



ENDOWMENT UPDATE

THE 2020 REPORT OF THE SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

What is an Endowment Fund?

Although most adults have basic understanding of what an endowment fund is and how it could help a community or program, many of our young people have not had any experience with this kind of investment. Please share this Annual Report with them and help them to see how this fund supports their program into the future but also today.

An endowment is the concept upon which community funds and community foundations are based. It embodies the idea that a community—any community—can decide to take its destiny into its own hands and plan for a better future. While there is no legal definition of endowment, it is commonly understood to be a gift of cash, assets or other property donated to an institution in perpetuity. Typically, the gift is converted into cash—if it isn't cash already—and placed into an endowment fund.

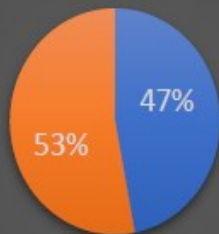
In this endowed fund, the principal (that is, the amount of the original gift) is never touched, but it is invested to produce income. Community foundations and funds then use this income every year in three ways:

- A portion is used to make grants to community nonprofit organizations or to initiate community programs
- A portion is added to the principal, which causes the endowment to grow over time
- A small portion pays fees to professional managers who invest the funds and to the community foundation for its services and operations

In essence, the funds become like a savings account, which will earn interest and be available forever. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Sheboygan County 4-H Endowment Fund!

A Snapshot of the 2020 4-H Endowment Fund Values

Sheboygan County 4-H Endowment Fund
Statement Date: 30-Oct-20



- John Hancock Bond Fund Class A –Value
- John Hancock Large Capital Core Fund A –Value

WITH GRATITUDE TO 2020 CONTRIBUTORS:

In Memory of Mary Olson

Mark and Kathy Froh
Jamie, Joe and Jacob Tyrrell
Marlene Kamman
George and Donna Menart

In Memory of Betty Opgenorth

Earl Opgenorth

In Memory of Lucille Dickerell

George and Donna Menart

In Memory of Hermine Kwekkeboom

George and Donna Menart



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2020 GRANTS AWARDED

4-H ENDOWMENT FUND

The 4-H Endowment Fund Committee invites grant proposals from 4-H committees, leaders, members and local UW-Extension 4-H faculty and staff. In 2020 grants were approved by the Sheboygan County 4-H Endowment Fund totaling \$8,080.00 Some highlights included:

Fine Arts Festival

\$ 1,390.00

Kelly Rauch, committee chair

The Fine Arts Festival had to be canceled this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope to retain the funds awarded so that a festival can be planned for spring 2021.

The Committee held four workshops leading up to the Festival that were designed to inspire creativity in our youth. To avoid adding another meeting night to our youth's schedules, the workshops were scheduled the same nights as the Youth Association meetings thinking the youth could go back and forth between meetings. That was not an effective strategy. The art workshop held during Project Day was better attended.

Additional committee members are needed to share the work load. This past year we added two youth members who provided a new perspective and were great contributors.

When the Festival was canceled in March, we had hoped to offer face to face judging over the summer for the tangible art pieces submitted to give our youth that valuable experience prior to the Fair.

4-H Concert Band Project

\$500.00

Kelly Rauch, project leader

The Sheboygan County 4-H Concert Band was able to have three practices this year (January 26, February 16 and March 8). The practices were held in the Sheboygan Falls High School band room which allowed for chairs and music stands conducive to rehearsing. We also utilized the practice rooms.

We used grant funds to purchase the sheet music and we were able to make copies at the Extension Office.

We hope to retain our grant funds for the 2020-2021 4-H year. The band will reconvene in January 2021. The current plan (Covid-19 restrictions/rules notwithstanding) is to continue to recruit band members to come together to play music and get to know one another without requiring attendance for a Fine Arts Festival performance. This year we were able to incorporate a service project – decorating bags for Fresh Meals on Wheels – that provided the youth time to socialize with each other.

We lost a few band members this year because of the Sheboygan Falls High School Choir trip which was planned

for the same time as the Fine Arts Festival. Next year the SFHS Band is scheduled to have a trip around the same time so we hope to retain and gain band members by not having the Fine Arts Festival be a requirement.

Two of our band members were SPIN members which kept them involved in 4-H after they decided to no longer be members of their clubs.

Community Youth Voice Conf.

\$1,600.00

This program was canceled at the last minute due to COVID-19. It has not been rescheduled in any format to date. However, all of the preparatory training for Round table Facilitators had been completed prior to this decision. Round table facilitators participated in training related to the following key leadership areas:

- Making a First Impression
- Establishing Group Rules for Group Discussion
- Effective Brainstorming Strategies
- Leading Team building-Trust building
- Facilitation Strategies
- Project Planning - Tasks and Timelines
- Thinking on Your Feet
- Leadership Style (REAL Colors)
- Stages of Group Formation
- Cultural Awareness - Cultural Leadership
- Strategies to acknowledge a team's success
- Strategies to lead personal and team reflection
- Group Climate and logistics

All four facilitators who completed this training indicated that they Strongly Agreed or Agreed with the statement that their participation in the training increased their understanding in each of the above content areas.

