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Historic Charlton Park Awarded Grant from State Arts Organization

Historic Charlton Park (HCP) has been awarded a grant of \$15,649 from the State of Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC). The grant was awarded through the MACC review process and was one of 828 applications to compete for MACC fiscal year 2025 funding.

"We are thrilled to receive funding from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council," said Catherine Getty, Barry County Commissioner and member of the Barry County Parks & Recreation Commission. "Historic Charlton Park has a duty to Barry County's residents, its community partners, and its visitors to safeguard their heritage. The importance of this grant funding cannot be overstated as we continue to educate and enrich the community."

Organizations receiving a MACC grant award are required to match those funds with other public and private dollars. Local support of the project included matching support from the Charlton Park Village Foundation and the Women's Giving Circle of Barry County.

Grant funds will support two projects. First, funding will support professional development and allow two staff members to attend the American Association for State and Local History conference in 2025. Second, a storage feasibility study will be conducted concerning the housing of HCP's expanding collection of artifacts. The study will address whether an existing building can be renovated for artifact storage or whether new construction is needed. The Barry County Parks & Recreation Commission will soon be soliciting qualified architectural/engineering firms to consult on the Storage Feasibility Study.

The MACC review process allows for each grant application to be competitively considered by a panel of arts and culture professionals. This ensures the taxpayers, who support this project through legislative appropriations, and all other visitors or residents in Michigan will have access to the highest quality arts and cultural experiences. A complete list of grant awards around the state is available by contacting MACC at (517) 241-4011, or by visiting the MACC website at www.michigan.gov/arts.

HCP is located between Hastings and Nashville, north of M-79, at 2545 S. Charlton Park Road. For more information, call (269) 945-3775, visit www.charltonpark.org, or find us on Facebook. HCP is part of the Barry County Parks system.

