

Michigan Campus Compact Venture Grant Cycle 38 Recommendations for Funding

Cycle 38 Request: Thirteen proposals from 11 different institutions were submitted, totaling \$38,081.68. A peer review committee, comprised of 10 faculty, staff, students and community partners from member institutions, reviewed the proposals for this cycle. Conference calls took place May 12, 2009 to discuss each of the proposals, compare score sheets, and rank order funding priorities. The six recommended proposals represent a total award of \$ \$19,865 to 6 different member institutions. Summaries of the recommended proposals can be found below.

Alma College - Wii Play Together: Health, Happiness, and the Pursuit of Education

The Wii Play Together: Health, Happiness, and the Pursuit of Education program is designed for kindergartners and first graders to become physically active and academically engaged. This program consists of improving academics, nutrition, physical activity, and exposure to the possibility of college for elementary children in “at risk” situations. It involves college students from two courses: Management (Business Department) and Introduction to Early Childhood (Education Department) who will have the opportunity to apply course content in a “living” laboratory. **(Total amount to be awarded in Cycle 38: \$3,364)**

Central Michigan University – Safe, Reliable Drinking Water: A Sustainable Design for a Developing Community

This project will provide an improved source of potable water for a developing community in Sainte Luce, Madagascar which is home to nearly 17 million people. This project is designed and implemented through the partnership of students, faculty, and professionals. The project team will install six wells with hand pumps, concrete pads, and masonry enclosures. **(Total amount to be awarded in Cycle 38: \$3,500)**

Eastern Michigan University – The Giving Garden

The Giving Garden will empower Eastern Michigan University students, faculty, staff, alumni, and local community members through gardening and educational programming. Members of The Giving Garden will create and sustain a campus community garden that will provide the tools and space to make important impacts in their local communities and food systems. **(Total amount to be awarded in Cycle 38: \$2,965)**

Kellogg Community College – Learning Through Service Training Program

The *Learning Through Service Training Program* is a training, certification, support and networking system to ensure quality, consistent service-learning experiences and outcomes for college students at Kellogg Community College, with increased faculty and community participation that meet community needs better. **(Total amount to be awarded in Cycle 38: \$3,500)**

Northern Michigan University – Yes We Can: The K.I. Sawyer Project

Northern Michigan University (NMU) is requesting funding that will allow ten NMU nursing student volunteers to function as group facilitators and mentors for 10-12 at-risk youth participants from the K.I. Sawyer area. The NMU students, supervised by Professor Eileen Smit, will introduce the youth participants to healthy lifestyle activities, discussions on health issues and college as a viable option for their future. **(Total amount to be awarded in Cycle 38: \$1,896)**

Saginaw Valley State University – The Green Cardinal Youth Mentorship Project

This grant will fund a service-learning project linking urban youth from the Houghton-Jones neighborhood in Saginaw with Saginaw Valley State University sociology students. The college students will develop a series of learning activities related to the urban environmental issue using small-scale hydroponics for food growth as a method for teaching and learning. The project hopes to improve the youths' outlook on college and promote ways to positively impact their urban environment while giving SVSU students the opportunity to work in culturally diverse neighborhoods and understand the importance of extending their education into the community. **(Total amount to be awarded in Cycle 38: \$1,140)**

University of Michigan – Flint – Public Scholarship Workshop Series

The *Public Scholarship Workshop Series* will be held at the University of Michigan – Flint to deepen faculty understanding of how to successfully integrate public service into one's academic career and to explore service-learning ideas. This program is important for institutionalizing civic engagement on the UM-Flint campus and deepening the University's impact for the community. **(Total amount to be awarded in Cycle 38: \$3,500)**