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 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.”

PEGGY LEE SHERRETS
Fayette County Community Foundation Committee Chair
$171,288 total grants distributed
$106,555 discretionary grants distributed
$358,364 in donations

Fayette County Community Foundation 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.

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

Art and Culture
- Clermont Historical Society, Enhancing the Burkard Riegel Blacksmith Shop Visitor Experience Through Interpretive Signs

Community Betterment
- American Legion Post 92 - Messerer-Fox, All Veterans Memorial
- City of Maynard, Maynard Community Library Building Fund
- City of St Lucas, We Speak Main Street
- Fayette County, Expanding the TRRC Trail from Elgin through Gilbertson Park
- Fayette County Economic Development, Fayette County Economic Development and Tourism Website Update
- Greater Oelwein Area Charitable Foundation, Hometown Rewards Lighting Project
- Lima Church and Cemetery Association Inc., Lima Church Bathroom Remodel
- St. Peter's Knights of Columbus, Clermont - A Safer Place to Live

Education
- Allamakee New Beginnings/Iowa Food Hub, Fayette County
- Youth Entrepreneur Greenhouse Project
- Iowa College Access Network, Fayette County Career & College Readiness
- West Central School, West Central Elementary Playground

Environment
- Take a Kid Outdoors (TAKO), Take A Kid Outdoors (TAKO) - Fayette County

Historic Preservation
- Elgin Historical Museum, Tuck-Pointing the Front Elevation of the Elgin Historical Museum

Human Service
- Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, Safe Shelter & Housing
- Stability
- City of Stanley, Stanley Fire Pump Project
- North Fayette Valley Community Coalition, NFVCC Youth and Family Learning Center
- Parent Share and Support, Parent Share and Support - Parents as Teachers

Grantmaking by program area
- Art and Culture: 16%
- Community Betterment: 51%
- Education: 2%
- Environment: 6%
- Historic Preservation: 22%
- Human Service: 3%

2016 Grant Recipient
Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission
Bike Safety in Fayette County

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.

giving through the foundation
Thanks to the generosity and vision of our donors, the Fayette County Community Foundation is able to build stronger, more vibrant communities across Fayette County today, and into the future. We continue working for our donors and all the communities we serve with visionary leadership, effective grant making and endowment building services.