



- Bronson Branch:
 - Request to spend endowment funds reserved for the Bronson Branch to purchase 20 STEM activity kits for use in afterschool programs. These kits were a hit at this year's Science Olympiad and cover topics on physics, magnetism, chemistry, logic, and computer science. Total cost: \$435.91. The A. Barnett fund currently has just under \$30,000 available for the Bronson Branch to use.

Requesting \$225 from the recent donations in memory of Beauchamp and Swift, designated for use at Bronson, and \$210.91 from the A. Barnett fund.

- **Request from the Bronson Branch Advisory Board to spend \$5,025 from the A. Barnett fund to replace 48 interior fluorescent lighting fixtures with LED fixtures.** Work to be completed by Ludwick Electric, Bronson.
- District:
 - Samantha Buterbaugh of Biz-Aid, the Coldwater-based community recycling center, has been our recycling partner at the library for many years. Samantha and her husband Jeff have a passion and drive for this important community service that always impresses me, and they have been great for us. We keep them pretty busy!

The Branch Conservation District, along with Biz-Aid, is seeking \$14,500 for a local match for a state grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. This grant would go toward purchasing a large compactor/bailer to help Biz-Aid to increase their local services.

Several other local governmental units have committed funds toward this project, including Branch County and Algansee, Coldwater, and Quincy Townships. Multiple businesses have made contributions, as well. More information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/bizaidllc>.

I would like to recommend we join these other local groups in supporting this grant attempt for the betterment of our community. **Request to donate \$500 from either general fund operating budget or from unrestricted donation funds.**