

Communities First Fund

Grant Summary

Dear Members:

I am writing this short note to attempt to thank each and every donor to the PIE&G Communities First Fund. All of you deserve a pat on the back for your generous contributions through the “round up” of your PIE&G bill to the Communities First Fund.

You have helped a broad spectrum of people from service and volunteer organizations, youth, special needs individuals and educators. Recently, our voluntary contributions have decreased while our applications for grants increases. So, if you are not contributing at this time, please re-evaluate how a minimal contribution can assist so many. You may call the PIE&G office and request enrollment in the Communities First Fund if you are not presently participating. As an additional thought, please remember that approximately 98% of your contribution is returned to communities in the PIE&G service area.

Together, let's serve to help others less fortunate. Thanks for what you have done and what you will do by participating in the Communities First Fund.

LeRoy (Buddy) Ormsbee

Communities First Fund President



Summer Youth Recreation Program, Millersburg.

APPLICANT

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| Alcona Community School, <i>Maple syrup equipment for FFA</i> | 2,500 |
| Children's Concert Choir of Alpena, <i>Accompanist costs</i> | 500 |
| Presque Isle Twp. Museum, <i>Lighthouse keeper figure</i> | 1,250 |
| The Bulldog Group Inc., <i>Inland Lakes Schools weight and locker room</i> | 1,000 |
| Tuscarora Township, <i>Indian River stream bank remediation</i> | 3,000 |
| Alpena High School KAPUT, <i>Student activity nights</i> | 500 |
| Cheboygan Middle School, <i>Travel expenses for Club PRIDE</i> | 3,000 |
| The Caring Place – Atlanta Church of Christ, <i>Food for indigents</i> | 2,500 |
| Big Brothers Big Sisters of NE Mich., <i>Bowl for Kids Sake</i> | 1,350 |
| Cheboygan Inverness 4 th grade, <i>Travel to Henry Ford Museum</i> | 1,000 |
| Cheboygan Co. 4-H Pep, <i>Disabled youth horseback riding program</i> | 1,800 |
| Long Rapids School Parent Advisory Council, <i>Blackboard</i> | 500 |
| Montmorency Historical Society, <i>Microfilming of newspapers</i> | 500 |
| NE Mich. Comm. Partnerships Inc., <i>Middle/high school activity night</i> | 1,275 |
| Onaway Schools, <i>Middle School tutoring program</i> | 2,000 |
| Presque Isle Co. Sheriff Dept., <i>Defibrillator for patrol car</i> | 3,000 |
| Quade, Rachel, <i>Travel to study in London</i> | 600 |
| Rogers Area First Responders, <i>Handheld radios</i> | 2,052 |
| Rogers City Area Schools, <i>Travel for Close Up Washington group</i> | 1,000 |
| Stepping Stones Garden Club, <i>Landscaping at Onaway Schools</i> | 1,750 |
| Dimick, Deanna, <i>Scholarship</i> | 2,400 |
| Ferguson, Betsy, <i>Scholarship</i> | 2,400 |

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| Alpena Co. Parks, <i>Playground equipment for Beaver Lake Park</i> | 2,200 |
| Alpena Optimist Club, <i>Sponsor child to Camp Quality</i> | 1,000 |
| Atlanta Youth Baseball, <i>Girl's softball equipment</i> | 1,200 |
| Hillman Area Seniors, Inc., <i>Steam table for center</i> | 600 |
| Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, <i>Taser Gun</i> | 813 |
| Kiwanis Club of Rogers City, <i>In-Line/Ice Hockey Rink</i> | 2,646 |
| Village of Millersburg, <i>Summer youth recreation program</i> | 1,500 |
| Onaway Chamber of Commerce, <i>Picnic tables for Chandler Park</i> | 2,000 |
| Rogers City Youth Football, Inc., <i>Practice field</i> | 1,000 |
| Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement, <i>Copy-print-fax machine</i> | 2,500 |
| Vietnam Veterans of America, <i>Cheboygan Chapter 274, Expenses for traveling memorial</i> | 2,400 |
| Alpena Comm. College Volunteer Ctr., <i>Global and Cultural Awareness Day</i> | 850 |
| Cheboygan High School Touchdown Club, <i>Football camp</i> | 1,000 |
| Northern Innovative Communities, <i>Brush Creek, Electrical equipment for water wheel</i> | 4,000 |
| Presque Isle County Fair, <i>Picnic tables for Fairgrounds</i> | 1,950 |
| Atlanta Martial Arts, <i>Equipment</i> | 1,300 |
| Cheboygan Blue Line Club, <i>Hockey camp for High School hockey Team</i> | 900 |
| Ellis, Scott J., <i>Tuition for People to People Program</i> | 500 |
| Pellston Public Schools, <i>Listening Center for elementary school</i> | 1,530 |
| TOTAL Year-To-Date | \$65,766 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$817,583 |

Picnic tables for Chandler Park, Onaway Chamber.





