

**MEMO**

DATE: September 2, 2020

TO: Leelanau County Commissioners

FROM: Jeanie Williams on behalf of Leelanau Clean Water

SUBJECT: Budget request for Leelanau Clean Water

This memo serves to request \$5400.00 to support the functions of Leelanau Clean Water in Leelanau County during 2021. We are organizing as a non-profit corporation in order to continue to serve the waters of Leelanau County and to support and coordinate with the various organizations that protect water within the county. These funds will enable us to continue serving the residents of Leelanau County – who take pride in and enjoy their abundant water resources – with knowledge, expertise, and research.

2021 budget request details:

Item	Cost	Description
1	\$0	<i>Clean Water Symposium: deferred until 2022 due to uncertainties about gathering groups during the Covid-19 pandemic</i>
2	\$500	<b>For Cal Killian to add more user-friendly features to the Leelanau Clean Water water quality database and data analysis system.</b> Several years ago Leelanau Clean Water commissioned Mr. Killian and others to create a powerful database that holds and analyzes all of the water quality data that are collected in the county. Multiple lakes have recently expressed an interest in using it for some of its data portrayal features. These funds would pay for the database to be updated and therefore usable by all water protection groups.
3	\$500	<b>The Clean Water database also needs to be updated with recent data.</b> These funds will cover data conversion costs to get data from other databases into this one.
4	\$2,000	<b>To cover fees to establish Leelanau Clean Water as a 501c3 non-profit.</b> This will allow organizations and individuals to contribute to LCW's pursuit of New Generation water testing (for example, qPCR testing or aerial drone observation) to identify the causes of problems like Golden Brown Algae.
5	\$800	<b>Communications/publications</b> to educate about issues that threaten clean water and to promote practices that support it
6	\$1,400	<b>Administrative support:</b> take minutes, send emails, fiduciary maintenance, etc.
7	\$200	<b>Establish a collaborative communication tool</b> that enables a broad array of water quality organizations and lakes to communicate rapidly about water quality questions and share expertise about common threats to clean water.
	\$5,400	