

Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Session – Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 3:00 p.m.
Leelanau County Government Center, Suttons Bay, Michigan
<https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2391>

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Agenda

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comment

Agenda Additions/Deletions

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Adjournment

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Tentative Minutes – Meeting Recorded

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The meeting of the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairman Casey Noonan at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Noonan led the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

Roll Call:
John Arens, *absent/prior notice*
Dave Barrons, *Vice-Chairman*
Steve Christensen
Don Frerichs, *absent/prior notice*
Charles Godbout
Melinda Lautner, *absent*
Casey Noonan, *Chairman*
John Popa
Rick Robbins
F. Jon Walter

Staff Present:
Laurel Evans, Executive Assistant
W. Scott Bradley, Maintenance Worker

Public Comment:

Steve Stier, President, Leelanau County Historical Preservation Society (LCHPS) said he was “concerned and surprised” to learn that the County parks could be sold. He added that the people he solicited money from for the Poor Farm preservation were unaware as well. He encouraged the Parks and Recreation Commission to make every effort to find a way to ensure county parks are protected from being sold into perpetuity.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Motion by Godbout to approve the agenda, as presented. Seconded by Barrons.

Discussion – None.

Ayes – 7 (Barrons, Christensen, Godbout, Noonan, Popa, Robbins, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 3 (Arens, Frerichs, Lautner)

Motion Passes

Action Items –

Approval of Minutes – August 3, 2022, Regular Session:

Motion by Robbins to approve the August 3, 2022, regular session minutes, as presented.

Seconded by Barrons.

Discussion – None.

Ayes – 7 (Barrons, Christensen, Godbout, Noonan, Popa, Robbins, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 3 (Arens, Frerichs, Lautner)

Motion Passes

Approval of Financials:

- Transaction History Listing Report – June 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022
- Revenue & Expense Reports – Period Ending June 30, 2022; July 31, 2022; and August 31, 2022

Motion by Christensen to approve the financials, as presented. Seconded by Walter.

Discussion – None.

Ayes – 7 (Barrons, Christensen, Godbout, Noonan, Popa, Robbins, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 3 (Arens, Frerichs, Lautner)

Motion Passes

Committee Reports and Recommendations –

Myles Kimmerly Park Committee:

Noonan reported that he talked with Greg Julian, Kasson Township Supervisor, and Julian said that a definitive response from the County (regarding the proposal presented by Tim Stein, Cleveland Township Supervisor and himself to purchase park land from Myles Kimmerly Park to build a fire station) would help them decide whether to pursue the purchase of the property or move on to other options.

Evans reminded the group that the decision whether or not to sell the Myles Kimmerly Park property is ultimately up to the County Board of Commissioners, but she said for the September 13, 2022, County Board meeting she would add to the agenda whatever recommendation resulted from today's meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Motion by Popa “that the Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the request by Cleveland and Kasson Township fire departments to sell part of Myles Kimmerly Park and we do not recommend it.”

Discussion – Evans reminded the group that there was another entity (Glen Lake Community Schools) also interested in the property, so she suggested not making the motion specific to Cleveland and Kasson Townships. Popa responded that he was not opposed to selling the parkland, but would not vote to do so in this instance. Godbout added that a finding of facts included: 1) that prior park master plans stated that Myles Kimmerly Park would be a combined passive and active recreational use park; 2) that it would be park property into perpetuity; 3) that it has been determined that a current board can override that decision; and 4) and that it is the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to the County Board that they not pursue the sale of any Myles Kimmerly Park property. Evans suggested, “I move to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to the County Board of Commissioners to affirm County Board resolutions 1995-005 (resolution granting use of Myles Kimmerly Park to MSU-E 4-H) and 2000-005 – Parks Perpetuity, to retain the parks property as County property.” Popa added, “...at this time.” Robbins suggested, “...to retain solely as park property” versus “...to retain as County property.” Evans then suggested, “...to retain solely as parks.” Robbins suggested including Old Settlers and Veronica Valley Parks in the motion. Noonan said it made sense to include the two other parks in the recommendation because the other parks were included in the resolutions.

