

December 1, 2017

5 Healthy Towns Foundation
Continuing Intervention Proposal:
Ironclad Base Ball Festival

Request for funding: \$1000

The Monitor Base Ball Club of Chelsea MI (along with our sister club the Merrimack BBC) will again be organizing a day-long festival of the great pastime of vintage base ball for the community to enjoy. It will take place on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Chelsea High School. Six to ten vintage base ball clubs from Michigan will be playing matches of 1860-rules baseball throughout the day on three adjacent fields. The event will be open to the public, with no admission charge. We hope to again attract other wellness-based community organizations to join us and set up information displays or demonstrations at the Ironclad, as we did at the 2015 and 2016 Ironclad Festivals. We also hope to again have live music and some food options for spectators to purchase if they wish. Vintage base ball is a family-friendly and community-based amateur pastime, in which sportsmanship and camaraderie between the teams and interaction with spectators is fundamental. As a wellness activity, it matches the 'Move More' and 'Connect With Others' goals of the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation. While just a one-day event, the Ironclad Festival is an extension of the summer-long goals of the Monitors & Merries: to provide affordable, unique and healthy community events to town. We play 4-6 other home matches, all free and open to the public, at Timbertown Park. The Ironclad at CHS requires a significantly larger budget, thus our request for funding assistance from 5HF. We also hold weekly open practices for anyone interested in being a part of the great pastime, and over our first seven years have had over 100 different community members take part in it.

Changes for 2018: the event will still take place at Chelsea High School, but will be limited to a much smaller area. The front field is no longer available to us, as the CHS Alumni Arbor was planted there last year. We will also be unable to play on the varsity soccer field, as the soccer coaches have requested only soccer events take place on that turf. However, we will be able to creatively fit three fields of play on the remaining large field. The placement will hopefully make the fields adjacent and allow spectators to watch as many as three games at the same time. We will still be able to utilize the tennis court pavilion area for our demonstrator set-up.

Budget:

Equipment	\$300
Field Reservation	\$200
Live Music	\$200
Signage	\$150
Publicity	\$150
	\$1000

Thank you for your consideration!

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