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## Kellogg Foundation Approves \$360,000 Grant for Munson Hospital Expansion

## Clears Way for Huge Program

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation today announced its approval of a grant "not to exceed \$360,000" to James Decker Munson Hospital, reportedly the largest grant ever made by the foundation to a hospital for capital purposes.

The grant clears the way for a huge building and renovation program at Munson that will, at its conclusion, see the hospital and the county medical care facility, working in cooperation, become a center of health activity for the entire northern part of the state.

In announcing the Kellogg Foundation's approval of the grant, Andrew Pattullo, director of the Division of Hospitals for the foundation, said:

"The foundation is of the opinion that the Grand Traverse County-James Decker Munson Hospital proposed project will be one of major significance in the future development of health and hospital services in this state. We congratulate the entire community, and particularly the board of supervisors, the Grand Traverse County Medical Society, and the board of administration of James Decker Munson Hospital, for their imagination and foresight in the establishment of this program. It is truly a pioneering venture and a heartening demonstration of broad community cooperation in a frontal attack upon one of our society's most perplexing and enveloping problems."

This program, estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$370,000, needed more than the Kellogg grant to activate it. However, a federal grant from the State Office of Hospital Survey and Construction has been tentatively approved. It needed only formal notification of the Kellogg Foundation grant to activate it.

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medical care facility will take the task of caring for the convalescent patient, the chronic patient. This type of patient, although ill, often does not need the specialized services of a general hospital such as Munson.

This responsibility is not a new thought to the county planners. It played a major part in securing for the county the recent \$396,300 grant from the federal government.

With this convalescent facility easily accessible to the hospital, patients can be quickly and easily transferred back to Munson if necessary. This means that a greater portion of convalescent care now rendered by Munson could be provided at less cost to the patient by the medical care facility.

It will also be the task of the county program to expand the health department's out-patient clinic, work with Munson in medical education for interns and nurses, and carry on additional public health education.

It was with these purposes in mind that the hospital board offered, and the county accepted the land upon which the county facility will be constructed.

Munson hospital's part of the program to make the units into a wide-spreading medical and health center will come in the form of expanded acute care facilities.