“As a result of a community foundation grant, the Delta County Tobacco Reduction Coalition has been able to develop and implement an effective and creative means of tobacco prevention in our county.”

— Renee Barron, Delta County Tobacco Reduction Coalition

Healthy Youth & Healthy Seniors: Community Foundations Distributing Tobacco Settlement Funds
What is a Community Foundation?

Michigan is fortunate to have all 83 counties served by community foundations and their geographic affiliate funds. A community foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, community organization, created by and for the residents of communities throughout our state. It has three distinct features. The first is creating and building permanent endowment funds. The community foundation awards grants from the earnings of endowment funds and invests the funds to protect and ensure the long-term growth of gifts made by donors. The second distinct feature is broad, flexible purpose. As the community foundation monitors all community needs, it can support high-impact opportunities, help bring new organizations into existence, and serve as a neutral, nonpartisan convener for the community. The third distinct feature is personalized giving. Through unrestricted, field-of-interest, designated and advised funds, a donor (individual, family or corporation) has a variety of ways to contribute in creating a lasting legacy for their community interests.

Michigan community foundations now have collective assets exceeding $1.5 billion and annually award grants exceeding $50 million. As community foundations have grown in the 1990s—thanks to major support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation—many have partnered with local government and the state to address a variety of needs ranging from homelessness prevention to access to health care to HIV-AIDS to IDAs and the environment. The community foundations have adopted “For good. For ever.” as their common positioning statement to help residents better understand their mission and their permanence.

About the Michigan Tobacco Settlement Partnership

In 1999, a unique state/local partnership was created in Michigan. As a result of legislation receiving bipartisan support and signed into law by Governor Engler, the Council of Michigan Foundations (CMF) distributes tobacco settlement funds received from the state to 65 certified Michigan community foundations. The purpose of the distributed funds is to support programs at the community and regional level contributing to healthy youth and healthy seniors. Community foundations are certified by the State for the Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit. (For more information on the Tax Credit, see the last page of this brochure.) The funds come from interest earned on the portion of tobacco settlement revenue received by the state from the national tobacco master settlement agreement that is not deposited in the Michigan Merit Award Trust.

CMF receives the funds through the Michigan Community Service Commission in accordance with a grant contract from the Department of Career Development. Including the $4 million allocated in the State’s current budget, more than $20 million will have been distributed. The Michigan Tobacco Settlement Partnership is the first effort in the country to involve community foundations in the distribution of settlement funds and is serving as a model for other states.

“The state can be proud of the partnership it has created with community foundations. Tobacco settlement funds are reaching local communities through well-run programs for tobacco cessation and health issues. It is a resounding success.”

— Alfred R. Glancy III, Chair, Healthy Youth and Healthy Seniors Fund Advisory Committee, Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan
Allocating funds to local community foundations

Each community foundation receives $10,000 from CMF in Tobacco Settlement funds. Of the remaining funds, individual community foundations receive an allocation based on the population of youth under the age of 18 and seniors over the age of 65 in the foundation’s service area. The allocation is calculated from the most current population data available from the State.

Community foundations are using 50% of the funds received to create permanent endowed funds for healthy youth and healthy seniors’ needs with the other 50% used for direct pass-through grantmaking for the same purposes as recommended by the local advisory committee.

Distribution of monies in support of Healthy Youth & Healthy Seniors (Round 1)

As noted in this chart, a total of $1,042,445 was distributed by community foundations to eligible programs during the first round of the Partnership in 2000. Youth wellness and senior wellness categories include programs that focus on health and nutrition, family counseling, early childhood development, smoking prevention and cessation, day care, preschool and after-school care. Data on programs funded in rounds 2 & 3 in 2001, is now being collected.

For the Benefit of Communities

How community foundations distribute Tobacco Settlement Funds throughout the State of Michigan

“Without funding from the Healthy Youth & Healthy Seniors Fund, some of the programs that help to combat teenage smoking would cease to exist and new programs would never be started.”

— Ken Kraus, Muskegon County Health Department
In support of Healthy Youth & Healthy Seniors

Examples of programs receiving support

Community Foundation for Delta County
Grantee:
Gladstone Area Schools & Public Library
Don't Go Up in Smoke
Designed to educate students about the danger of smoking and to encourage an overall healthy lifestyle. Contact: Jana Aho, 906/428-4224.

Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan
Grantee:
Boys and Girls Club of Alpena
Smoking cessation program for teens.
Contact: Susan Nielsen, 989/356-0214.