Motion amended by Popa that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends to the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners to (continue to) preserve and maintain Myles Kimmerly Park, Old Settlers Park, and Veronica Valley Park as park land, as outlined in the following County Board Resolutions: 1995-005 (resolution granting use of Myles Kimmerly Park to MSU-E 4-H) 2000-005 – Parks Perpetuity. Seconded by Walter.

Discussion – Barrons inquired of Popa why he favored selling the property to build a fire station. Popa said he felt there was community benefit in having a fire station at that location, especially “on a piece of land that we don’t use for anything.” Evans said there is still interest by a couple who want to contribute towards the building of a dog park.

Ayes – 7 (Barrons, Christensen, Godbout, Noonan, Robbins, Walter)

No – Popa Absent – 3 (Arens, Frerichs, Lautner)

Motion Passes

Old Settlers Park Committee:

Noonan reported in Lautner’s absence. He said, though it rained all day, there was a decent turnout for the picnic with about 160 meals served. He said enthusiasm seemed to be dwindling for the event and that it would be nice if interest could be revived. He added that the new play structure was a big hit with the kids. Godbout inquired if the chapel had been power washed. Bradley responded that it had not. He said it was low priority given other projects on his list. Noonan mentioned that the gazebo needed to be power washed, stripped, and painted and suggested that it be a project for next year (2023). Godbout inquired about approval levels to “bless” a maintenance expense. Bradley responded that up to \$2,000.00 could be approved by his boss and up to \$5,000.00 could be approved by the County Administrator. Godbout said he was inquiring in case an estimate for the gazebo project was above \$5,000.00 to which Barrons responded that bids first need to go through the County Board of Commissioners. Christensen discussed three quotes (two verbal and one written) for an update of the master plan for Myles Kimmerly Park. All quotes were under \$5,000.00, so he said, per the County Administrator, the Parks and Recreation Commission can decide which to select. Christensen said the Myles Kimmerly Park Committee will meet first then come back with a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Noonan remarked that he needed to follow-up with Lautner regarding a donation and a request from the family of Nancy Lamb for a memorial bench and the purchase of a small piece of playground equipment at Old Settlers Park.

Veronica Valley Park Committee:

Motion by Barrons to accept the proposal from St. Mary’s school for the cross-country event at Veronica Valley Park, as it has been held before, pending completion of required documents (insurance, etc.). Seconded by Walters.

Discussion – Barrons inquired and Popa confirmed that date of the event is October 15, 2022. Popa reminded Barrons that Popp would be excavating at the park some time in October. Barrons said Popp would be starting the project “next week” and that he thought the project would be completed prior to the cross-country event.

Ayes – 7 (Barrons, Christensen, Godbout, Noonan, Popa, Robbins, Walter)

No – 0 Absent – 3 (Arens, Frerichs, Lautner)

Motion Passes

Barrons discussed the wayfinding signage and pointed out the example in the room (post with sign mounted) which, he said, would be the same design for Myles Kimmerly Park. He said he would get with Bradley to plan how he could assist with installation. He also reported potholes in the fishing walkway. Bradley explained the height of the post for the signage was determined by national park standards. Walters said wheelchair bound visitors could easily view the signage and Bradley added that small children could also easily view at the recommended height. Barrons said he asked for assistance via email from biologist Brian Price, in identifying weeds in the ponds. He has not heard back. Christensen suggested calling the “district office” and asking for the invasive species network. Christensen also suggested talking with DNR Fisheries Biologist Heather Hettinger. Barrons again reported that Popp would begin the project for the entrance at Veronica Valley Park “next week.”

Public Comment:

Steve Stier (LCHPS) inquired if the company that created the previous master plan for Myles Kimmerly Park was one of the three estimates that Christensen gathered for consideration for the project.

Commissioner Comments:

Evans noted that although the Parks Commission was unsuccessful during the first cycle for 2% Allocation funding from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, they had encouraged resubmission of the application for the second cycle. All applications are due to the County Board for the November meeting cycle. Discussion ensued.

