

East Bay Charter Township

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Grand Traverse Veterans Coalition-  
Request for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks

Motion to

Approve

Deny

Table

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Roll Call Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

Motion

Passed

Failed

**President  
Larry Butcher  
943-8845**

**Vice President  
Jackie Miller  
276-9394**



## **GRAND TRAVERSE AREA VETERANS COALITION**

***Country.....Comrades.....Community***  
**P.O. Box 5315 Traverse City, MI 49696-5315**

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March 10, 2008

East Bay Township  
1965 3 Mile Rd North  
Traverse City, MI 49686

Dear Sir or Madam,

At the January regular meeting of the Grand Traverse Area Veterans Coalition meeting it was unanimously decided that the GTAVC would again seek to be the sponsoring organization for the greater Grand Traverse region Independence Day fireworks display for July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

As you will recall from last year we were able to provide our proud community with a traditional fireworks display utilizing an equitable formula to distribute the cost amongst the county's municipalities through the use of Michigan Public Act 77 which enables local units of governments to appropriate funds to the GTAVC for such purposes.

As promised, the GTAVC used all provided funding solely for the fireworks display and associated expenses. Attached you will find a financial report that accounts for the funds collected, the carry over balance and the requested amount for each municipality cover the anticipated expenses for the 2008 celebration. In August of 2007 in our letter of gratitude for your participation, we respectfully requested that this event contribution be budgeted for this year. Our hope is that you have been able to do so and we may again share in proper celebration and recognition of this most revered of National Holiday's. Unlike last year, when Independence Day was four days before the beginning of the National Cherry Festival, this year the holiday falls on the eve of the beginning of the Cherry Festival, so we are anticipating a much larger number of attendee's due to an increase in our tourist population.

The 2007 Independence Day fireworks was a tremendous success, with tens of thousands of citizens gathering along the bay front to celebrate our nation's birthday. Being able to provide this patriotic event for our citizens was an accomplishment that we should all be proud of, but what we are even more proud of is that it's proof positive that when we all work cooperatively

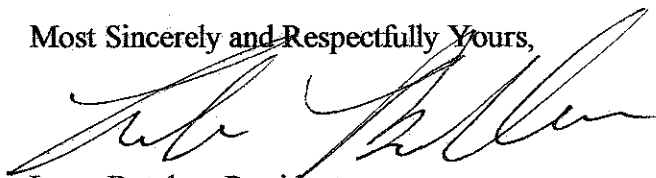


together as a community for a common goal, the costs can be fairly shared by all of our citizens who benefit. The GTAVC is honored to be the organization that, with your support, is able to make this an event that all citizens can look forward to; and take pride in their community.

In closing, we would be most appreciative if your representative would contact the County Veterans Affairs Department Director, Mr. Charles Lerchen at 995-6070, [clerchen@co.grand-traverse.mi.us](mailto:clerchen@co.grand-traverse.mi.us) with a response to your participation again this year.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter. As always, we stand ready to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.

Most Sincerely and Respectfully Yours,



Larry Butcher, President  
Grand Traverse Area Veterans Coalition

Enclosures (2)



Grand Traverse Area Veterans Coalition  
Independence Day Fireworks Financial Statement

2007 Independence Day				2008 Independence Day	
Municipality	Requested	Approved	Received	Requested	Committed
Acme Township	\$ 1,287.50	\$ 1,287.50	\$ 1,287.50	\$ 890.07	
Blair Township	\$ 1,917.50	\$ 1,917.50	\$ 1,917.50	\$ 1,325.01	yes
City of TC	\$ 4,322.50	\$ 4,322.50	\$ 4,322.50	\$ 2,986.15	yes
East Bay Township	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,038.18	
Elmwood Township	\$ 1,267.50	\$ 1,267.50	\$ 1,267.50	\$ 876.14	yes
Fife Lake Village	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 95.60	
Garfield Township	\$ 4,117.50	\$ 4,117.50	\$ 4,117.50	\$ 2,844.09	yes
Grand Traverse Cty	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	yes
Grant Township	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 194.60	
Green Lake Township	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 1,029.28	
Long Lake Township	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 1,571.61	
Mayfield Township	\$ 377.50	\$ 377.50	\$ 377.50	\$ 261.07	
Paradise Township	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 861.13	
Peninsula Township	\$ 1,565.00	\$ 1,565.00	\$ 1,565.00	\$ 1,081.81	yes
Village of Kingsley	\$ 435.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 301.81	
Whitewater Township	\$ 732.50	\$ 732.50	\$ 732.50	\$ 513.39	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,512.50</b>	<b>\$ 29,512.50</b>	<b>\$ 29,512.50</b>	<b>\$ 22,746.09</b>	

2007 Cost Summary

2008 Cost Estimate

	Expense	Revenue	Expense	Revenue
Fireworks Vendor Cost	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 29,512.50	Fireworks Vendor Cost	\$ 17,750.00
Municipalities			Municipalities	\$ 22,746.09
City of TC Cost Assessment	\$ 2,527.45		City of TC Cost Assessment	\$ 4,000.00
Event Liability Insurance	\$ 1,587.50		Event Liability Insurance	\$ 2,250.00
Elmwood Township Cost Assessment	\$ 1,267.50		Elmwood Township Cost Assesmnt	\$ 876.14
Subtotal	\$ 24,882.45	\$ 29,512.50	Permits/Contingencies	\$ 2,500.00
			2007 Carry over	\$ 4,630.05

Carry over to 2008 \$ 4,630.05

\$ 27,376.14 \$ 27,376.14

GRAND TRAVERSE AREA INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS FUNDING REVENUE  
FORMULA 2008

Municipality	Apx Population	Percentage of Total Pop	2007 Request	2008 Request
Acme Township	4981	5.3%	\$ 1,287.50	\$ 936.30
Blair Township	7415	7.9%	\$ 1,917.50	\$ 1,393.83
City of T.C.	16711	17.7%	\$ 4,322.50	\$ 3,141.24
East Bay Township	11406	12.1%	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,144.03
Elmwood Township	4903	5.2%	\$ 1,267.50	\$ 921.64
Fife Lake Village	535	0.6%	\$ 250.00	\$ 100.57
Garfield Township	15916	16.9%	\$ 4,117.50	\$ 2,991.80
Grant Township	1089	1.2%	\$ 280.00	\$ 204.70
Green Lake Township	5760	6.1%	\$ 1,490.00	\$ 1,082.73
Long Lake Township	8795	9.3%	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 1,653.23
Mayfield Township	1461	1.5%	\$ 377.50	\$ 274.63
Paradise Township	4819	5.1%	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 905.85
Peninsula Township	6054	6.4%	\$ 1,565.00	\$ 1,138.00
Village of Kinglsey	1689	1.8%	\$ 435.00	\$ 317.49
Whitewater Township	2873	3.0%	\$ 732.50	\$ 540.05
Sub Total:	94407	100.0%	\$ 24,512.50	\$ 17,746.09
Grand Traverse Cty			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Total			\$ 29,512.50	\$ 22,746.09