Leelanau Township Community Foundation
Grantee:
Leelanau Memorial Health Center
Eden Alternative Program
For seniors already dealing with the challenges of tobacco use.
Contact: Kathy Garthe, 231/386-0029.

Community Foundation for Muskegon County
Grantee:
Lakeshore Lung Society
Lung screening referrals for seniors and students in the It’s Never Too Late to Kick the Habit cessation program.
Contact: Stella Burns, 231/722-2361.

Kalamazoo Community Foundation
Grantee:
Kalamazoo County Human Services Department
Greater Kalamazoo County STOMP OUT (Tobacco) SMOKE Campaign. Designed to increase youth and elderly citizens' awareness of tobacco and decrease their exposure to second-hand smoke.
Contact: Beverly Solik, 616/373-5262.

Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
Grantee:
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital
Senior Smoking Cessation Program
To increase access for seniors to smoking cessation programs.
Contact: Debra Moffat Longo, 734/712-2804.

Gratiot County Community Foundation
Grantee:
Gratiot County Commission on Aging
Senior Emergency Prescription Program
Offers financial assistance to low-income seniors to purchase prescriptions.
Contact: Craig Zeese, 989/875-5246.

Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan
Grantee:
Arab Chaldean Community Social Service Council
Support for an anti-smoking awareness and treatment campaign for Arab and Chaldean students, region wide.
Contact: Haifa Fakhouri, 248/559-1990.

Midland Community Foundation
Grantee:
Midland Community Cancer Services
Quit and Win Program
Provides smoking cessation support services (instruction, discussion, and personal planning for behavior change) to students attending the charter alternative high school in Midland County.
Contact: Susan Dusseau, 517/835-4841.

“We especially liked the peer mentoring programs. Mentoring builds relationships so kids can relate more to the anti-smoking information.”
—Amy French, Junior at Kenowa Hills High School; Member, Healthy Youth/Healthy Seniors Advisory Committee of The Grand Rapids Foundation

Examples of programs receiving support

Healthy Youth & Healthy Seniors: Community Foundations Distributing Tobacco Settlement Funds
Certified for participation in the Tobacco Settlement Partnership

Michigan Community Foundations

Albion Community Foundation
City of Albion and 5 surrounding townships (Calhoun County)
517-629-3349

Alger Regional Community Foundation
Alger County
906-387-3900

Allegan County Community Foundation
Allegan County
616-673-8344

Anchor Bay Community Foundation
New Baltimore

Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
Ann Arbor Area (Washtenaw County)
734-663-0401

Baraga County Community Foundation
Baraga County
906-353-7898

Barry Community Foundation
Barry County
616-945-0526

The Battle Creek Community Foundation
Battle Creek Area (Calhoun County)
616-962-2181

Bay Area Community Foundation
Bay County
989-893-4438

Berrien Community Foundation, Inc.
Berrien County
916-983-3304

Branch County Community Foundation
Branch County
517-278-4517

Cadillac Area Community Foundation
Cadillac and Missaukee counties
231-775-9911

Canton Community Foundation
Canton Township
734-398-5000

Capital Region Community Foundation
Ingham, Clinton, and Eaton Counties
517-485-1630

Central Montcalm Community Foundation
Part of Montcalm County

Charlevoix County Community Foundation
Charlevoix County
231-536-2440

Community Foundation for Delta County
Delta County
906-786-6654

Community Foundation for Muskegon County
Muskegon, Mason and Oceana counties
231-722-4538

Community Foundation for Northeast MI
Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Otago, Montmorency, Alpena, Crawford, Oceana, Alcona, Ogemaw, and Iosco counties
989-354-6881

Community Foundation of Greater Flint
Genesee County
810-767-8270

Community Foundation of Greater Rochester
Rochester area (Oakland county)
248-608-2804

Community Foundation of Monroe County
Monroe County
734-242-1976

Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan
Wayne, Macomb, Washtenaw, Oakland, St. Clair, and Monroe Counties
313-961-6675

Community Foundation of St. Clair County
St. Clair County
810-984-4761

Community Foundation of Holland/Zeeland Area
Holland Area (Ottawa County)
616-396-6590

Dickinson County Area Community Foundation
Dickinson County
906-774-3131

Four County Community Foundation
Romeo Area (Lapeer, St. Clair, Oakland, and Macomb counties)
810-798-0909

