00	\$ 8,012.00
Saline Community Fair	Announcers Stand Upgrade	\$ 18,400.00	\$ 12,266.67	\$ 6,133.33
Schoolcraft County Fair Association	Water Mitigation & Damage Restoration Project	\$ 32,150.00	\$ 21,433.33	\$ 10,716.67
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 909,820.24</b>	<b>\$ 485,129.64</b>	<b>\$ 424,690.60</b>

**Shows and Exposition Grants**

Shiawassee County Fair	Livestock promotion- We're Back	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>