Chairperson Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned to the call of Chairman Noonan at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lori D. Eubanks, Recording Secretary

REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT - CURRENT

Fund 101 General Fund

County of Leelanau

Department 850756 Parks & Recreation

Period Ending Date: September 30, 2022

Account Number	Month-to-date Actual	Current Year-to-date Actual	Current Year Total Amended Budget	Percentage Spent/Received
Account Name				
Fund 101 General Fund				
Fiscal Year 2022				
Department 850756 Parks & Recreation				
Expenses				
850756-702.000				
Overtime	0.00	378.35	1,500.00	25.22%
850756-703.000				
Salaries	7,437.51	28,497.18	37,187.00	76.63%
850756-703.001				
Temporary Office Assistant	93.96	2,115.48	2,500.00	84.62%
850756-703.006				
Salaries -non-work holiday	331.19	698.07	550.00	126.92%
850756-704.000				
Per Diem	80.00	990.00	2,800.00	35.36%
850756-717.000				
Social Security	607.73	2,526.55	3,331.00	75.85%
850756-718.000				
Hospitalization	0.00	5,347.50	7,130.00	75.00%
850756-719.000				
Retirement	0.00	1,543.99	2,269.00	68.05%
850756-720.000				
Life Insurance/Disability	0.00	315.72	579.00	54.53%
850756-727.000				
Office/Operating Supplies	-79.55	6,789.15	9,500.00	71.46%
850756-742.000				
Uniforms	0.00	296.91	400.00	74.23%
850756-743.000				
Gas/Oil	0.00	2,758.35	2,500.00	110.33%
850756-775.000				
Repair and Maintenance	1,503.90	19,448.91	30,000.00	64.83%
850756-801.000				
Contractual Services	-569.74	6,847.87	18,000.00	38.04%
850756-807.000				
Membership Dues and Fees	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00%
850756-850.000				
Telephone	52.43	309.84	400.00	77.46%
850756-850.001				
Telephone - Cell phone	49.35	246.39	294.00	83.81%
850756-860.000				
Travel	0.00	57.04	70.00	81.49%
850756-860.001				
Taxable Travel	36.88	516.51	1,500.00	34.43%

Not Finalized

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Account Number	Month-to-date Actual	Current Year-to-date Actual	Current Year Total Amended Budget	Percentage Spent/Received
Account Name				
850756-900.000 Printing and Publishing	-378.04	1,047.38	1,200.00	87.28%
850756-920.000 Utilities (Light-Oil)	289.74	2,626.55	4,000.00	65.66%
850756-940.000 Rental	0.00	816.00	1,500.00	54.40%
850756-942.000 Copy Machine Charges (Rental)	0.00	4.32	30.00	14.40%
850756-970.000 Capital Outlay	28,086.50	86,293.60	60,000.00	143.82%
850756-970.010 Capital Outlay under \$5,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00%
Expenses Total	37,541.86	170,471.66	191,340.00	89.09%
Parks & Recreation Dept Total	37,541.86	170,471.66	191,340.00	89.09%
Expenses Fund Total	37,541.86	170,471.66	191,340.00	89.09%
Net (Rev/Exp)	37,541.86	170,471.66	191,340.00	
Beginning/Adjusted Balance		YTD Revenues	YTD Expenses	Current Fund Balance
7,865,862.86	+	12,862,328.69	-	10,520,337.33
			=	10,207,854.22
Grand Total for Expenses	37,541.86	170,471.66	191,340.00	89.09%
Grand Total Net Rev/Exp	37,541.86	170,471.66	191,340.00	

Not Finalized

Transaction History Listing Report

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Account Balance Transactions

