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Rural Partners of Michigan Awards Grants to Six Communities

Lansing, MI – The Rural Partners of Michigan (RPM) is pleased to announce their Community Grant Award Winners. This program offers grants of up to \$800 to organizations engaged in rural community development work. RPM, as part of the Michigan Rural Council, seeks to connect and educate community leaders, provide expertise and advocate for policy and projects that impact rural Michigan.

“These grants provide a huge opportunity to smaller rural communities to assist with their growth and development,” said Jessica AcMoody, Acting Executive Director of RPM. “These projects produce exceptional services and real economic results benefiting the entire community.”

Of the applications received, six Michigan communities will receive this funding including:

- **City of Harrison:** to assist in the purchase of equipment for a community kitchen to be used by local entrepreneurs, educators and community members.
- **Delta Kappa Gamma International/Alpha XI:** to assist in the restoration and maintenance of the original one-room rural school in the Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan.
- **Generation E Institute:** to assist with their “Growing Business After School” which provides training, mentorship and supplies for after school youth entrepreneurship educational programs in Marshall.
- **Grow Benzie:** to assist with the purchase of equipment for the incubator kitchen at Grow Benzie’s community and educational farmstead in Beulah.
- **NCCS Center for Nonprofit Housing:** to assist in bringing educational and counseling services in Fremont to those who are transportation bound.
- **Remus Area Historical Society:** to assist in establishing a Quilt Trail that will draw in tourism and increase economic growth to local businesses in the Remus area.

The Community Grants are awarded bi-annually each year with deadlines on August 30 and February 15. Additional educational, networking and future grant opportunities for rural communities can be discovered through the Michigan Rural Council at rural.cedam.info.

The Michigan Rural Council (MRC), a program of the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), supports efforts and enhances programs and services that have a positive impact on the quality of life in Michigan's rural communities. CEDAM is a nonprofit membership organization that represents hundreds of individuals and organizations committed to revitalizing and rebuilding Michigan through community economic development. For more information about CEDAM, visit cedam.info. For more information about the MRC, visit rural.cedam.info.

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