

GEAR (Get Excited and Rally)—Youth in Action
Project: Alpena Bike Park Expansion
Grant: \$10,000.00

GEAR was initially a grant-funded program to build a place for area youth to skateboard and rollerblade as well as a place for area bands to practice. GEAR's continued mission is to promote and support youth activities and provide youth with leadership opportunities according to their interests. Since the group's inception, GEAR has created several skate parks, a BMX race track, a disc golf course, and a bike park. The grant specifically covers the addition of more ramps to the Alpena Bike Park to update the park, offer more opportunities for bikers and help prevent bike/skateboard accidents from occurring at the skate parks. Approximately 250-500 area youth benefited from this grant request.

