

Dale Hull's Client Appreciation and Testimony:

"We indeed benefited in many ways from the wonderful work accomplished by our team of MSU scholars. Not only did they do a good job reporting to your audience on Friday, but they also did an equally, perhaps even more thorough, reporting to our community on Saturday. Some very important people (as far as our project goes) were in attendance. One included, Sara Ward of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, which helped fund our part of the costs associated with the study. When I had sent Sara the report, she was very impressed, along with County Controller, Lyn Johnson, who was "blown away" by the superior data collected. We will be sharing segments of this report with our colleagues in arts and cultural organizations that we collaborate with all over northern Michigan.

The majority of the data collected and reported from the reports is being utilized in grants supporting our project. Recently USDA Rural Development has recommended we receive \$231,000 in two separate grants, as well as a low interest loan of \$1,971,000. In addition, we have also been awarded \$150,000 by The Frey Foundation of Grand Rapids.

Thank you for all your help in making our partnership so productive.

Dale Hull
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