what we do

The Fayette 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.

Fayette County Community Foundation grants provide essential funding to nonprofits and government entities serving Fayette County and its residents. Since 2005, we have granted over $1,600,000 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

$1,129,436 total assets held by FCCF
$1,025,856 total endowed assets
$258,672 in donations in 2017

our funds
Fayette County Community Impact Fund
Fayette County Endowment Fund
Fayette County Expendable Fund
Mark and Denise Nelson Family Fund
Robert and Ruth Walker Charitable Fund (Quasi)

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

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.

2017 Discretionary Grants Awarded
granee organization and grant program listed

art and culture
Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation & Development, Enhancing Goeken Park through Functional Public Art
Williams Center for the Arts, Replacement of Stage Curtains, Stage Floor and Doors Opening onto Stage

community betterment
American Legion Post 691 - St. Lucas, Quilts of Valor and Quilts of Honor
City of Hawkeye, Hawkeye Campgrounds
Fayette County Agriculture Society, Stephens Building Bathroom Renovation
Fayette County Tourism Council, Fayette County Trout Fishing Guides
Friends of the Elgin Public Library, Elgin Public Library: Past, Present, and Future
Turkey River Recreational Corridor, Turkey River Recreational Corridor 2017 Marketing Initiative

education
Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa, Forward Thinking: Empowering Youth to Succeed in Fayette County
North Fayette Valley Community School District, Flexible Seating: Empowering Students

2017 total grants distributed includes grants from all funds
$165,523

2017 discretionary grants distributed
$100,926

5% community betterment
6% education
16% art and culture
41% health
6% historic preservation
2% human service

2017 total assets held by FCCF
$1,129,436

2017 endowed assets held by FCCF
$1,025,856

2017 in donations in 2017
$258,672

$1,025,856 total endowed assets

as of December 31, 2017

health
Allamakee New Beginnings - Iowa Food Hub, Fresh Innovation: Testing Fresh Processed Products to Increase Food Hub to School Sales

historic preservation
Fayette County Historical and Genealogical Society, Foundation Restoration of Historical Society Museum Building

human service
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Iowa, Fayette County One-to-One Mentoring
City of St. Lucas, St. Lucas Community Warning Siren
Fayette County Food Shelf, Out of the Ashes, Part III
Fayette County ISU Extension, NFV Strengthening Families Program: For Parents and Youth 10-14
Grace United Methodist Church, Oelwein Community Kitchen Cupboard Food Supplement and Baby Programs
Helping Services for Northeast Iowa, Helping Services for Youth & Families - Domestic Abuse Resource Center
Starmont Community School District, Starmont Child Care Center Project

The Fayette County Community Foundation is lead by a committee of local individuals from across the county with knowledge of our communities. This group provides guidance and makes decisions regarding FCCF grantmaking. If you are interested in being part of your local committee, call our administrative office at 319-287-9106.