

FY2021
Village of Calumet Downtown Development Authority
List of Accomplishments

Contributed to funding State of Michigan Community Development Block Grant, Facade Grant which resulted in facade improvements on 5 buildings in the district, worth over \$326,000 of improvements in the district.

Contributed funding to stabilization of the historical structure at 425 5th Street, Calumet. The stabilization work prevents further deterioration due to water penetration into the structure. FY 2020 -\$4780

Developed a concept plan for a 300 Block Greenspace, with technical assistance from the Keweenaw National Historical Park, including hosting a public input session for the plan.

Funded downtown beautification with 34 pole mounted hanging flower baskets and associated maintenance.

Supported downtown sidewalk snow removal and street sweeping expenses.

The following activities were accomplished via contract with Main Street Calumet, Inc.

Execution of a Ladies Day Out shopping event, a 4th of July Celebration, a Halloween event, an 18 week farmers market and Christmas in Calumet event with horse-drawn wagon rides and Santa visits. These events are tools to encourage participation in the district and create a sense of place, and an inviting community where people want to live.

Maintained a presence for Calumet on social media, specifically, Facebook and Instagram, to encourage residents to participate in the downtown, to attract new residents and business owners and raise awareness about community events. This community marketing work also included e-newsletters to reach community members and other interested parties with positive items from the community.

Hosted, along with Keweenaw Economic Development Authority, a work session at 425 5th Street to clean out and stabilize that structure.

Created a plan for a community garden in the 400 Block of Fifth Street, to hopefully, enliven that area in 2021.

Supported businesses during COVID by securing a \$50,000 Match on Main Grant which funded 9 small businesses within the Main Street Calumet district.

Participated in the Calumet Area Trails (CAT) group, which works to improve access to the trails in and around the greater Calumet area.