Playground equipment for Beaver Lake Park, Alpena County.

Wolverine Clean Energy Venture Earns Local Approvals

WOLVERINE POWER Cooperative continues to move forward with its feasibility study for clean energy projects near Rogers City, having recently received local land use approvals.

In July, the Presque Isle County Planning Commission voted in favor of a special use permit for the Wolverine Clean Energy Venture. The permit includes a coal-based power plant with up to four electric generating boilers, wind turbines, and a solid waste disposal facility.

The Rogers City Planning Commission also approved a site plan for structures related to the proposed coal plant that would be located inside the city limits, including a dock and fuel storage area, a fuel conveyor system and an access road from business U.S.-23.

Wolverine staff members will next focus on selecting an engineering firm and developing an environmental permitting strategy.

The project's preliminary engineering phase will provide drawings of the proposed project, a review of available technologies, descriptions of all equipment and systems, and construction budgets and schedules.

"The preliminary engineering phase for a project of this scale can require 12 to 24 months," said Dan DeCoeur, Wolverine's vice president of generation. "Thousands of hours will be dedicated to the study."

The environmental permitting process for the Wolverine Clean Energy Venture will include air, water and waste permits, and will also require months to complete.

"It is important to remember the Wolverine Clean Energy Venture is in the development phase," DeCoeur said. "There is much to be done before further commitments are made to proceed."

Wolverine announced in May that it had secured an option to buy about 400 acres near Rogers City to evaluate the site for clean energy projects for its member electric cooperatives. Wolverine is owned by and provides wholesale electric power to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op, Cherryland Electric, Great Lakes Energy, HomeWorks Tri-County, and Wolverine Power Marketing co-ops.

Community leaders from Rogers City and Presque Isle County recently became better acquainted with Wolverine Power Cooperative when they toured the co-op's Gaylord generating plant and Cadillac headquarters.

Approximately 30 tour participants boarded a motor coach in Rogers City, stopping first in Gaylord to learn more about Wolverine's plant there and the co-op's entire generating fleet.

In Cadillac, the group toured the Energy Control Center and learned about coal-fired power plant technology.

"Having community leaders from Rogers City and Presque Isle County see our facilities allowed the group to better understand who Wolverine is and how we do business," said Eric Baker, Wolverine president/CEO. "Thanks to all who spent the day with us."

Residents of Rogers City and the surrounding area who have questions or would like more information about the Wolverine Clean Energy Venture are encouraged to stop by the co-op's Rogers City office.

The office is located at 197 West Erie Street, and hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. To reach the office by phone, dial 1-800-283-1250, Ext. 6760.

PIE&G Communities First Fund

Statement of Financial Position

— December 31, 2005 & 2004 —

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| - Cash | \$ 42,499 | \$ 38,907 |
| - Cash-restricted | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| - Account receivable | <u>12,262</u> | <u>12,717</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 57,761 | \$ 54,624 |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| Unrestricted | \$ 28,911 | 27,139 |
| Unrestricted, designated | 25,850 | 24,485 |
| Permanently restricted | <u>3,000</u> | <u>3,000</u> |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | \$ 57,761 | \$ 54,624 |

Statement of Activities & Change in Net Assets

— December 31, 2005 & 2004 —

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Contributions – members | \$ 79,425 | \$ 84,070 |
| Contributions – PIE&G | 7,808 | 7,512 |
| Interest | <u>657</u> | <u>630</u> |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 88,170 | \$ 92,212 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Grants | \$ 67,875 | \$ 96,327 |
| Scholarships | 6,618 | 6,600 |
| Professional fees (audit) | 1,450 | 1,450 |
| Program expenses | 7,808 | 7,512 |
| Director expenses (mileage only) | 1,282 | 970 |
| Office expenses | | <u>80</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$85,033 | \$112,939 |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 3,137 | (20,727) |
| NET ASSETS – beg. of year | <u>54,624</u> | <u>75,351</u> |
| NET ASSETS – end of year | \$ <u>57,761</u> | \$ <u>54,624</u> |