

**Alpena Babe Ruth Baseball**  
**Project: Field Improvements**  
**Grant: \$6000.00**

Babe Ruth Baseball offers an opportunity for youth ages 14-19 to play regulation, competitive baseball. Their mission is to teach skills, enhance mental and physical development, to teach respect for the rules of the game and the basic ideals of sportsmanship. With the elimination of several area baseball fields, the Alpena Babe Ruth has allowed multiple area baseball teams the use of their fields. The grant covered the expense of adding newer, safer gravel to the infields. This gravel makes it safer for players to slide, reduces the number of balls inadvertently injuring players and has improved the looks of the field. The improvement to the fields also provides increased opportunities for tournament play with more outside area teams. Thirty eight players and an unspecified number of Little League players benefited from the upgraded fields.



**Alpena Babe Ruth Baseball**  
**Project: Operational Upgrades**  
**Grant: \$3,000.00**

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etc.) in order to bring down out-of-pocket player expenses. The grant allowed the group to lower registration fees from \$125 to \$50 per player. With this reduction in fees, player participation increased from 20 players in 2010 to 38 players in 2011.

