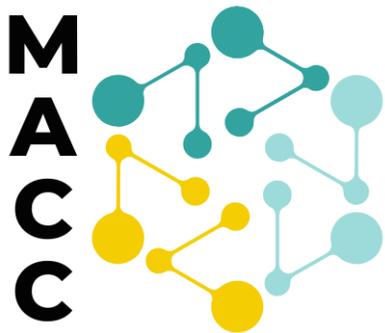


Allegan County *Community* Foundation

Impacting Community. For Good. For Ever.

The mission of the Allegan County Community Foundation is to positively impact Allegan County through financial stewardship, education and community partnerships.



Multi-Agency Collaborative Council
A Program of the Allegan County Community Foundation



Allegan County Housing Project



FUN FACTS

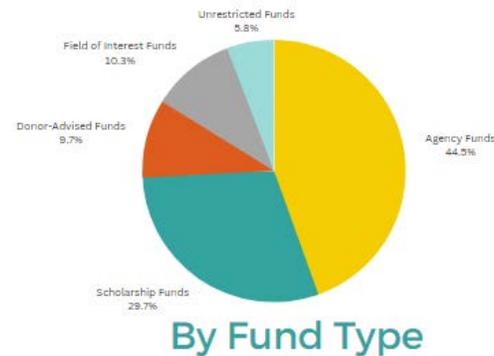
- Declaration of Trust signed March 19, 1965
- 4 full time staff members, 2 part time
- \$365,000 given out to local non-profits in 2023.
- \$344,000 in scholarships given out to local students.



FUNDS AND FINANCIALS

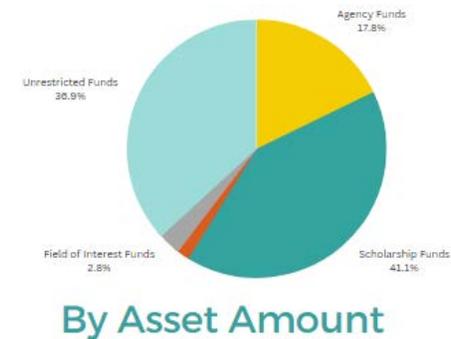
FUNDS

- Agency Funds
- Scholarship Funds
- Donor Advised Funds
- Field of Interest Funds
- Unrestricted Funds
- Community Project Funds



FINANCIALS

- First endowed gift of \$1.2 million in 1969
- 165 Funds - \$22 million under management
- Operating budget around \$450,000





ALLEGAN COUNTY HOUSING ASSESSMENT



United Way of Ottawa
and Alleghen Counties

BACKGROUND

- In the fall of 2022, several agencies (non-profit and government) met to discuss what could be done about housing in Allegan County.
- It was recommended and agreed that step one is to complete a Housing Needs Assessment for Allegan County
 - Follows the path that Ottawa, Kent and now Muskegon have followed,
 - It is important to get the “Facts” about the situation and opportunities first.



HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- What is a Housing Needs Assessment
 - Demographic analysis
 - Economic analysis
 - Housing supply analysis
 - Housing market conditions assessment
 - Multifamily rental
 - Non-conventional rentals
 - For sale housing
 - Development pipeline
- Basic Price = \$35,000

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Additional Elements Requested by the Team
 - Senior Housing Assessment \$3,500
 - Special Needs Assessment \$3,000
 - Employer Survey \$4,000
 - Vacation/Short-Term Rentals \$2,500
 - Residential Blight \$3,000
 - Development costs/Government regulations \$3,000
 - And more . . .
- Total Assessment Cost = \$59,000
- Provider = Bowen National Research
 - Same provider for Ottawa, Kent, Muskegon
- Time frame = Draft Housing Report late August 2023.



WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE ASSESSMENT

- During the Assessment, Bowen met with various stakeholders.
- During the Assessment, organizations such as Lakeshore Advantage provided data to Bowen.
- During the Assessment, representatives from Allegan were kept abreast of activities and findings.



MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Allegan County Housing Survey 2023





WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE ASSESSMENT

- The assessment will be published for communities, agencies and developers to access freely.
 - Once the Assessment has been published it is important that:
 - Organizations, agencies and developers become educated,
 - Zoning boards - to understand opportunities and challenges for their communities,
 - Developers to identify opportunities based on current and future needs,
 - Local and Government officials to understand how they can make a positive impact.
 - It is helpful to have a knowledgeable “voice” speaking to the groups helping to put land, needs, zoning challenges and financing together to make an impact.
 - We have hired a part-time staff member to be the "housing champion" for Allegan County. She will work with Housing Next, Bowen, and other subject matter experts to establish relationships and address housing in Allegan County.
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SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

Several organizations have committed to financially supporting the full effort:

- Gun Lake Tribe MATCH-E-BE-NASH-SHE-WISH Band of Pottawatomini Indians
- Perrigo
- Haworth
- Parker-Hannafin
- The Rotary Clubs of Allegan County
- Grant from Office of Rural Development – in progress
- United Way of Allegan and Ottawa County
- Community Action of Allegan County
- We continue to seek funding partners for long-term impact.

HOUSING EFFORTS IN ALLEGAN COUNTY



- 10 Homes for 10 Families
- Life Skills Classes
 - Homes of Hope



- On Allegan County side of Holland, completed 5 homes in 2022 and began 18 additional in 2023.
- Expanding critical home repair program into Allegan County.



- Resource Workshops
- Credit Repair Workshops
- Landlord Coalition



SAUGATUCK
CENTER FOR THE ARTS

- Exploring models for building housing for summer theater cast and crew members and how that could be used the other 7 months of the year.



- Housing Workgroup
 - 26 Individuals from 15 Organizations
 - Implementing actions items from Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)



- Received funding for the Statewide MSHDA Investing in Community Housing (MICH) Program to advance a New Infill Construction Encouragement (NICE) Program, building accessible and attainable housing.
- Expanding the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program to assist 78 homes each year.
- Emergency Rental, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance.
- Developed a training program and training site to provide hands-on training to Building Trade workforce students and link them to employers.



MORE HOUSING EFFORTS

- Participation in MSHDA Statewide Housing Plan Regional Groups – Region F
- Many organizations dealing with emergency shelter.

CONCERNS

- Clean Water
 - Access to
 - Affordability of
 - Third-party billers

