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## **\$80,072 GRANTED TO SEVEN CHELSEA NONPROFITS SUPPORTING ALL THINGS CHELSEA!**

Chelsea, MI—[The Chelsea Community Foundation](#) (CCF) is pleased to award \$80,072 in grants to seven Chelsea nonprofits. Since its establishment in 1995, CCF has invested \$2.2 million in local nonprofits making a difference in the community.

Donations from individuals and businesses to CCF's endowment have made it possible to grant funds to these nonprofits. Here is a list of this year's recipients, all of whom have multiple letters of support and partnerships with Chelsea organizations:

[Chelsea School District](#)—\$5,000 to fund Project Geometry, a high school math elective that explores real-world and cultural applications. Students connect geometry to design, STEM, and leisure through projects, field experts, and excursions, fostering experiential learning and collaboration.

[Chelsea Soccer Club](#)—\$9,000 as partial funding for installing sprinkler irrigation to the community soccer fields at E Old US 12 and Freer Road. This collaborative project with the Chelsea School District is a necessary first step in CSC's long-term plan to restore and maintain these essential community playing fields. The fields are used by CSC, CSD field hockey and lacrosse programs, as well as the newly opened Pierce Lake Early Childhood Center.



[Equality Chelsea](#)—\$6,750 to expand their reach from sponsoring the Pride March for the past two years, to include education, identification of “safe” places within Chelsea, and build coalitions supporting the LGBTQ+ community, allies, and especially youth allies.

[Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express](#)—\$20,000 to support operational costs and hire a new dispatcher. WAVE funding challenges have been compounded by decreased State funding, increased ridership, and call volumes.

[The Purple Rose Theatre Company](#)—\$8,000 to produce free public script readings in partnership with the Chelsea District Library. These funds will be used to hire actors and stage managers to provide accessible cultural programming for the community.

[Chelsea Farmers Market](#)—\$6,322 to support the mission, specifically the children’s activities and music offerings, to increase the Market's value to the Chelsea Community as a place to connect with others, support the local economy, and enjoy better nutrition.

[Main Street Park Alliance](#) - \$25,000 to help develop the park infrastructure. MSPA is a 2.8-acre park in downtown Chelsea. When completed, the park will be Accessible to all ages and abilities, meeting ADA standards. It will connect to other parks, pathways, schools, residential neighborhoods, the Chelsea District Library, and historic downtown

Chelsea. Existing sidewalks connect it to the Border to Border trail, making it an ideal 'active living' stop for Chelsea and the surrounding area. [www.mainstreetpark.org](http://www.mainstreetpark.org).



The next CCF grant application deadline is Monday, February 16, 2026. Potential applicants are encouraged to learn more about applying for grants by contacting Erin Marie McDonald at [emcdonald@cfsem.org](mailto:emcdonald@cfsem.org) or going to the website [www.chelseafoundation.org](http://www.chelseafoundation.org) for grant guidelines and the application.

Chelsea Community Foundation's Chair Anne Merkel shared, *"At CCF, we deeply value the support of our generous donors in the Chelsea area, whose contributions drive our mission forward. Whether you're interested in exploring endowments, setting up a monthly donation, establishing a donor-advised fund, or learning more about how you can contribute, we're here to help."*

Contact Katelyn Videto at [kvideto@cfsem.org](mailto:kvideto@cfsem.org) to discover how you can make a meaningful impact in Chelsea.

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The Chelsea Community Foundation is a permanent charitable endowment totaling \$3.1 million created through gifts from generous individuals, families, and businesses who care about Chelsea. The Chelsea Community Foundation has granted \$2.2 million in grants to nonprofit organizations that address community needs and opportunities,

thereby improving the quality of life in the City of Chelsea and its surrounding areas. The Chelsea Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

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