what we do

The Cerro Gordo 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.

Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation grants provide essential funding to nonprofits and government entities serving Cerro Gordo 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.
2017 Discretionary Grants Awarded

$158,003 total grants distributed

art and culture
Central Gardens of North Iowa, Our Town Under the Stars
City of Mason City, MacNider Art Museum Pottery Wheels
Clear Lake Arts Council, A Light Touch for Our Galleries
City Festival
North Iowa Band Festival Foundation, Podiums
North Iowa Events Center, Olson Building Door Replacement

community betterment
City of Mason City, Activating Mason City Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan - Educational Videos
City of Mason City, Parks Department - Kiwanis Park Playground
City of Mason City, Parks Department - Ray Rorick Park Soccer Complex
City of Thornton, Thornton Community Center - Lighting & Outlets Update
City of Ventura, Library - Replace Furnace
Mason City Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Vision North Iowa

education
Iowa Jobs for America’s Graduates, iJAG: Engaging, Educating and Empowering Students in Mason City
Newman Catholic School System, Next Generation Science for Middle School Students

human service
Camp Tanglefoot, Inc., Boathouse and Maintenance
Association for the Preservation of Clear Lake, Low Impact Development Maintenance Equipment Purchase
Clear Lake Fireworks Endowment Fund
Community Kitchen of North Iowa, Inc., Refrigerator Replacement

North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom, Agriculture Education for Cerro Gordo County Schools
North Iowa Area Community College Foundation, NIACC and the Anatomy: Advancing Health Care and STEM Education for a New Generation
Association for the Preservation of Clear Lake, Low Impact Development Maintenance Equipment Purchase
Mason City Family YMCA, Veteran/Military Membership Initiative
North Iowa Transition Center, Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Center
Rockwell-Swaledale Emergency Medical Team, Security System
Camp Tanglefoot, Inc., Boathouse and Maintenance
Annual Community Impact Program Gifts

$2,575,768 total assets held by CGCCF
$2,464,705 total endowed assets
$302,400 in donations in 2017

Our funds
Anonymous Cerro Gordo Charitable Endowment Fund
Central Gardens of North Iowa Endowment Fund
Central Gardens of North Iowa Quasi-Endowment Fund
Cerro Gordo County Community Impact Fund
Cerro Gordo County Endowment Fund
Cerro Gordo County Expendable Fund
The Children’s Theatre Foundation Fund
Clear Lake Fireworks Endowment Fund
Clear Lake/Ventura Area Community Impact Fund
Rand and Angela Determan Family Fund
Engage! Fund
Jim W. and Ann Kuhlman Family Endowment Fund
David H. and Jamey G. Moore Family Fund
North Iowa Band Festival Foundation, Podiums
North Iowa Events Center, Olson Building Door Replacement

Make a gift to a fund, or create your own fund with the Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation at cerrogordoccf.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.

as of December 31, 2017

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Annual Community Impact Program Gifts

$158,003 total grants distributed

$115,801 discretionary grants distributed

art and culture
community betterment
education
environment
health
human service

12%
40%
13%
28%
6%