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 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.

Emmet County Community Foundation grants provide essential funding to nonprofits and government entities serving Emmet County and its residents. Since 2005, we have granted over $1,000,000 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 2017 impact

$711,397 total assets held by ECCF
$597,210 total endowed assets
$134,672 in donations in 2017

2017 Discretionary Grants Awarded

grantee organization and grant program listed

community betterment

City of Estherville, Paint Estherville Beautiful
City of Estherville, Police Department - Swift Water Rescue, D.A.R.E and Reserve Equipment
Elk's Lodge #528, Windows and Front Glass Doors
Emmet County Nature Center Foundation, Community Betterment Project
VFW Post 3388, Renovation of Trophy Room to Honor Room/VFW Upgrades

education

Emmet County ISU Extension, Farm Safety Day
Emmet County Izaak Walton League, Clubhouse Renovation
Iowa College Access Network, College Readiness and FAFSA Completion -- Emmet County
North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom, Agriculture Education in Emmet County Schools

health

Emmet County, Public Health - Healthy Beginnings
Family Support
Estherville Lincoln Central Community School District, Regional Wellness Center - Senior and Disabled Fitness Program

historic preservation

City of Ringsted, Display Cases for Military Uniforms
Emmet County Historical Society, Floor for Pole Building
Hershel Woody Williams Congressional Medal of Honor Edu Fund, Emmet County Gold Star Family Memorial Monument Project

human service

City of Estherville, Fire & Rescue - Boat Motor
Estherville Lincoln Central Community School District, EnergizersPlus Afterschool Program
Estherville National Guard, Family Readiness Group - Family Fun
Iowa Lakes Community College, Emmet County RSVP - Medical and Necessary Transportation Program
Northwest Iowa Mental Health Center dba Seasons Center for Behavioral Health (Seasons), Specialized Prevention and Early Intervention Services for Youth from Emmet County
Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc., Emmet County Back to School Grant
Wallingford Community Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Fire & Ambulance Equipment for Volunteers

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

as of December 31, 2017