GRANT REPORT
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PERIOD: May 1, 2026 to November 11, 2026

Executive Summary & Key Highlights

Over the past reporting period, my focus was on building community relationships, finding funding opportunities, supporting grant applications, and setting up a strong foundation for future grants.

Key achievements include:

- **Community Partnerships:** Met with local school districts, community groups, and small businesses to match their project needs with potential funding sources.
- **Grant Submissions:** Submitted 17 grant applications requesting a total of over **$1.5 million**.
- **Grants Awarded:** Secured **$63,451** in grant funding, with several other applications still pending review.
- **Funding Research:** Researched over 35 new grant opportunities in response to community needs and to continue to build a solid pipeline for future funding.
- **Local Outreach:** Helped out at Balloonfest in July to build local community presence and connections.
- **New Collaboration:** Attending Waterford Area Heritage Center (WAHC) committee meetings and have been asked to help them research and submit grants.

GRANTS SUMMARY

GRANTS SUBMITTED REPORT: Period May 1, 2026 to November 11, 2026							
Date	**Grant**	**Partner**	**Status**	**Request Amount**	**Amount Pending**	**Reward Amount**	**Comment**
05-01-26	DPI Transition Readiness Grant (TRG)	WUHS	Declined	$44,800	$0	$0	
05-15-26	Intuit Small Business Hero Program	Business	Declined	$20,000	$0	$0	
05-31-26	Compeer Financial Emergency First Responder Grant	TVFC	Declined	$5,500	$0	$0	
06-05-26	WiLS Ideas to Action Fund	Library	Declined	$5,000	$0	$0	
06-08-26	2026 SFM Matching Winter Slips and Falls Safety Grant Opportunity	WUHS	Awarded	$1,500	$0	$1,418	
06-12-26	Perkins V	WUHS	Awarded	$60,033	$0	$60,033	consortium
06-15-26	We Energies Rewarding Responders	TVFC	Awarded	$2,000	$0	$2,000	
06-30-26	Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP)	WGSD	Declined	$250,000	$0	$0	
07-15-26	DPI Financial Literacy	WUHS	Declined	$7,500	$0	$0	
08-11-26	SVPP	WGSD	Pending	$283,631	$283,631	$0	
08-11-26	SVPP	WUHS	Pending	$278,850	$278,850	$0	
09-30-26	MUSCO Soccer Fund	WUHS	Declined	$375,000	$0	$0	reapply

Date	Grant	Partner	Status	Request Amount	Amount Pending	Reward Amount	Comment
11-04-26	DATCP Buy Local Buy WI	Business	Pending	$50,000	$50,000	$0	
11-06-26	BJA STOP Violence Grant	WGSD	Pending	$64,545	$64,545	$0	
11-09-26	DWD Fast Forward Tech Ed Grant	WUHS	Pending	$32,600	$32,600	$0	
11-11-26	Casey's Cash for Classrooms	WGSD	Pending	$50,000	$50,000	$0	
11-11-26	Casey's Cash for Classrooms	WGSD PTO	Pending	$50,000	$50,000	$0	
			Total:	**$1,580,959**	**$809,626**	**$63,451**	

Partner Scope

Grant activity during this period spanned schools, public safety, small business, the library, and local civic organizations:

- **School Districts:** 11 Applications ($1,399,709) — Campus safety, CTE, Tech Ed, classroom and student support, and athletics.
- **Small Business:** 2 Applications ($70,000) — Local food economy initiatives and business development.
- **Public Safety:** 2 Applications ($7,500) — First responder safety equipment.
- **Community & PTO Groups:** 1 Application ($50,000) — Playgrounds.
- **Library:** 1 Application ($5,000) — Project support.

Observations & Opportunities

As stakeholder engagement continues, several opportunities and key considerations have emerged:

- **Increasingly Competitive Cycles:** Grant opportunities across federal, state, and private sectors are experiencing record volumes of applicants, making well-researched, highly aligned applications and strong local partnerships more critical than ever.
- **Shift to Invitation-Only Funding:** A growing number of private foundations and corporate givers have shifted away from accepting unsolicited applications. Securing funding from these organizations now requires upfront relationship-building, letter of inquiry (LOI), and direct stakeholder networking before a proposal can be submitted.
- **Timeline Considerations & Need for Sponsorships:** Grant funding is a valuable resource, but it is rarely a fast solution for immediate operational needs. Because the process often spans several months from research to award decisions, there is a growing need to explore local sponsorships and private donor support to bridge short-term funding gaps.
- **Dynamic Funding Environment:** Funder priorities, eligibility rules, award sizes, and application deadlines shift frequently, requiring ongoing monitoring and flexible project planning.
- **High Demand & Need:** Identified **80 distinct community funding needs** to date, demonstrating a strong and growing demand for grant funding across local partners.
- **Relationship Building:** Ongoing collaboration across school districts, public safety, local businesses, and community organizations remains essential to match community needs with funder priorities.

Next Steps & Priorities

Over the coming months, focus will center on the following initiatives:

- **Targeted Applications:** Continue identifying and pursuing high-alignment grant opportunities for community priorities.
- **Outreach & Awareness:** Increase local partner awareness of the Community Grant Writer role to expand collaborative applications.
- **Process Standardization:** Establish standardized intake and request procedures for internal and partner grant proposals.
- **Resource Development:** Develop a Grant FAQ and resource guide to assist partners in project preparation.

- **System Migration:** Transition grant tracking and pipeline management to Monday.com or similar platform to improve project management and reporting efficiency.