HHSD 4-H Club Project

\$1,370.00

In a collaboration project with the Sheboygan County Health and Human Service Department and the Sheboygan County 4-H Youth Development Program, there formed the creation of the club Plug: Hooking You Up For Life. This club works with older youth selected by staff from the Juvenile Court and Child and Family Services Division who are in need of community service hours. On Saturday, March 14th the first experience was held as four youth showed up to help compile the Foster Care Activity Bags and also learn about interviewing and



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applications. In the end, with the help from the Sheboygan County 4-H community clubs, 4-H Leaders Association Endowment Grant and the 4 youth participants, we were able to pull together 147 Activity Bags for the youth in the Sheboygan County Foster Care program. Each bag has about 3-4 different items in them.

In addition, staff from HHSD and Extension provided opportunities for youth participants to learn about invasive species and complete two workdays at 4-H Camp Riversite. The grant funds provided equipment and materials as well as lunch for all participants.

We are thankful to have been able to work around many of the challenges this year and still provide quality education and events for families.

Mollie Mechenich, Leann Oertel, Robyn Jacobchick

COVID-19 Youth Action Team

\$1,400.00

Sheboygan County youth care about our communities. Youth participants in the **Sheboygan County COVID-19 Youth Action Team** have been planning and implementing several projects to help alleviate need in our county. These projects have included compiling a list of babysitters for healthcare providers; planning, implementing and delivering 50 care packages to St Nicolaus Hospital; writing to and creating videos for residents at Rocky knoll and other nursing care facilities.

Exploring Your Environment

\$1,500.00

Thank you so much for the endowment grant for 2020. Most programs utilized the natural setting of Camp Riversite. We were able to use the money to support many programs including family bonfire with winter bird feeder-making, bat house-making and education, snowshoe hike and education, self-guided Earth Day sensory hike, self-guided wildflower hike, birdhouse "take and make", self-guided nature scavenger hunt, and we will finish the year with our annual Christmas in the Woods celebration.

Sheb Co. Livestock Skillathon

\$500.00

Dear sheboygan County leaders Association,
Thank you so very much for accepting our application for the 4-H endowment grant. The money was used to purchase livestock flashcard a pig anatomy model and a wireless quiz game system. Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
The Sheboygan county Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon teams
Alex Young, Chloe Breunig, Tiffany Bork, Haylie Habeck, Olivia Kohlman, Audrey Gartman, Leo Gartman, Kathryn Schwartz, Henry Gartman, Ethan Keshiman, Alisha Klemme, Alison Gartman, William Schwartz, m. z. k. k. k. k. k.

4-H ENDOWMENT FUND DONATION FORM

Please list my donation as:

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_____ in honor of _____
_____ Other _____

Name and address to notify family of gift: _____

Contribution Received From: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

_____ Please check here, if you need a receipt of your donation for tax purposes.

CHECK PAYABLE TO: **SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION - ENDOWMENT FUND**

SEND TO: **SHEBOYGAN COUNTY 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND, 5 UNIVERSITY DRIVE, SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081**



GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The 4-H Endowment Fund Committee has over \$6,000 to give away on February 1st!

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Sheboygan County 4-H Endowment Fund Grant. The Fund was established in 1991 to provide long-range support for the Sheboygan County 4-H Program, beyond the current operating expenses of the 4-H Leaders Association. Only the interest earned will be used to fund innovative and educational programs that support the strengthening and expanding of the 4-H program in Sheboygan County.

The 4-H Endowment Committee invites grant proposals from 4-H clubs, committees, leaders, and members. The committee is very interested in proposals that will enhance project experiences including recruiting leadership in and opportunities for hands-on county-wide learning. The Grant is only for the Sheboygan County 4-H program not individual members or clubs.

Examples of past projects funded: *animal skill-a-thon educational materials; upgrade of project equipment; funds for educational programming at 4-H Camp Riverside; 4-H afterschool and outreach programming;*

Examples of items not funded: *updates to personal property, general operating expenses, individual or club projects*

Applicants must respond to the following questions:

1. Name of the committee or individual making the request
2. Amount of the request
3. Describe in detail the project and purpose for which funds are being requested.
4. Indicate whether the grant requested from the fund will cover the entire cost of the project. If not, please indicate the total cost and describe other sources of funds.
5. How many people will be involved or affected through the project?
6. Describe how the proposed grant will benefit or promote the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.

Please pay close attention to the Granting Cycle. If you have any questions, please contact the UW-Extension office at 920-459-5903.

2019-2020 4-H ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

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Committee Chair

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Volunteer Leader

Sandy Krahn
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Joanne Schroeder
Volunteer Leader

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Volunteer Leader

Kandy Huiras
Volunteer Leader

Sarah Tarjeson
4-H Youth Development
Advisor

GRANTING CYCLES

February 1:	Grant Applications due to the UW-Extension Office
February:	Grants reviewed by 4-H Endowment Fund Committee Grants approved by 4-H Leaders Association
March 1:	Funds available for disbursement
October 1:	Grant Report Forms due to the UW-Extension Office

	<i>(if funds are available)</i>
July 1:	Grant Applications due to the UW-Extension Office
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August 1:	Funds available for disbursement
October 1:	Grant Report Forms due to the UW-Extension Office