The Fremont Area Community Foundation
Newaygo, Lake, Oceana and Mecosta Counties
231-924-5350

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation
Tri Cities Area (Northern Ottawa County)
616-842-6378

Grand Rapids Community Foundation
Kent and Ionia counties
616-454-1751

Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation
Antrim, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Benzie, and Leelanau counties
231-935-4066

Gratiot County Community Foundation
Gratiot County
989-875-4222

Greater Frankenmuth Area Community Foundation
Frankenmuth area (Saginaw County)
989-652-6104

Greenville Area Community Foundation
Greenville Area (Montcalm County)
616-754-2640

Hillsdale County Community Foundation
Hillsdale County
517-439-5101

Huron County Community Foundation
Huron County
989-269-2850

Jackson County Community Foundation
Jackson County
517-787-1321

Kalamazoo Community Foundation
Kalamazoo County
616-381-4416

Keweenaw Community Foundation
Keweenaw Peninsula
906-482-9673

Leeelanau Township Foundation, Inc.
Village of Northport (Leelanau County)
231-386-3900

Lenawee Community Foundation
Lenawee County
517-263-4696

Livonia Community Foundation
Livonia
734-522-2285

M&G Area Community Foundation
Menominee County
906-864-3599

Mackinac Island Community Foundation
Mackinac Island area
906-847-3701

Manistee County Community Foundation
Manistee County
231-723-7269

Marquette Community Foundation
Marquette County
906-226-7666

Marshall Community Foundation
Marshall Area (Calhoun County)
616-781-2723

Michigan Gateway Community Foundation
Buchanan Area (Berrien County)
616-695-3521

Midland Area Community Foundation
Midland County
989-839-9661

Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation
Isabella and Clare counties
989-773-7322

Northville Community Foundation
Northville
248-374-0200

Petoskey/Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation
Petoskey/Harbor Springs Area (Emmet County)
231-348-5820

Saginaw Community Foundation
Saginaw County
989-755-0545

Sanilac County Community Foundation
Sanilac County
810-376-3225

Sault Area Community Foundation
Northeast portion of Chippewa County
906-635-1720

Shelby Township Community Foundation
Shelby Township
810-469-1200

Shiawassee Area Community Foundation
Shiawassee County
989-725-1093

Southfield Community Foundation
Southfield
248-351-1320

Sterling Heights Community Foundation
Sterling Heights
810-446-2489

Sturgis Area Community Foundation
Sturgis Area (St. Joseph County)
616-659-8508

Three Rivers Area Foundation
Three Rivers area
616-279-7402

Troy Community Foundation
Troy
248-740-7600

Tuscola County Community Foundation
Tuscola County
989-767-8223

Upper Peninsula Community Foundation Alliance
Upper Peninsula Community Foundation Alliance
906-628-3075

*Schoolcraft County Community Foundation has become an affiliate of the Upper Peninsula Community Foundation Alliance.
The Council of Michigan Foundations is an association of more than 490 family, private, community, and corporate foundations and corporate giving programs making grants for charitable purposes. As a membership organization, its mission is to increase, enhance, and improve philanthropy in Michigan.

The Council of Michigan Foundations

Serving grantmakers. Advancing giving.

Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan

December 9, 2000

Community Foundation for Livingston County

awards grants to help keep teens tobacco free

Ionia Sentinel-Standard

April 10, 2001

Tobacco settlement funds creativity

Grand Rapids Press

Sept. 17, 2001

Eaton-Barry District Health Department

receives grant to help smokers extinguish habit

Brighton Argus

November 13, 2001

New weapon in war on underage smoking

Shelby Utica News

December 13, 2001

Stubbing out smoking:
USC studentsí artwork converted to anti-smoking ads

The Source/Advisor

December 16, 2001

Community groups, police share tobacco settlement funds

Thanks to the support of the Governor and the legislature, Michigan is one of only two states in the U.S. that provides a state tax credit for gifts to permanent endowment funds held by certified community foundations. For single individuals, or married taxpayers filing separately, the maximum credit is $100 (for gifts of $200 or more). For married couples filing jointly, the maximum credit is $200 (for gifts of $400 or more). For corporations and other businesses which pay the Michigan Single Business Tax, the maximum credit is $5,000, or 5% of tax liability before claiming any credits, whichever is less. Gifts by local citizens and corporations to their local community foundation’s Healthy Youth & Healthy Seniors Fund, created as a result of the Partnership, are eligible for the Tax Credit.