what we do

The Fayette 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 matters to them. Gifts to the Community Foundation become part of a permanent endowment, which means they will benefit your community forever. Donors can make gifts to existing funds or create their own named fund to support the charities of their choosing. We invest gifts so they grow, maximizing the resources for grantmaking that addresses community needs.

Fayette County Community Foundation grants provide essential funding to nonprofits and government entities serving Fayette County and its residents. Since 2005, we have granted over $1,100,000 to support our partners in making our communities better places for all people.

A Legacy of Good

Planning for a future that benefits your family and community leaves a legacy of good. Go to cfneialegacy.org to find information to help achieve your charitable goals through a planned giving option that’s right for you.
our 2018 impact

$1,163,157 total assets held by FCCF
$1,063,319 total endowed assets
$281,713 in donations in 2018

Our funds
Fayette County Community Impact Fund
Fayette County Endowment Fund
Fayette County Expendable Fund
Mark and Denise Nelson Family Fund
Diane Teig Memorial Endowment Fund
Robert and Ruth Walker Charitable Fund

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

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

Our 2018 impact

$193,950 total grants distributed includes grants from all funds
$118,860 discretionary grants distributed

2018 Discretionary Grants Awarded

art and culture
Upper Iowa University, Art for a Lifetime

community betterment
City of Clermont, Clermont Community and Opera House Digital Sign
City of Elgin, Betterment Club - Schori Park Renovation
City of Elgin, TRRC - Filming Fun on the Turkey River
City of Maynard, Slow Down Through Town
City of Oelwein, Oelwein Parks Drinking Fountains
Friends of Volga River State Recreation Area, Playground - Volga River State Recreation Area
Hawkeye Community Club, Community Center Renovations Phase I

education
Echo Valley Trap Team LLC, Equipping the Echo Valley Trap Team
Iowa College Access Network, Future Ready Iowa: Fayette County
North Fayette Community School District, Orff Instruments for Fayette Elementary School
Rainbow Land, Playground Redesign and Replacement of Children's Sinks
Starmont Community School District, Alternative Seating Options for Elementary Students

environment
Take a Kid Outdoors (TAKO), Take A Kid Outdoors (TAKO) - Fayette County

historic preservation
City of Maynard, Fire and Rescue - 1948 Chevrolet Pumper Truck Display and Storage Building
Clermont Historical Society, Clermont Depot Enhancement and Stabilization
Elgin Historical Museum, Tuck-Pointing and Repair of South Wall St. Lucas Historical Society, Window Restoration for the German American Museum, Library and Family History Center

human service
Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, Safe Shelter & Housing Stability
City of Hawkeye, Safer Speeds Save Lives
City of Waucoma, Fire Department - SCBA Cylinder Replacement
Fayette Ambulance Service, EMT Initial Training
Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Fayette County Mobile Food Pantry

The Fayette County Community Foundation is led by a committee of local individuals from across the county with knowledge of our communities. This group provides guidance and makes decisions regarding grantmaking. If you are interested in being part of your local committee, call our administrative office at 319-287-9106.

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Thank you to all who make it possible for the Fayette County Community Foundation to impact our communities and be here for good for residents today and tomorrow.