

Michigan 4-H Participation Fee Grants Funded in January 2008

County or Dept.	Title	Amount Funded	Contact Person	Abstract
Alpena	4-H Great Lakes Aquatic Academy	\$4940	Tamara Barrett	The 4-H Great Lakes Aquatic Academy will provide classroom and field aquatic education to 25 4-H youth aged 12 to 19. Funds will be used to purchase science lab equipment and other items needed for field study. Other expenses to be covered include travel reimbursement for educators, facility rental, curriculum, snacks and simple meals during the event, printing and copying class materials, and general supplies.
Animal Science	Bi-State Poultry Youth Clinic	\$3750	Darrin Karcher	The Bi-State Poultry Clinic will target 4-H youth with poultry interest and will provide them an opportunity to interact with individuals who have knowledge about specific project areas. Funds will provide travel and hotel accommodations for clinic presenters, facility rental, meals for attendees and supplies.
Bay	MacGregor Elementary 4-H Reading Garden	\$1700	Jodi Wrzesinski	To increase students' reading levels and comprehension, and to provide a fun, educational place to learn, a reading garden will be constructed on school grounds to benefit all of the school's students. Funds will purchase 10 to 15 planters, plants, soil, supplies for building and painting murals, garden equipment, two park benches for garden seating, and curriculum to be used in the classroom.
Branch	Celebrate Cultural Connections	\$3400	Connie Lange	Through presentations, direct contact, question-and-answer sessions and discussions, Celebrate Cultural Connections will provide experiences and information that will enable changes in both attitude and behavior towards others. Funds will be used to purchase curriculum, supplies for presentations to classrooms (including food, craft supplies and other items) and to support a performance by the University of Michigan's Artisan Group at the Tibbits Opera House.

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Eaton	4-H's Best Chef Cooking School	\$4962	Jennifer O'Neal	4-H's Best Chef Cooking School will be a five-day cooking workshop for 50 older-elementary and junior-high level youth in Eaton County's urban areas. The program will teach culinary arts through hands-on-instruction and hopes to capture youth so they continue to stay engaged in other 4-H projects. Funds will provide salary for a youth volunteer to work 114 hours to help coordinate the program, assist with registration and do the follow up, travel reimbursement for educators, curriculum, food for the daily cooking demonstrations, and postage and printing of promotional material.
Gogebic	Make Tracks in Big Snow Country	\$2500	Vicki Nelson	This program will introduce youth aged 10 to 19 to the sport of snowshoeing and the importance of staying active during the winter. Funds will rent a facility for a snowshoeing event, purchase 20 pairs of snowshoes, books for the library so members can learn more and medals to recognize participating youth.
Houghton/ Keweenaw	Jazz Recording Arts Project	\$3400	Carol Kreher	This project's primary goal is to create an accessible curriculum for 4-H clubs to explore the recording arts in a hands-on setting. Funding will support purchasing recording equipment, creating the curriculum, paying copyright and licensing fees, studio-rental fees, mixing and mastering fees for the recordings, and CD production and duplication costs.
Ingham	Ingham County 4-H Civic Academy	\$1820	Akia Burnett	The Ingham County 4-H Civic Academy will be a 7-week program for a maximum of 10 cadets. The cadets will focus on citizenship, leadership and community youth development. Grant funding will pay an assistant coordinator to help facilitate the program, provide busing for field trips, curriculum for each participant, event refreshments and supplies.

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Iosco	Equine Education Seminars	\$1529.35	Linda Stemen	4-H leaders, 4-H members and community members interested in the horse industry will be provided seminars on topics such as horse judging, buying a horse, and basic safety and health issues. <i>Pony Pointers</i> curriculum will be utilized with the Cloverbud audience, while guest speakers and hands-on experiences will be provided for older participants. Seminar funding will cover travel expenses for presenters, purchase curriculum, rent facilities and purchase advertising, refreshments and supplies.
Monroe	Monroe County 4-H Technology Lab	\$5000	Judy See	In order to utilize a donation of computers and printers, hardware will be purchased to link the computers together and create a teaching lab. Funds will purchase software, a color printer, LCD projector and projector screen to make the teaching lab suitable for use by the 4-H Council, Junior Livestock Association, Small Animal Association, State Award delegates, communication participants and workshop presenters.
MSU Museum	Barn Survey Podcasts	\$2000	LuAnne Kozma	The creation of video training podcasts for the Michigan Barn and Farmstead Survey will provide more accessible training materials for 4-H participants. Providing both the manual and video podcasts online on the Internet will make this training more broadly accessible year-round and will replace the need for some in-person trainings. Funds will be used as a salary for a paid consultant, to pay for Web services including technical support and Web posting, to travel to shooting locations and purchase supplies such as videotapes.
St. Clair	Youth Farm Stand Project	\$4000	Gilda Schott	The Youth Farm Stand Project will reach 30 to 35 youth directly and indirectly in the communities where they reside. Funds will be used to bus participants to their production sites, pay for a program manager/assistant to facilitate the program, cover the expected educational training time for participants, and purchase supplies (including tents, product containers and bags, plants and seeds, and garden equipment) to help the youth entrepreneurs start their own farm stand.

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State 4-H Office	4-H Communication Day	\$1000	Jake DeDecker	4-H Communication Day is a statewide event designed to help prepare youth for a global and increasingly competitive workforce, as well as develop them as proactive leaders and citizens. Funds will be used to recognize 5 youth with \$100 awards and 2 counties with \$250 awards. Youth recipients will be chosen from those that participate in at least 3 events while qualifying for at least silver in those events. Counties will randomly be chosen from a pool of those who had at least 4 youth participate in the event. Youth are encouraged to use the award for educational purposes and counties will use the funds for local 4-H programming and activities.
State 4-H Office	Staff Training and Resource Materials for GLNR Camp	\$2600	Judy Ratkos	Each year 70 campers and 12 older teens who serve as camp counselors are reached by the GLNR Camp. To comply with new, more stringent regulations for state-licensed camps, camp staff will require additional certifications in CPR and First Aid. This grant will fund training and certifying staff in these areas, as well as in the instruction of sailing, kayaking and snorkeling. Funding will also purchase snorkeling gear, water-testing kits for campers to use and take home, and a new teaching aid, the groundwater model.
State 4-H Office	Mentoring Weekend	\$4248	Molly Frendo	Mentoring weekend will host 120 participants (youth, mentors, staff and AmeriCorps members) from 62 Michigan sites involved in either the 4-H Mentor Michigan Initiative or the Peer Mentoring Service Learning grants. By providing funds for facility rental, use of the low-ropes course, t-shirts and program supplies, the grant will allow a minimal \$30 registration fee per participant.
State 4-H Office	Cultural Competencies Through <i>¡Que Rico!</i>	\$4950	Betsy Knox	Seven workshops with a total of 140 participants will be held across the state utilizing the <i>¡Que Rico!</i> curriculum to increase cultural awareness, appreciation and respect, and increase Latino involvement in county 4-H programs. Funds will pay for the salary and travel of the workshops presenter, will purchase curriculum and supplies and will cover workshop expenses such as food.