

Grant Update May 2017

The CCROA continues to pursue all viable avenues of grant funding to assist with Lake Management efforts and Aquatic Invasive Species mitigation. On March 8th 2017 we were awarded a grant by the USFS for \$10,000. On May 15th 2017 we were awarded a grant by the Bond Falls Implementation Team for \$13,069.68. During the winter we modified an existing grant of \$8,000 awarded by USFS to extend it past the original expiration date. This gives us the advantage of availing ourselves to unused money over a broader timeline. We continue to use grant funds from the State of Michigan under an award to us last year as part of a collaborative group of partners in the Western Upper Peninsula. Our portion of that award is just over \$50,000.

Permission has been granted to treat Big Lake for EWM this summer and we anticipate being eligible for financial assistance under a standing Rapid Response grant from Wisconsin DNR. Additionally, we have had support from Wisconsin grants to develop Lake Management Plans (LMP) for our Wisconsin lakes on the Cisco Chain. Although those grants are currently active, components of the LMP remain to be resolved and approved by Wisconsin DNR. This winter we were awarded a Clean Boats Clean Waters grant by the Wisconsin DNR which will fund \$2265 of the \$3020 expense to staff the Big Lake Palmer Bay Boat Landing for the second consecutive summer by a CBCW ambassador from UW Oshkosh.

Much of our success in being awarded these grants has been due to not only hard work by Vice President Bob McGuffin, but extraordinary efforts by our contracted Biologists at Many Waters LLC. Our strong relationship with ISCCW (Watersmeet Lake Guards) resulted in a collaborative effort with them and other partners to secure the fore-mentioned grant from the state of Michigan that not only benefits us, but many lakes in the surrounding area.

It must be understood that these grants are awarded conditionally and dependent upon matching funds and in-kind contributions of volunteer hours. It is critical for our mission of monitoring and maintaining the health of our lakes that we both ensure a stable revenue stream from our annual Lake Management Fund appeal and maintain a dedicated roster of volunteers. Please support the ongoing effort to secure grant funding with continued donations and volunteer efforts.