what we do

The Buchanan County Community Foundation connects people with the causes they care about and makes grants to nonprofit organizations enriching our communities.

We do this by helping to simplify the philanthropic process, giving generous people a way to support what they care about. Gifts to the Community Foundation become part of a permanent endowment, which means they will benefit your community forever. We invest gifts so they grow, maximizing the resources available to use for grantmaking that addresses community needs.

“When you make a gift to a fund or establish a fund with the Community Foundation, you help meet our county’s critical needs. It is this generosity that allows us to make grants to organizations changing lives and enriching our local communities.”

MARK MCGARVEY
Buchanan County Community Foundation Committee Chair
2016 Discretionary Grants
Listed by grant program area including organization, grant project

Art and Culture
City of Hazleton, Hazleton City/School Museum Project
Heartland Acres Agribition Center, Lighting Efficiency Upgrades

Community Betterment
American Legion Post #30 Sheehan Tidball, American Legion Remodel
Buchanan County Animal Shelter, Walls for Paws
City of Fairbank, Replace Downtown Scrolling Sign Screen
City of Independence, Independence Aquatic Center
City of Jesup, Parker Muncey Playground Equipment Replacement
Jesup Soccer Club, Jesup Soccer Complex Fencing
Rowley Community Club, Geodesic Climer

Education
East Buchanan Community School District, East Buchanan Breakfast Club
Jesup Community School District, Chromebook Lab
St. Athanasius School, Technology Upgrades
St. John School, School Playground Resurfacing
Wapsie Valley Community Schools, Rural and Fairbank Elementary Reading Curriculum

Environment
Buchanan County Pheasants Forever, Planting Buchanan County for Water and Wildlife
Friends of Fontana Park, Fontana Live Winter Birds Display Building

Health
City of Aurora, Upgraded Fitness Equipment for Aurora Comet Center
North Benton Ambulance, Ambulance

Human Service
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, Leadership and Character Building Program for Girls
Independence Area Food Pantry, Thanksgiving Holiday Meal
Independence Area Support Group, Operational Funding for the Independence Area Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group
Kids Corner Childcare & Learning Center, Security System
Kidsville, Kidsville - 2016 Renovations
Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Mobile Food Pantry
Operation Threshold, Share the Warmth

Buchanan County Community Foundation Funds
Edna Mae and Don Adams Designated Fund
Edna Mae and Don Adams Community Impact Fund
Edna Mae and Don Adams Scholarship Fund
Aurora Community Fund
Aurora Historical Society Fund
Buccaneer Foundation Inc. Endowment Fund
Buccaneer Foundation Vocational Agriculture-FFA Fund
Buccaneer Foundation-Light the Sky Fund
Buchanan County Community Impact Fund
Buchanan County Endowment Fund
Buchanan County Expendable Fund
Friends of 4-H Fund
Friends of Fontana Park Quasi Endowment Fund
Friends of Fontana Park Endowment Fund
Greenley Family Charitable Fund
LACES Endowment Fund
Mustang Foundation, Inc. - The Leytze Family Fund
Mustang Foundation, Inc. Fund (Endowment)
Gladys and Clare Sloan Fund
Gladys M. and Norman Clare Sloan Scholarship Fund
Denise A. Smock Memorial Fund

Make a gift to a fund, or create your own fund with the Buchanan County Community Foundation at buchananccf.org.

2016 BY THE NUMBERS

$142,743 total grants distributed
$117,075 discretionary grants distributed
$163,597 in donations

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$2,685,814 total assets
$2,538,296 total endowed assets

endow iowa
Gifts to the Community Foundation may be eligible for the Endow Iowa Tax Credit. Taxpayers can receive a 25% Iowa tax credit though Endow Iowa in addition to normal federal charitable income tax deductions for certain charitable gifts.

grantmaking by program area

Art and Culture
Community Betterment
Education
Environment
Health
Human Service

Thanks to the generosity and vision of our donors, the Buchanan County Community Foundation is able to build stronger, more vibrant communities across Buchanan County today, and into the future. We continue working for our donors and all the communities we serve with visionary leadership, effective grant making and endowment building services.