Date Range: September 1, 2022 Thru September 30, 2022

Fund: 101 General Fund
Department: 850756 Parks & Recreation

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Account: 850756-727.000			Office/Operating Supplies		Dept: Parks & Recreation		
9/6/2022	AP	23677	CMK	118921	BUNEKS' HARDWARE, INC.	11.35	
9/7/2022	AP	23613	CMK	20220823	VOID Inv# 904910479		90.90
Total Office/Operating Supplies Transactions for September:						11.35	90.90
Period Office/Operating Supplies Totals						11.35	90.90

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Account: 850756-775.000			Repair and Maintenance		Dept: Parks & Recreation		
9/7/2022	AP	23583	CMK	20220809	VOID Inv# 118281		12.99
9/7/2022	AP	23584	CMK	20220729	VOID Inv# 118178		12.87
9/7/2022	AP	23611	CMK	20220815	VOID Inv# 08/15/2022		296.00
9/7/2022	AP	23618	CMK	20220825	VOID Inv# 122785482-001		85.30
9/9/2022	AP	23677	CMK	118980	NORTHERN BUILDING SUPPLY, LLC	59.09	
9/10/2022	AP	23677	CMK	118921	BUNEKS' HARDWARE, INC.	71.97	
9/12/2022	AP	23677	CMK	118999	STANZ DOZER SERVICE, INC.	1,780.00	
Total Repair and Maintenance Transactions for September:						1,911.06	407.16
Period Repair and Maintenance Totals						1,911.06	407.16

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Account: 850756-801.000			Contractual Services		Dept: Parks & Recreation		
9/1/2022	AP	23658	CMK	20220831	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	97.77	
9/1/2022	AP	23658	CMK	20220831	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	28.59	
9/7/2022	AP	23620	CMK	20220824	VOID Inv# 224527		25.00
9/7/2022	AP	23621	CMK	20220824	VOID Inv# 224526		25.00
9/7/2022	AP	23622	CMK	20220824	VOID Inv# 224525		25.00
9/7/2022	AP	23623	CMK	20220824	VOID Inv# 224524		25.00
9/7/2022	AP	23630	CMK	20220822	VOID Inv# 165662		214.20
9/7/2022	AP	23631	CMK	20220822	VOID Inv# 165663		381.90
Total Contractual Services Transactions for September:						126.36	696.10
Period Contractual Services Totals						126.36	696.10

* Indicates Prior Year Transactions

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Account Balance Transactions
Date Range: September 1, 2022 Thru September 30, 2022

Fund: 101 General Fund
Department: 850756 Parks & Recreation

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Account: 850756-850.000			Telephone		Dept: Parks & Recreation		
9/13/2022	AP	23692	CMK	20220913	CENTURYLINK	52.43	
Total Telephone Transactions for September:						52.43	0.00
Period Telephone Totals						52.43	0.00

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Account: 850756-850.001			Telephone - Cell phone		Dept: Parks & Recreation		
9/11/2022	AP	23692	CMK	20220911	AT&T MOBILITY	49.35	
Total Telephone - Cell phone Transactions for September:						49.35	0.00
Period Telephone - Cell phone Totals						49.35	0.00

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Account: 850756-900.000			Printing and Publishing		Dept: Parks & Recreation		
9/7/2022	AP	23626	CMK	20220812	VOID Inv# 87358		378.04
Total Printing and Publishing Transactions for September:						0.00	378.04
Period Printing and Publishing Totals						0.00	378.04

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Account: 850756-920.000			Utilities (Light-Oil)		Dept: Parks & Recreation		
9/21/2022	AP	23692	CMK	20220921	CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIV	19.50	
9/25/2022	AP	23692	CMK	20220925	CONSUMERS ENERGY	30.97	
9/25/2022	AP	23692	CMK	20220925	CONSUMERS ENERGY	32.93	
9/25/2022	AP	23692	CMK	20220925	CONSUMERS ENERGY	206.34	
Total Utilities (Light-Oil) Transactions for September:						289.74	0.00
Period Utilities (Light-Oil) Totals						289.74	0.00

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
Account: 850756-970.000			Capital Outlay		Dept: Parks & Recreation		

* Indicates Prior Year Transactions

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Account Balance Transactions

