what we do

The Cerro Gordo 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 so they grow, maximizing the resources for grantmaking that addresses community needs.

Cerro Gordo County Community Foundation grants provide essential funding to nonprofits and government entities serving Cerro Gordo County and its residents. Since 2005, we have granted over $1,200,000 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.

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

Go to cerrogordoccf.org for more information.

Confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.
our 2018 impact

$2,621,346 total assets held by CGCCF
$2,506,097 total endowed assets
$305,339 in donations in 2018

2018 Discretionary Grants Awarded
grant organization and grant program listed

- art and culture
- community betterment
- education
- health
- historic preservation
- human service

$162,866 total grants distributed includes grants from all funds
$109,894 discretionary grants distributed

- Central Gardens of North Iowa, Irrigation and Other Improvements
- City of Mason City, Cannonball Gardens - Pathway Extension
- City of Mason City, MacNider Museum - DVR Projector Replacement
- Mason City Downtown Association, Friday Night Live
- City of Rockwell, Library - Updating for Changing Times
- City of Swaledale, Park Playground Equipment
- City of Thornton, Community Center - Replace Kitchen, Hall and Restroom Flooring
- Crime Stoppers of North Central Iowa, TipSoft Software
- Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa, Empowering a Financially Capable and Career Ready Society in Cerro Gordo County
- Mason City Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Vision North Iowa ADA Bathroom Improvements
- River City Sculptures on Parade, Building Our Brand Mural Project
- Iowa JAG, iJAG: Transforming At-Risk Students into Future-Ready Graduates in Mason City
- Mason City Community Schools, Art Department - Visual Art Display Boards
- Camp Tanglefoot, Inc., Equipment for New Indoor Program Space
- City of Mason City, Police Department - Weapon-Mounted LED Lights Phase II
- City of Rockwell, Fire Service - Fire Hose Project
- City of Swaledale, Fire Department - Backup Generator
- Francis Laufer Youth Services, Air Handler Motor Replacement
- Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa, Modular Ramps for Home Repair
- Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped, Inc. (IRIS), IRIS in Cerro Gordo County
- Lutheran Services in Iowa, New Parent and Parents as Teachers Program in Cerro Gordo County
- NIVC Services, Inc., Community Employment Supports
- Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless, Operation Sudsy Duds One Vision, Development Office Technology Upgrade
- Our Loving Children, Community Inclusion
- The Community Kitchen of North Iowa, Inc., Replacement of Workspace and Bathroom Countertops
- Thornton Volunteer Fire Association, Turnout Gear Purchase
- Ventura Firefighters Association, Personal Protective Equipment

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