



**Manistee County Community Foundation  
Youth Advisory Council (YAC)  
2024 Grant Cycle**

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) of the Manistee County Community Foundation (MCCF) is pleased to offer a competitive grant program through the Youth Endowment Fund targeted at meeting the needs of Manistee County youth.

**Who can apply:** Eligible applicants include tax-exempt 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations, school districts, and units of government, including federally recognized tribes. Support may also be considered for religious institutions. Projects must be located in Manistee County, unless pre-approved by the Community Foundation, and benefit residents of Manistee County. Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the MCCF with questions about their eligibility.

**How to apply:** Interested applicants should review the MCCF [Grant Program Guidelines](#) and instructions for how to apply for a grant at [www.manisteefoundation.org/receive](http://www.manisteefoundation.org/receive). Applicants are asked to first complete the [Grant Inquiry Form](#), **recommended to be submitted no later than April 5**. MCCF staff will respond to your inquiry to let you know if your project meets grant guidelines and will provide a link to the grant application portal if the project is considered eligible. **Applications must be submitted by the April 19 deadline. Applicants will be asked to participate in a brief Q&A session with the YAC on Wednesday, April 24 between 9:00am and 10:30am in person or via Google Meet.** Please hold this date and time in your calendar.

**How much is available:** A total of **\$2,500** is available to be awarded this year. Applicants must contribute at least 10% of the total project cost, known as match.

**Project Timeline:** Funded projects must be completed by **March 31, 2025**.

**Grant Priorities:** Grants from the MCCF Youth Endowment Fund will support programs and projects that improve the lives of Manistee County youth. For the 2024 cycle, the YAC is prioritizing projects that focus on youth mental health and promote substance-free lifestyles and that involve youth voice in project planning and implementation.

**Application and Award Timeline:**

- **March 15, 2024** – Grant Cycle Announced
- **April 5, 2024** – Grant Inquiries Due
- **April 19, 2024** – Grant Application Deadline
- **April 24, 2024** – Applicants participate in a Q&A session with YAC (between 9:00am - 10:30am)
- **May 1, 2024** - Notification of Awards
- **May 8, 2024** - Award Presentations
- **March 31, 2025** - Projects completed
- **April 30, 2025**– Final Grant Reports Due

Questions may be directed to [grants@manisteefoundation.org](mailto:grants@manisteefoundation.org) or by calling the Manistee County Community Foundation office: 231-723-7269