Date Range: September 1, 2022 Thru September 30, 2022

Fund: 101 General Fund
Department: 850756 Parks & Recreation

Date	SRC	Batch	Operator	Ref #	Description	Debits	Credits
9/23/2022	AP	23692	CMK	20220923	POPP EXCAVATING	28,086.50	
Total Capital Outlay Transactions for September:						28,086.50	0.00
Period Capital Outlay Totals						28,086.50	0.00
Grand Totals						<u>30,526.79</u>	<u>1,572.20</u>

* Indicates Prior Year Transactions

Operator: CMK

From: [Melinda Lautner](#)
To: [Laurel Evans](#)
Subject: Parks
Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 12:04:06 PM

Just a reminder, would you have parks make a motion to allow Scott, Melinda and Casey to work with the Nancy Lanham family to purchase up to two youth sprung animal bouncers to be placed at the Old Settlers Park .

Nancy loved all animals and children so the family has in mind a bunny and maybe a ladybug. I've looked on line and have found a ladybug but no bunny yet. Maybe Scott has better catalogs. Otherwise the family is open to another fitting animal.

Thank you

Sent from my iPad

Veronica Valley County Park
Front Entrance Work – September, 2022



Veronica Valley County Park

Front Entrance Work – September, 2022



Veronica Valley County Park

Front Entrance Work – September, 2022



**Tribal Council Allocation of 2% Funds
Application Form**

PLEASE NOTE:

Under the terms of the consent decree, which settled *Tribes v. Engler* (Case No. 1:90-CV-611, U.S. Dist. Ct., West. Dist. Mich.), the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, as defined in the stipulation, has agreed to pay 2% of its video gaming revenue to local units of government (i.e., local township, village, city, county board of commissioners, public school system).

***ONLY APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT LOCATED WITHIN
GTB'S 6-COUNTY SERVICE AREA WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR 2% FUNDING**

1. Allocation Cycle: _____ JUNE – New submission date, Postmarked by _____
_____ DECEMBER – New submission date, Postmarked by **NOVEMBER 30th**

2. Name of Applicant: Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Commission-Child and Family Services of NW Michigan

Address: 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suite 101 Suttons Bay MI 49682

Phone #: (231)256-8100

Fax #: (231)256-0120

Printed Name: Ty Wessell

• **Authorized Signature:** _____
(Signature of local unit of government official; e.g., county/city official, township supervisor, village president, college president, school superintendent)

Title: Chairman Leelanau County BOC

E-mail address: cjanik@leelanau.gov

Printed Name of contact person: Bill Watson

Telephone #: (231) 946-8975 ext. 1029

Fax #: (231) 941-3191

E-mail address: bwatson@cfs3L.org

3. Type of Applicant: _____ Local Government _____ Local Court
_____ Township _____ County Commissioner _____ Road Commission
_____ Public School District _____ College _____ Charter School
_____ Public Library _____ Sheriff/Police Department _____ Fire Department

501c3 applying through local unit of government (name): Child and Family Services of NW Michigan

4. Fiscal Data: Amount Requested: \$ 22,000 Percent: 43 %
 Local Leveraging: \$ 30,200 Percent: 57 %
 (Match)
 Total Budget: \$ 50,200 Percent: 100 %
5. Target Population: _____ Children _____ Adults _____ Elders
 (Indicate the _____ ALL Total GTB member Community _____
All Others number of GTB _____
 members)
6. Counties Impacted: _____ Antrim _____ Benzie _____ Charlevoix
 _____ Grand Traverse X _____ Leelanau _____ Manistee
7. Brief Description (purpose of funding); include statement of need:

The Leelanau County Parks and Recreation Department acquired Veronica Valley Park in December 2008 from a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant award with the help from Rotary Charities and Leelanau County. This parcel is located in Bingham Township at the junction of Maple Valley Road and County Road 641, approximately four (4) miles southwest of Suttons Bay and four (4) miles south of the Village of Lake Leelanau in the east central area of the County. The Park is approximately one-half mile from Lake Leelanau and 12 miles from the City of Traverse City.

