what we do

The Bremer 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.”

MARK ANDERSON
Bremer County Community Foundation Committee Chair
$138,021 total grants distributed
$108,001 discretionary grants distributed
$340,088 in donations

2016 Discretionary Grants
Listed by grant program area including organization, grant project

Art and Culture
Wartburg Community Symphony Association, Wartburg Community Symphony Association (WCSA)

Community Betterment
Bremer County Fair Association, New Fairgrounds Purchase - Champions Ridge Phase 1 Fundraising Project
City of Denver, Denver Public Library Digital Event Sign
City of Frederika, Frederika City Park Upgrades and Improvements
City of Janesville, American Legion Post 522 - Cemetery Flags and Poles
City of Plainfield, Plainfield Public Library Redefining Space and Aesthetics
City of Readlyn, Readlyn Community Library Teen Area Project
City of Readlyn, Readlyn Splash Pad
City of Waverly, Aquatics Department - Swim Club Lane Reel Replacement

Retrieving Freedom, Veterinary Expenses
Summer Housing, Summer Housing, Corp.
Waverly Community Fund, Investment in Long Term Marketing
Waverly Softball Association, Champions Ridge
Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way, Volunteer Center of Waverly

Education
Community Lutheran School, Expanding Technology: Creating Connectivity
St. Paul’s Lutheran School, Enhancing Academic Excellence using a Support Dog
Summer-Fredericksburg Community Schools, Chromebooks for the Library
Tripoli Community School District, Safe Within
Waverly Child Care and Preschool, Outdoor Learning Centers

Environment
The Nature Conservancy in Iowa, Wetland Restorations for Reduced Flood Risk, Improved Water Quality and Increased Outdoor Recreation

Health
City of Denver, Debrillators for Police Cars and Public Works Pickups
Hillcrest Home, New W/C Accessible Van for Hillcrest Home
Readlyn EMS Association, Pulse Oximeter/CO2 Detector

Grantmaking by program area
- Art and Culture 46%
- Community Betterment 33%
- Education 9%
- Environment 9%
- Health 1%
- Human Service 2%

Human Service
Allison Area Foster Parent Support Group, Supports and Services for Area Foster Families
ASPIRE Therapeutic Riding Program, Wings on Eagles
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Iowa, One-to-One Youth Mentoring in Bremer County
Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, Safe Shelter & Housing Stability
City of Janesville, Fire Department - MSA-6000 Plus Thermal Image Camera
City of Plainfield, Fire Department - Compressed Air Foam Apparatus
City of Readlyn, Fire Department - Communication/Apparatus/PPE Updates
City of Tripoli, Fire Department - Grain Rescue Auger, Pistol Grip Nozzles, and Hose
Denver Sunset Home, Heat Register Replacements
Frederika Volunteer Fire Department, Bin Rescue Safety Equipment
Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, Leadership and Character Building Program for Girls
Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity Waverly Build
Lutheran Services in Iowa, Families Together II in Bremer County
North Star Community Services, Waverly Center Programmatic Enhancements Project
Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Mobile Food Pantry
Rally Point Cedar Valley Veterans, Rally Point Cedar Valley Veterans
Senior Citizens Group of Waverly, East and South Entrance Upgrades and Food Program
St. Mary Church, Saints Cafe
The Larrabee Center, Thrift Store Improvements
Tripoli Nursing & Rehab, Replacement of West End Air Conditioning Unit

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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.

Bremer County Community Foundation Funds
Alcock Cemetery Association Endowment Fund
Edna Anhalt Fund
Patricia Boevers Memorial Fund
Bremer County Community Foundation Governing Committee Endowment Fund
Bremer County Community Impact Fund
Bremer County Endowment Fund
Bremer County Expendable Fund
Mabel A. Burrow Memorial Scholarship Fund
Gene Drape Family Fund
The Larrabee Center Endowment Fund
Rally Point Cedar Valley Veterans Endowment Fund
Retrieving Freedom Endowment Fund
Marvin and Helen Schumacher Family Fund
Wartburg College Endowment Fund

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

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