

Peter C. & Emajeane Cook Foundation Q2 2019

Newsletter

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GRANT ACTIVITY

Four Large Grants in Q2

In the second quarter the Foundation board approved \$1,527,800 in grants. \$1,150,000 was to four organizations mainly through multi-year commitments. This compares with \$1,561,000 approved during the first quarter.

The first large grant was a \$600,000 community investment made to the **John Ball Zoo** payable over 5 years for their “Time to Soar” capital campaign. The campaign focuses on improving outdated infrastructure, accessibility and excitement at the zoo entry. With the focus on infrastructure, just two animals exhibits are included in the campaign.



At project completion, 100% of the John Ball Zoo will be ADA compliant.

Holland Home received a \$350,000 grant payable over 5 years for their Raybrook Campus capital campaign. The Cook Memory Care Center is the focus of our investment. This is a healthcare investment, focused on the senior population.

D.A. Blodgett/St. John’s Home’s “Together for Kids” Campaign focusing on consolidating operations at the Knapp Street campus received \$100,000 grant. This essential needs grant supports work to protect and house children and promotes family preservation.

Ottawa County is working to unite the cities of Grand Rapids and Grand Haven via trail. The project, known as the Greenway Trail, entails acquisition of up to 700 acres of land and construction of 27 miles of bicycle/pedestrian trails along the Grand River. The Foundation board committed \$100,000 over 4 years to this community investment.

By the Numbers



27 organizations received support in the second quarter with an average grant size of \$56,585.

Essentially all grant approvals had a West Michigan impact. 86% of the grants were for capital projects.

3 grants totaling \$47,000 were challenge grants. 1 of the challenges has already been met.

12 of the organizations receiving support are Christian organizations.

While only 29% of grant expense was to healthcare, with 7 grant recipients, we partnered with the most providers in this area.