The Veronica Valley Park property was formerly a family operated, nine-hole golf course not in use for several years. The site is characterized by gently rolling hills, open space, wetlands, and forested wetlands that include dense stands of white cedar. The property has three bridges and six ponds. Mebert Creek, a designated trout stream, also winds approximately 2,268 feet through the site. The forested and agrarian views will make this site a peaceful retreat for the passive recreation user.

The Leelanau County Parks and Recreation requests funds from the Grand Traverse Band to support park improvements at Veronica Valley, including the removal of invasive autumn olive. Spotted knapweed, and glossy buckthorn. YouthWork Conservation Corps will partner with City Girls Farm to utilize a small goat herd to perform Conservation Browsing. Conservation browsing places goats in small mobile paddocks using electrified fencing to contain them. Goats are natural browsers and not grazers, and they actually prefer to eat at those species eye level and then move down. Preferred species include – autumn olive, spotted knapweed, poison ivy/oak, multiflora rose, honeysuckle, buckthorn, wild grape, gooseberry, chicory, red clover, and ragweed. In addition, YouthWork will continue cut stump and herbicide treatment of invasive species in areas that are not appropriate for goat browsing.

Autumn olive can produce up to 200,000 seeds each year, and can spread over a variety of habitats as its nitrogen-fixing root nodules allows the plant to grow in even the most unfavorable soils. Autumn olive also impacts song birds that eat the berries and do not receive the nutrition they need in-order to migrate south in fall and winter. Buckthorn has a shallow root system that outcompetes native plants for moisture and nutrients, while contributing to erosion and ecological imbalance. Its leafy crown deprives other plants of sunlight and serves as a host for rust fungus and soybean aphids that impact other plants. In addition to this buckthorn releases Emodin into waterways, a poisonous chemical compound produced by the leaves, fruit, and bark of invasive buckthorn, peaks with the breeding activities of several early-

breeding Midwestern amphibian species and naturally poisons soil and water for developing frogs and salamanders, as well as many plants. Buckthorn does not provide safe nesting habitat or ample migratory food for warblers, gnatcatchers, or vireos. Unlike native nut or berry trees, shrubs, or vines, buckthorn clings to berries that most animals do not like to consume. Leelanau County P&R will partner with YouthWork Conservation Corps to provide crews who will work at Veronica Valley for period of 4 weeks in the summer of 2020.

Based on FDR's Depression-era New Deal Civilian Conservation Corps, Child and Family Services' (CFS) YouthWork Program (YW) provides direct access for an underserved and diverse population of young people, especially targeting those who are low-income or disadvantaged youth. These youth are defined as living in a community of persistent poverty, or being in the foster care system, developmentally disabled or delayed, academically at-risk, returning veterans, or having documented behavioral issues such as court involvement. Disadvantaged youth in Michigan struggle to attain educational goals, are too often involved in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, have limited access to physical and mental health care, abuse substances at high levels, and die by suicide at alarming rates.

The youth served by CFS and our partners are more vulnerable to bullying, mental health challenges, homelessness, conflict, and stress from peer pressures and academic expectations. Family stresses and instability only compounds these vulnerabilities. In our state, and in northern Michigan in particular, there is a critical lack of services available to help this population reach self-sufficiency and maintain a healthy lifestyle. The rural isolation of much of our service area further limits access to the helping resources that are available. When job training, service opportunities, mentorship, and independent living skills education is available to our teens, their chances for success in school and beyond are dramatically improved.

The youth in our state need help achieving self-sufficiency and economic stability. 481,421 children and adolescents under age 17 (or 22%) live below the poverty threshold in our state. In 2016, 65% of Michigan youth ages 16-19 were unemployed or not in the labor force. Nearly half (45.8%) of the students in our state are eligible for free or reduced lunch (families' income below 185% of poverty level). Our regional McKinney-Vento Consortium counted 1,097 homeless students in the five-county area surrounding our Traverse City office last year (Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Manistee, Kalkaska, and Leelanau Counties). When our teens are forced into survival mode – figuring out where they will sleep, what they will eat, and how they will meet their basic needs – as many of our youth do, it isn't possible for them to fully concentrate on their studies or future goals.

