

# Village of Lyons

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## VILLAGE COUNCIL

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Village of Lyons, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the Village of Lyons Island Festival. This event brings our community together

The Island Fest brings together the community with activities for all ages and types of people. The downtown business district is blocked off to create a safe environment for the community to enjoy the activities.

The event offers something for everyone such as a car show, activities for children of all ages, live music in the evening, food vendors, a parade and much more.

Island Fest has been a part of the Village of Lyons for many, many years and we hope to be able to continue the tradition with the help of funding through grants such as this one being offered.

Sincerely,



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To whom it may concern,

The Village of Lyons would like to express their interest in being considered for a Main Street Microgrant offered by the Michigan Municipal League. The project that we would be interested in funding with the grant is our annual Island Fest celebration that occurs the first weekend in August. The Island Fest brings together the community with activities for all ages and types of people. The downtown business district is blocked off to create a safe environment for the community to enjoy the activities.

Island Fest kicks off Thursday night with a car show downtown nestled in between the businesses Lyons Bar, Lyons VFW Post 4646, The Garage LLC, and the Lyons Library. During the days Friday and Saturday are filled with activities for children of all ages. There are outdoors games, a book fair put on by the Library, a craft show, and food vendors. The event also gives gifts away to children. In years past, kids bicycles were given away. This year, it was decided that plastic kiddie swimming pools will be given to the children to enjoy during the summer. Saturday morning features a parade through downtown full of individuals who decorate floats and golf carts, along with the local fire department for children to enjoy the fire trucks. Each year the community selects a Grand Marshall for the parade to showcase their involvement in the community. When the sun goes down, there are two live bands that will be performing under our downtown pavilion. The street is blocked off to provide a safe environment for dancing and fellowship. The first local band is a single performer named Todd Willingham. The next local band is a group named Muddy River Band. Both performances will provide a wide variety of music fit for all ages.

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Further, the Village of Lyons also puts on a Christmas by the River celebration that takes place a few weeks before the holiday. This is another event that brings the community together and takes place in the same area as the Island Fest. The event features a community Christmas tree next to the downtown pavilion that the local kids can come down and decorate the community tree before the actual event. At the time of the event, the local fire department delivers Santa Claus downtown for all the kids to see. Children are able to sit on Santa's lap and receive a gift for Christmas. This is another event that is very important to the community and brings everyone together to celebrate a special time of year.

We want to thank you for your consideration in our application for this grant.