

## Participation Fee Grants Funded in June 2009

County or Dept.	Title	Amount Funded	Contact Person	Abstract
Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau	4-H Differently Abled Program	\$5000	Patricia Roth	This program's goal is to assist 4-H groups and families in making it possible for <b>all</b> children to participate successfully in 4-H fair activities. This will be accomplished by (1) identifying children who would benefit, (2) recruiting and training advocates to work with families and leaders, (3) establishing a "Differently Abled Show" and (4) working with specie chairs and judges to accommodate participants in "regular" shows. Funds will be used for curriculum, supplies, travel, equipment rental, advertising and postage.
Clare	Agriculture and Natural Resources Tour	\$1460	Michelle Hyde	In the 2005 issues-identification process, one of the top five local issues for Clare County was getting more youth involved in agriculture and natural resources. This project's goals are to: (1) expose all Clare County fifth-graders to agriculture and natural resource industries and career options, (2) provide them with experiences to learn about different elements of local agriculture and natural resources, (3) address science and social studies standards and (4) build stronger partnerships between the schools and MSU Extension. To achieve these goals, grant funds will be used for travel, curriculum, postage and supplies.
CYFC	4-H Outdoor Mentors Pilot Program	\$5000	Molly Frendo Dale Elshoff	This pilot project will bring together two distinct CYFC programming areas and help them meet critical needs they are experiencing by: (1) reengaging Michigan citizens (particularly youth) in our natural resources-based outdoor heritage, (2) recruiting more adult (especially male) mentors as volunteers in 4-H mentoring programs and (3) creating resources for 4-H mentoring programs to recruit a new volunteer audience. The grant will support part of the match for a full-time AmeriCorps member and provide for specific, site-identified needs such as events, travel and equipment.
CYFC	4-H Social Entrepreneurship Club Training	\$4900	Chris Stickney	Grant funding will provide a one-day training to educate Extension staff, youth, adult volunteers, parents and potential project partners about creating social entrepreneurship clubs or integrating social-entrepreneurship and service-learning principles into existing 4-H programs. Specifically, the grant will fund travel, curriculum, facility rental, student support and supplies.

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CYFC	Translating 4-H Curriculum Into Spanish	\$4000	Dixie Sandborn	According to national (and Michigan) research, the Latino population is our largest minority group. While this group is starting businesses at a 3 to 1 ratio compared to other population groups, it is still one that is underemployed, underpaid, underachieving in schools and has a disproportionately high rate of chronic illnesses. Against this backdrop, Michigan Extension professionals are putting forth a major effort to link gardening and better nutrition, information this population needs critically and in an easily accessible form. By translating curriculum, activity sheets and games into Spanish, we will be able to better serve our growing Hispanic volunteer population, many of whom speak Spanish in the home. Grant funds will pay for travel, curriculum, translation and supplies.
Gladwin	Gladwin County 4-H Shooting Sports Equipment	\$1380	Bev Przystas Ed Wright	Gladwin County 4-H has reorganized its shooting sports club with a resulting increase in membership. The consequence is a need for more and better equipment which the funding will provide.
Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Program	Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Curriculum Development	\$5000	Dale Elshoff Chip Culbertson	Grant funds will support the development of a Michigan 4-H Archery Curriculum that will include fundamental archery-teaching techniques for instructors and youth development-content programming information. In specific, the funds will support travel and facility rental for two, two-day writing workshops.
MSU Extension Central Region	Winterfest 2010	\$2700	Michelle Hyde	This 2-day event for 9-to-12-year-old Central Region 4-H'ers will target an age group that has less programming opportunities than older members. The program will provide the participants with: (1) hands-on camp-like experience, (2) educational sessions, (3) contact with other 4-H'ers from across the state, (4) a sense of regionwide 4-H community, (5) exposure to 4-H opportunities available to them as they continue in 4-H, (6) rock-climbing and teamwork experiences. Funding will cover facility rental.
MSU Extension Southeast Region	Southeast Regional Teen Leadership Academy	\$3482	Pat Waugh	This two-day workshop's goal is to provide comprehensive, leadership-skill training to teen leaders and adults volunteers in MSU Extension's Southeast Region. The grant will pay for facility rental and supplies.

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Midland	Midland Youth and Salmon . . . A New Recipe	\$1821.66	Dave Thomas	Funds from this grant will be used to bring a Michigan Department of Natural Resources program, <i>Salmon in the Classroom</i> , into the Midland County school system through the use of 4-H teen volunteers. It will provide young people the opportunity to learn conservation, natural resources and how they can become active stewards of our natural resources. The funds will provide travel for teacher and 4-H educator training, curriculum and supplies.
Oakland	Oakland County 4-H Career Development and Entrepreneurship Project	\$4900	Thomas Schneider	This project allows youth to experientially explore and build skills toward future career goals. Participants learn lifelong skills such as leadership and financial literacy. Funds from this grant will enhance current efforts and recruit new participants through partial scholarships for youth and chaperones, start-up capital for four investments, and development and production of promotional materials.
Ottawa	Journey 4-H: The Outdoor Challenge	\$5000	Laura Schleede	Journey 4-H Youth mentoring partners with the 20 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, Juvenile Services to reduce the frequency and severity of offenses committed by delinquent Ottawa County youth aged 8 to 17, by giving them the opportunity to have a mentor. This grant seeks to expand and enhance a highly successful pilot program by developing an outdoor activity-based mentoring model. Grant funds will cover travel, facility rental, activities, curriculum and supplies.
Saginaw	Saginaw City 4-H Program First and Second Grade Level	\$875	Janet Wendland	Funding from this grant will be used to enhance and expand (into another school) an existing 4-H program that provides instruction about plants, nature and healthy lifestyles to students who are at risk and those with physical disabilities. Specifically, funds will be used for bus rental, event admission, books and supplies.