Many youth we serve are dealing with family instability or dysfunctional family units, which often involve domestic violence and abuse. More than 745,000 Michigan children ages 0-17 (about one-third) live in a one-parent household. 248,401 children in Michigan live with families where an investigation of alleged child abuse or neglect occurred in 2016 and more than 39,000 cases were confirmed. Approximately 12,000 children were in foster care in Michigan in 2015 after being removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, and 1,680 (14%) were youth ages 16-20 (Data Center Kids Count).

Our youth also struggle with mental health challenges and need help staying safe from suicide. Nearly 422,000 children in Michigan have one or more emotional, behavioral, or developmental condition (Data Center Kids Count). The 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows that 31.7% of our students felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities, almost 15% seriously considered suicide, 11.9% made a plan to take their own life, and 9.2% actually attempted suicide (www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/pdf/2015/ss6506_updated.pdf).

YouthWork will create jobs for young adults that will help them: gain an appreciation for their

community and the natural world; learn important, lifelong job and independent living skills; bond with other youth and caring adults; and earn a paycheck and educational awards, all in a socially and emotionally supportive environment. Our youth will build their skill level and strengths, and will improve their level of self-efficacy, self-esteem, and sense of community as they realize that their work will have a lasting benefit for their communities - from planting trees to building boardwalks in sensitive areas, from wildlife conservation to helping preserve historic buildings. YouthWork members will be organized into consistent teams of 3-6 youth supervised by a qualified, adult Team Leader. The program will utilize a model that includes an opportunity for youth to have a voice in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of projects - successfully fusing action, education, evaluation, and reflection.

This question only pertains to Indian Education Programs of Public School Systems. If you are not an Indian Education Program of a Public School system, skip to question 9.

(a) **Program formula: (1) \$5,000, up to \$10,000 per school district + (\$1,000, up to \$1,500 x # of GTB member students) = allocation. The increase to the formula will be determined by the previous timely 2% report received, and the data provided within the report on the success of the school's Indian Education Program as a result of the 2% allocation.**

Please note: 1) In completing this section, only provide the student numbers of currently enrolled GTB members; do not include the general Native American data of your school system; and 2) there will be a cap of \$100,000, up to \$125,000 per school, based on the school's GTB membership count and data provided within the 2% report received from the previous year.

(b) Recommendation from Parent Committee: _____ YES _____ NO

Please have the Parent Committee sign the attached Certification Form.

(c) Describe parent involvement in project: _

(d) Does the school receive Title VII Indian Education Funds? _____ YES _____ NO If yes, how much: _____

8. What are the start and completion dates of the proposed project? Start 9/1/2022
Completion 12/31/2022

9. Has applicant received prior awards through the Tribe's 2% funding allocation?
X YES _____ NO. If yes, please list the start and end dates and amount:

6/1/20 – 9/30/20 \$12,000 YouthWork Conservation Corps

10. Is the proposed project new X _____ or a continuation project X _____?

If this is a continuation project, please explain why there is a need to continue funding:

This project continues the work YouthWork began in 2020, but with the addition of a new component utilizing goats for conservation browsing.

11. If the previous project has been completed, did you submit your 2% report? X YES _____ NO. **The 2% report must be submitted one year from the date you received your 2% award. If your report has not been submitted, your current application will not be considered! 2% Reports are mandatory for future grant considerations. Mail your 2% report to: Attn: 2% Reports; GTB, 2605 N.W. Bay Shore Drive, Peshawbestown, MI 49682.**
12. Impact of Gaming on local program: (e.g., increase in student population, resulting from increase in Tribal employment or increase in emergency services to Casino patrons).

