

City Leverages Grant Funding for 2018 Planning Efforts and Capital Infrastructure Improvements

*Grant Funding to Expand Pedestrian/Bicyclists Amenities
as well as Needed Infrastructure Studies and Improvements*

The City of Petoskey has recently solidified over \$1,568,000 in grant funding in 2018 for planning initiatives and a number of capital infrastructure improvements. Competitive grant funding will be matched with local tax dollars to accomplish a wide variety of community improvements in both the downtown and residential areas of the City.

“Petoskey has certainly been fortunate to receive grants in past years, but in 2018 we have been especially successful. This has been a fruitful year for grant funding in our community,” stated City Manager Rob Straebel. “Kudos to City Council for making grant funding a high priority as well as all the hard work our Department Heads put in submitting competitive grant applications. Our efforts are certainly paying off.”

Grant funding has been earmarked for the following projects to be completed in 2018:

- ❖ MDOT Small Urban Street grant funding for \$375,000 to repave parts of Sheridan Street, Emmet Street and Bayfront Drive.
- ❖ MDOT Local Bridge Grant funding of \$416,000 to repair beam ends, joints, and concrete surfaces on Bridge Street Bridge.
- ❖ \$167,000 in Storm water, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) funds to complete the last year of a three-year Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) grant of \$900,000 to map the storm water system creating an asset management plan for the City’s storm water utility lines. Efforts will ultimately lead to further protection of high water quality standards for local rivers and the Little Traverse Bay.
- ❖ Awarded a \$100,000 DNR Waterways grant for electrical improvements to the City Marina.
- ❖ Downtown bathrooms will be expanded and renovated in the Fall of 2018 utilizing a \$150,000 Land and Water Conservation grant. The City and Downtown Management Board (DMB) will split the remainder of project costs to be bid in the coming months.
- ❖ Petoskey and Harbor Springs Community Foundation, in partnership with the C.S. Mott Foundation, recently was awarded a \$60,000 grant to advance the use of clean and renewable energy sources for the cities of Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, Traverse City and Petoskey. The clean energy efforts will serve as a catalyst for broader community sustainability efforts in the future.
- ❖ \$300,000 Department of Natural Resource Trust Fund grant to complete Phase II of the Downtown Greenway Corridor from Mitchell Street to Emmet Street in the old railroad corridor. Project includes a 10’ wide hard surface trail, benches, and lighting. The project also includes funding through the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council for a rain garden to filter water runoff.



*Future location of Phase II of the Downtown Greenway Corridor
to be constructed in the summer of 2018*

“These grant dollars allow us to improve upon the tremendous quality of life we all enjoy in Petoskey. We will continue to aggressively pursue grant funding in the future further enhancing Petoskey’s reputation as a premier northern Michigan community in which to work, live and recreate,” stated Petoskey Mayor John Murphy.