what we do

The Winnebago 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.

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

$677,434 total assets held by WCCF

$105,187 total grants distributed includes grants from all funds

$573,089 total endowed assets

$133,672 in donations in 2017

our funds

Hynes Spur Trail Endowment Fund
Hynes Spur Trail Fund (Quasi)
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2017 Discretionary Grants Awarded

grantee organization and grant program listed

$105,187 discretionary grants

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

art and culture

Brickstreet Theatre Inc., Upgrading our New Facility
City of Thompson, Thompson Quasquicentennial
Lake Mills Music Boosters, Lake Mills Chorus Concert Attire
Winnebago County Fair Association, Grandstand Concession Restroom Facility

community betterment

City of Buffalo Center, Library - Chairs and Rack
City of Lake Mills, Lake Mills Recreation Trail
City of Leland, Light Fixtures
City of Scarville, Tennis/Basketball Court Lighting Project
Crime Stoppers of North Central Iowa, TipSoft Software
North Iowa Community Development, Children’s Blowups for Buffalo Center’s 125th Anniversary
VFW Post 6161, Post 6161 Flag Pole And American Flag Trailer
Winnebago Historical Society, Trolley Track Expansion

education

Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa, From the Garden to the Plate
Iowa College Access Network, College Readiness & FAFSA Completion - Winnebago County
North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom, Agriculture Education for Winnebago County Schools

North Iowa Area Community College Foundation, NIACC and the Anatomage: Advancing Health Care and STEM Education for a New Generation
North Iowa Community School, Positive Behavior Intervention & Support Program (PBIS)

environment

Winnebago County, Conservation - Hanson Trail Project

health

Forest City Family YMCA, Operation Form & Function

human service

City of Forest City, Police Department - Squad Car Computer Systems
Family Alliance for Veterans of America (FAVA), FAVA Computers
Lake Mills Entertainment Inc., Handicap Accessible Automatic Entry Door
Lake Mills Family Center, Center Materials, Supplies, and Upgrades
Lake Mills Volunteer Ambulance Service, Pagers for Volunteers
Little Bison Childcare Center, Security System
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Our Savior’s Food Pantry
Scarville Firemen’s Association, Ventilation Fan
Winnebago-Hancock Repeater Society, Winnebago-Hancock Repeater Project 2017

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