The Benton County Community Foundation is a place of connection, where generosity and community action meet to create powerful impacts improving the quality of life for all people. The Community Foundation is “here for good,” working side-by-side people and organizations as a catalyst for positive community change.

WE TURN YOUR PASSION INTO IMPACT
We connect people to the causes they care about most and give them a way to make an impact. We do this by working with individuals, families, and businesses to create charitable solutions that match their passions, maximize tax benefits, and create a philanthropic legacy for generations to come.

WE ENRICH COMMUNITIES THROUGH GRANTMAKING
We impact communities through grantmaking to nonprofits working to carry out effective and transformative projects and services. We invest in social good that addresses the needs of individuals, communities, and our county.

WE BUILD COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS
We believe in the power of partnerships and collaboration to develop solutions and create opportunities in our communities. We help identify needs, foster relationships, share ideas, and connect resources to create sustainable change making our communities vibrant places of thriving people.

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

Our Vision
A vibrant region of thriving people.

Our Governing Committee
Tim Peters, Chair
Linda Barkdull
Bryan Brecht
Alison Henkle
Marcia Hite
Rod Kubichek
John Mossman
Mary Pech
LeRoy Staker
Anna Upah
Nick Volk

The Benton County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa. CFNEIA is Confirmed in Compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

2019 IMPACT NUMBERS

GRANTMAKING
$123,144 Total Grants Awarded
$114,599 Total Discretionary Grants Awarded

FINANCIALS
$900,097 Total Assets
$796,738 Total Endowed Assets
$142,734 2019 Total Donations

As of 12/31/2019

Benton County ISU Extension & Outreach, Old School Produce Partners Giving Garden
2019 GRANT RECIPIENT
2019 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS
Grantee Organization, Grant Program Listed

ART AND CULTURE
Vinton Community Foundation, IBSSS Mary Ingalls Society - Mural of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School
Vinton Unlimited. Celebrating 150 Years - Vinton, Iowa
Vinton-Shellsburg Schools, Vinton-Shellsburg Band Uniforms

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT
Atkins Improvement Mission (AIM), Atkins Soccer Park Improvements
Benton County Conservation Foundation, Hannon Lake Park Boat Dock and Kayak Launch City of Shellsburg, Shellsburg Library Renovations Newhall American Legion Post 167, Newhall Legion Centennial Building Project

EDUCATION
Happy Time CDC, STEM Materials
Iowa College Access Network, Life After High School - Education and Training for All Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa, Inc., Cultivating a Skilled Future Workforce; Addressing Local Skills Gaps in Benton County

ENVIRONMENT
Shellsburg Area Community Group, Shellsburg Prairie Bridge

HEALTH
Area Substance Abuse Council, Benton County Youth Empowerment Project
Urbana Visioning Committee, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Urbana
Vinton Community Foundation, Vinton Boy Scout Troop 47 - AED
Virginia Gay Hospital Healthcare Foundation, Equipment Upgrade-Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and Lead Testing

HUMAN SERVICE
Benton County Food Pantry, Benton County Food Pantry Partnerships
Benton County ISU Extension & Outreach, Old School Produce Partners Giving Garden
Benton County Volunteer Program, Medical Transportation Assistance Program
Blairstown Ambulance Service, EZ Glide with Power Traxx Stair Chair
Cedar-Mt. Auburn Volunteer Fire Department, Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
City of Belle Plaine, Police Department - Load Bearing Vests and AEDs
City of Vinton, Police Department - Stop the Bleed Campaign
Friends of the Family, Safe Shelter & Housing Stability
Genesis Development, Building Relationships & Cultural Awareness Through Community Involvement
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, Leadership and Character Building Program Horizons, Family Service Alliance, Horizons Family Support
North Benton Ambulance, Power Cot and Load System
North Star Community Services, Inc., Vinton’s Drop-In Center Program
Pink Heals Eastern Iowa, Pink Fire Turnout Gear/Helmets
RiverView Center, Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Toolkit
Van Horne First Responders, Inc., Personal Protective Equipment For First Responders Vinton Presbyterian Church, Free Products Just For You
Vinton-Shellsburg Schools, Elementary Schools - Operation Backpack Waypoint Services, Domestic Violence Safety Net Project
Wesley United Methodist Church, Food Pantry

WHAT IS A DISCRETIONARY GRANT?
The grants above are part of the Community Foundation’s discretionary grant process. This means the Foundation uses its discretionary (unrestricted) funds to provide grant funding to organizations impacting local communities. The grants are awarded using a competitive process where organizations submit an online application, which is reviewed by local committee members. Grants are then awarded by the committee based on guidelines informed by best practices in grantmaking.

ENDOW IOWA TAX CREDIT
We are proud to be able to offer the Endow Iowa 25% State Tax Credit. Learn more about this unique tax advantage at CFNEIA.ORG/ENDOWIOWA.

DISCRETIONARY GRANT PERCENTAGE BY GRANT PROGRAM AREA

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$114,599 Total Discretionary Grant Dollars Awarded

BE A FORCE FOR GOOD.

1. ESTABLISH A FUND
We’ll work with you to match your giving and passions, and create a giving plan that meets your charitable and financial goals. There are many fund options, including establishing a named donor advised fund that allows you to support the causes you love during your lifetime.

To CFNEIA.ORG/CREATEAFUND to get started.

2. GIVE TO A FUND
Gifts of any size can be made to funds already established with the Community Foundation. Your generosity can support the grantmaking of your local foundation through a gift to their impact fund or find one of our funds supporting nonprofits in our county.

To BENTONCF.ORG and click Find a Fund to search our funds.

3. LEAVE A LEGACY
Your generosity can go on forever when you establish a planned gift. We work with you and your advisor to find giving solutions that leave a legacy and meet your family’s financial goals.

To CFNEIAGEACY.ORG to learn more about planned giving options.