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FUNDING SOURCES TO BE CHECKED OUT
for possible help with the Recreation Plan Project

LITTLE TRAVERSE CONSERVANCY. I have no personal experience with this group but know that they can be a helpful source of advice in such matters and sometimes act as "friendly bagman" for such projects, putting up a portion of the purchase price and getting it back over time.

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND (aka Heritage Trust Fund). They have been known to assist with money and with canny advice in such matters.

MICHIGAN LAND TRUST FUND: Is this different from the DNR-connected funds: Michigan's Land and Water Conservation Fund and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund?

TRAVERSE ROTARY CHARITIES [Frank Sisson > Jim Smith]

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE EQUITY GRANT: What is it?

SMALL CITIES GRANT: What is it?

H O N O R S , a local organization

Room rental to the Grand Traverse Project

RECREATION BOND GRANT: What is it?

STATE RECREATIONAL BOND ISSUE GRANT: What is it?

MLTF (Michigan Land/Lease ? Trust Fund?): Money from petroleum leases; Bob Couvrear and Mike Mc Donald, Knapp Center, Lansing, MI; (517) 373 9125.

NATURE CONSERVANCY, ARCHEOLOGICAL CONSERVANCY, AMERICAN FARMLANDS TRUST, and THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LANDS are all useful sources of information and advice and do from time to time on a per-case basis put up funds for the acquisition and preservation of wetlands, natural areas, historical sites, etc.

The Trust for Public Lands has the biggest purse -- over \$250 million to dip into for purposes in line with their overall objective. They typically buy or finance a large land purchase, let 5% of it be developed under their supervision, as a means of getting some money back, and preserve the remaining 95% in the state of nature. I don't know whether their operation would be helpful in our case, but the information would be good to have.

.. Steven Stillwell, City Manager for Elk Rapids, has recent and current information on the availability of grant money, stemming from Elk Rapids' recent negotiations regarding their marina and harbor. I believe he has in particular some up-to-date information on one of the DNR grant categories that is being revised at the moment, but will be on line on February 1, with an April 1 deadline. He is also the source of this practical advice:

When the applicant's minimum matching money is set at a given percentage, like 25%, it is wise to offer something a bit better, like 30% , so as to edge out other applicants who tend to stick to the bare minimum figure.

.. Finally, there is a bulletin available, and very likely the advice of its author, on projecting the operation and upkeep costs of municipal parks. It is known by the number E 1252, File 36.44, and is available through the Extension Service. Information is available through the MSU Department of Parks and Recreation from Galen Rasmussen, Ted Haskell and Lewis Twardzik.

Ask Al Hoadley about:

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