Gaming in the Grand Traverse region impacts the demand for services to vulnerable youth in two major ways. First, casinos and gaming increase tourism and employment opportunities, which contributes significantly to the steady population increase we have experienced over the past decade. The Native American population is also growing, likely initiated by the construction of additional housing for Grand Traverse Band members and casino employees, and the increased availability of jobs in the area. With more families and individuals visiting, living, and working in our community, there is a natural and corresponding increase in the need for services which support our youth.

For a certain part of the growing population, gaming can become a problem behavior. A 2013 study in Michigan found that 3,917 adults in the six-county region struggle with a gaming addiction (MI Department of Community Health). Some complications of pathological gambling include: drug or alcohol abuse; depression; anxiety; financial, social, and legal problems; heart attacks from the stress and excitement of gaming; and suicide attempts (National Institutes of Health). Getting the right treatment can help prevent and/or treat many of these complications.

The activities completed by YWCC have proved to teach youth important values and help them develop positive personality, behavioral, and emotional characteristics (Waters and Bortree, Building a better workplace for teen volunteers through inclusive behaviors, 2010).

Volunteering and providing valuable community services has a positive impact on youth and young adults. Youth who volunteer at least one hour each week are 50% less likely to abuse alcohol, smoke cigarettes, become pregnant, or engage in other adverse behaviors. Teens say they learn respect, kindness, a better understanding of people who are different, and patience from volunteering. Youth who volunteer are also more likely to do well in school, to graduate, and to vote. These youth are also more likely to volunteer, to have a stronger work ethic, and to give to charitable causes as adults when compared to their peers who do not volunteer (University of Nevada, Young Volunteers: The Benefits of Community Service, www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/cd/2003/fs0323.pdf).

13. How will the success of the project be assessed (evaluation plan)?

The program will be evaluated in a variety of ways. Student attendance and punctuality, work ethic, attitude and behavior while on the job will all be measured against performance prior to their participation in the program. If participants are pursuing summer school credit or credit recovery, they will be assessed on the successful completion of any required schoolwork, grades, and GPA. Each participant will complete a pre- and post- program evaluation of themselves as it relates to their self-esteem, core knowledge in the subject area and vision of their future. The program will be evaluated on each student's successful completion of the programs offered certifications. Members will also be evaluated on other performance measures as mandated by The Corps Network. YouthWork assesses

the YouthWork participants in the following ways:

Participation Rate. Ensure that at least 80% of Corpsmembers participate in activities that lead to and/or facilitate overall youth development and successful labor market transition.

Entered Employment or Post -Secondary Education. Place at least 60% in employment in high growth industries or in continued education in the first quarter after program completion.

Post-Program Retention. Provide post-program support to ensure that at least 75% of those employed in the first quarter after program exit are still employed in the third quarter after program exit.

14. If new staff is required, will preference be given to Native American applicants?

YES NO

15. Budget: Please attach a one-page itemization of the planned budget. Include explanation for each category of the budget. Note: **A final report on expenditure of funds and project results will be due to the Tribal Council 30 days after project completion.**

BEFORE YOU MAIL, PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

- 1) Execute authorized signature
- 2) Attach 1-page budget
- 3) Submit **before the deadline from the cover letter you received**

YouthWork Program – Leelanau County Budget Detail

Funding Sources:

1. Current 2% Request from Grand Traverse Band

YouthWork Team Wages, Training, Certifications, PPE \$14,000

Equipment rentals and materials \$8,000

GTB 2% Request Total: **\$22,000**

2. YouthWork and Other Match

A. YouthWorkMatch Total: \$20,000

*Youth Corps Team Training, Certifications
Wages and Fringes*

*Supervision, Coordination, Administration
Transportation*

Uniforms and PPE

B. Americorps Match -Education Awards \$5,200

Match Total **\$25,200**

3. Inkind Donations from Area Professionals and Educators

Informal Trainings, Mentorship, & Job Shadowing \$2,000

Access to Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities \$1,000

In-Kind Total **\$3,000**

PROGRAM EXPENSE TOTAL: **\$50,200**