what we do

The Emmet 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.”

PENNY CLAYTON
Emmet County Community Foundation Committee Chair

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Our Mission
To inspire people and connect resources to enrich our communities.

Go to emmetcf.org for more information.
2016 Discretionary Grants
Listed by grant program area including organization, grant project

Art and Culture
Fractured Atlas, TFOJB Estherville

Community Betterment
Armstrong VFW Auxiliary, Emmet County Freedom Rock
Armstrong VFW Post 5232, Furnace and Air Conditioner
City of Armstrong, Pool Enhancement Project
City of Estherville, Critical Incident Training Equipment
City of Estherville, Health and Safety @ Your Library
City of Gruber, Street Light Christmas Decorations
City of Ringsted, Flooring for Christiansen Bonnicksen American Legion Post #382/Community Center
County of Emmet, VA Honor Flight for Emmet County Veteran’s Elk’s Lodge #528, Furnaces Part II
Emmet County Nature Center Foundation, Expanding Community Outdoor Recreation and Education
Estherville Little League Association, Accessible Handicapped Paths for Newly Constructed Field 4
Ringsted Community Improvement Organization, Ringsted T-Ball Concession Stand
VFV Post 3388, Kitchen/Storage/Utility/Big Hall/Dining Room Upgrades

Education
Iowa College Access Network, Future Ready Iowa - Emmet County
North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom, Ag Education in Emmet County Schools

Environment
Emmet County Izaak Walton, Emmet County Izaak Walton Trap Range Reconstruction
Friends of Fort Defiance, Whitetail Ridge Trail Expansion

Health
County of Emmet, Healthy Beginnings Family Support
Emmet County Emergency Responders Association, Life Pack 12: 12 Lead Heart Monitor, Automatic External Defibrillator, Pulse, Blood Pressure
Estherville Lincoln Central Community School District, Regional Wellness Center - Senior and Disabled Fitness Program
Good Samaritan Society-Estherville, Salon & Spa Project

Historic Preservation
City of Ringsted, Flag Cases
Emmet County Historical Society, Pole Building Addition

Human Service
Camp Foster YMCA, YMCA Kinship Mentoring Program
City of Estherville, Estherville Fire and Rescue Boat
City of Ringsted, Bike Rodeo Safety Program
Estherville Lincoln Central Community School District, EnergizersPlus Afterschool Program
Hope Haven/Echo Plus, Community Based Employment
Iowa Lakes Community College, Volunteer Network & Transportation Program
Northwest Iowa Mental Health Center dba Seasons Center for Behavioral Health (Seasons), Therapeutic Resources for Emmet County Seasons Office
Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc., Emmet County Humanitarian Grant
Wallford Community Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Communications Upgrade for Wallford Volunteers

The Emmet County Community Foundation is driven by a committee of local individuals from across the county with in-depth knowledge of our communities. This group provides guidance and makes decisions regarding ECCF grants.

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Emmet County Endowment Fund
Emmet County Expendable Fund
Estherville Community Betterment Fund
Recreation Trails Project Fund
Regional Wellness Center Endowment Fund
Regional Wellness Center Fund (Quasi)

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in donations

$97,085 total grants distributed
$97,085 discretionary grants distributed
$134,164 in donations

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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.

For more information go to cfneia.org/endowiowa.