what we do

The Howard 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.

“We 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.”

DAWN FAIRBANKS
Howard County Community Foundation Committee Chair
2016 Discretionary Grants
Listed by grant program area including organization, grant project

Art and Culture
Czech Heritage Partnership/FHDC, Journey for Freedom by Author Peter Vodenka
Lime Springs Community Club, Lime Springs Children’s Theatre Troupe/Steamer, Totes, Popcorn Machine and Admissions

Community Betterment
American Legion John Frahm Post No. 597, Elma Memorial Hall Equipment needs
City of Chester, Chester Community Center Building Renovation
City of Cresco, Cresco Chamber Business Committee - Expansion of Flag Beautification Project
City of Cresco, Park - Basketball court
City of Elma, Elma Library - Environmental Improvements
City of Elma, School Building Upgrades
City of Elma, Update Lighting of Ball Field
City of Lime Springs, Lime Springs Public Library - Adult and Children Programming, Movie License and Large Print Books
City of Lime Springs, Community Center Storage Addition - Building/Electrical
City of Lime Springs, Mower for Lime Springs Pool & Parks
City of Protivín, City of Protivín - Update City Park Equipment and Shelter
First Freedom, Inc., Exit Strategy
Howard County, Conservation Board - People Hauler Trailer
Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame, Mural Lighting/Landscaping Project
Lime Springs Community Club, Lime Springs Community Club Flower Project
New Oregon Cemetery Association, Flag Pole Replacement
Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association, Pleasant Hill Cemetery Road Grading and Rocking
Riceville Community Foundation, Inc., City Hall Park Renovation

Education
Elma Early Childhood Center, Elma Preschool Heating and Cooling Project
Iowa College Access Network, Future Ready Iowa - Howard County Trinity Catholic School, Update the Performance of Computers in the Lab

Health
American Red Cross - Blood Services, 2016 Blood Drive Rent for Community Center
Evans Memorial Home for the Aged, Cresco Assisted Living Therapy

Regional Health Services of Howard County, Lime Springs Clinic Building Concerns
Regional Health Services of Howard County, RHSHC Revitalization 2016

Historic Preservation
City of Cresco, Cresco Railroad Company Train Restoration Project
City of Cresco, Theatre Department - East Wall Repair & Renovation
Howard County Historical Society, Howard County Florenceville Methodist Church
Norman Borlaug Heritage Foundation, Norman Borlaug Birthplace Barn Preservation Project

Human Service
Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, Safe Shelter & Housing Stability
City of Chester, Fire and Rescue - Media Training Equipment
City of Cresco, National Night Out 2016
City of Cresco, Fire Department - Rope Rescue Equipment
City of Elma, Fire and Rescue - Automobile Extrication Equipment
City of Lime Springs, Lime Springs Fire Department Turnout Gear Replacement
City of Protivin, Fire Department - Purchase Flashlights
Howard County, Outfit our EMS
Kessel Kids, Kessel Kids CcLc Summer School Program
Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Mobile Food Pantry
Riceville Community Daycare, RCD Outdoor Enhancement Project
Spring Ahead Learning Center, Quality Outside Play Area Enhancement Project

Howard County Community Foundation Funds
CUSB Bank Designated Fund
CUSB Bank Scholarship Fund
The First Freedom, Inc. established by Elaine Rose Govern Fund
Howard County Community Impact Fund
Howard County Endowment Fund
Howard County Expendable Fund
Howard County Historical Society Fund
Howard-Winnebago Community School Foundation Fund
New Oregon Cemetery Fund
Regional Health Services of Howard County Endowment Fund
Riceville Ambulance Service Endowment Fund
Riceville Legacy Fund established by Peter J. and Elaine R. Govern Alvin and Karen Vonya Family Fund

Make a gift to a fund, or create your own fund with the Howard County Community Foundation at howardccf.org.

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.

2016 By the Numbers

$99,152 total grants distributed
$93,167 discretionary grants distributed
$157,910 in donations
Total assets: $853,037
Total endowed assets: $755,086

Grantmaking by program area

Art and Culture makes up less than 1% of total grantmaking.