

Peter C. & Emajeane Cook Foundation Q2 2022

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Kent County Youth Fair building “Grand” new campus

The Foundation made a \$250,000 grant to the Kent County Youth Fair, payable over 3 years to support the move to a new 140-acre campus, formerly known as Deer Run golf course in Lowell. To be called the Grand Agricultural Center of West Michigan, the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association’s multi-million-dollar campus is scheduled to be operational in 2023. Long-term plans provide for an exhibition arena, large livestock barn, Ag education building, community building, pavilion, and horse barns and arenas, among other amenities. The project is made feasible through a combination of private and public investments.

Meals on Wheels Expansion Plans



The Foundation also provided a \$150,000 grant to Meals on Wheels in support of a new large walk-in cooler. This grant is payable over three years and will ultimately be part of a larger campaign. The organization has delivered over 340,000 meals this year to Kent and Allegan County Seniors.

Hope College Tom and Ryan Cook Village

The Tom and Ryan Cook Village became a reality in 2013 supported by a \$1.5M grant from the Peter C. & Emajeane Cook Foundation. That grant, paid over five years, is still our largest grant. It supported construction of two duplexes. Phase II added additional residences to the Village. The College is now looking to expand the Village with Phase III, which adds two more houses

The Board approved a \$500,000 multi-year grant to support this expansion.



By the Numbers

The Foundation Board approved 23 grants totaling \$1,530,125 during Q2 2022. Grants ranged from \$2,000 to \$500,000 with the median grant \$25,000.

All grants but two, totaling \$20,000 had a West Michigan impact. 86% of the grant dollars were for capital projects. 57% of grant dollars were for Christian organizations. Education and Essential Need grantees each received 23% of our investments so far this year.

Q2 Grants of \$20,000 or more not highlighted previously.

Boys & Girls Club of GR	2022 Operating Support	25,000
Kids Food Basket	Support for Roosevelt Park Area	25,000
Grand Rapids Symphony	Concert Sponsorship - Sandi Patty	25,000
Tall Turf Ministries	Family Life Center Carpet plus	35,000
Words of Hope	WOH Center in Udampur, India	37,500
Grand Valley University Foundation	Cook Leadership Academy Support	50,000
Samaritas	Vans - Refugee Transportation	50,000
Exodus Place	Complete Roof Project	50,000
Madison Church	SafeHaven Transitional Housing	50,000
HELP Pregnancy Aid	Capital Campaign Support	100,000
West Michigan Trails	Downtown Trail Expansion	100,000

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