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 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.

Buchanan County Community Foundation grants provide essential funding to nonprofits and government entities serving Buchanan County and its residents. Since 2005, we have granted over $2,000,000 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

$3,118,393 total assets held by BCCF
$2,958,285 total endowed assets
$241,477 in donations in 2017

our funds
Edna Mae and Don Adams Community Impact Fund
Edna Mae and Don Adams Designated Fund
Edna Mae and Don Adams Scholarship Fund
Aurora Community Foundation Quasi Endowment Fund
Buchanan County Community Impact Fund
Buchanan County Endowment Fund
Friends of 4-H Fund
Friends of Fontana Park Endowment Fund
Friends of Fontana Park Quasi Endowment Fund
Greenley Family Charitable Fund
Jon Holland Impact Index Endowment Fund
Jesup Community School FFA Scholarship Fund
LACES Endowment Fund
Mustang Foundation, Inc. - The Leytze Family Fund
Mustang Foundation, Inc. Fund (Endowment)
Operation 11th Hour Veterans Memorial Fund
Gladys and Clare Sloan Fund
Gladys M. and Norman Clare Sloan Scholarship Fund
Eric and Catherine Smith Quasi Endowment 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.

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.

2017 Discretionary Grants Awarded
granter organization and grant program listed

art and culture
Buchanan County Fair Association, Show Ring Renovation
Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra Association, Inc. dba Orchestra Iowa, Independence Outreach Concert: Beethoven's Fifth
City of Jesup, Jesup Farmers Day - Ice Cream Machine Replacement
Heartland Acres Agridition Center, Energy Efficiency Upgrades to Parking Lot Lighting

community betterment
Brandon Area Community Club, Inc., Concession Stand Project
Buchanan County, Conservation Board - Attention and Beauty at Fontana Park
Buchanan County Animal Shelter, Waterproof Safe Kennels
Winthrop Commercial and Community Club, Outdoor Multipurpose Recreational Court in Community Park

education
East Buchanan Community School District, Greenhouse for Education
Independence Community School District, AV Tech Mobile Audio Upgrade
Independence Community School District, Independence FFA Horticultural Demonstration Plot
Jesup Community School District, Power Up With STEM
St. John Catholic School, Baseball/Softball Field Resurfacing

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as of December 31, 2017

$200,897 total grants distributed includes grants from all funds

$12,551 discretionary grants distributed

11% art and culture
22% community betterment
19% education
17% environment
11% health
16% historic preservation
16% human service

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$3,118,393 total assets held by BCCF

$112,551 discretionary grants distributed

32% art and culture
11% community betterment
24% education
7% environment
11% health
16% historic preservation
11% human service

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environment
Buchanan County, EMA - Rising Waters

health
City of Jesup, Ambulance Service - Zoll X-Series Cardiac Monitor

historic preservation
Buchanan County Historical Society, Phase 3 Restoration of Capt. D.S. Lee Mansion
Fairbank Historical Society, Replace Furnace and Air Conditioner
Littleton and Chatham Historical Society, Collection Preservation & Exhibition
St. James’ Episcopal Church - Independence, Partial Restoration of 1925 Bennett Pipe Organ

human service
City of Fairbank, Fire Department - Water Rescue
City of Independence, Fire Department - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Project
City of Winthrop, Fire Department - Thermal Imaging
Fairbank Community Day Care - Little Island Daycare, Daycare Supplies & Safety Improvements
Independence Area Food Pantry, Thanksgiving Holiday Meal
Independence Public Library Foundation, Enriching the Lives of our Elders
Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Backpack Program
Operation Threshold, Buchanan County Community & Family Services programs (BCC&FS)

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