

Boone County Community Endowment

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Boone County Endowment Awards \$104,065

Boone County, Iowa --- The Boone County Community Endowment has awarded \$104,065 to 22 County organizations. These grants are anticipated to leverage another \$825,057 in total project spending.

The 22 grant recipients were announced at a special celebration held at the Iowa Arboretum near Luther on April 10. "We received 36 grant applications requesting \$229,548. We only wish that we had more resources at the Endowment because we know there are many needs and worthy projects throughout the county," said Mary Bilden, Chair of the Community Endowment Board.

This was the ninth time that the Boone County Community Endowment has engaged in grantmaking. In 2006, 10 grants were awarded totaling \$42,883. In 2007, 13 grants were awarded totaling \$47,974. In 2008, \$66,235 was awarded to 14 recipients and in 2009 17 grants totaling \$98,269. \$105,650 was distributed in April of 2010, \$84,223 was distributed in 2011, \$84,095 in 2012 and \$92,367 in 2013. To date, \$725,761 has been distributed in Boone County from this fund including 2014. The Endowment has applied for and received funds from the County Endowment Fund legislation.

The Boone County Community Endowment was organized by representatives from throughout Boone County. "Our mission involves helping the communities and non-profit organizations of the county," said Bilden. "We want to partner with communities and non-profit organizations to help them with programs and projects that might otherwise not be available to the individuals, families and visitors to our county."

As an affiliate Endowment, the Boone County Community Endowment can assist donors who wish to make outright and testamentary gifts of support to our Endowment or other charitable organizations in the county. "It is possible for local charitable organizations to establish their own funds and benefit from special tax credits and the professional expertise and investment management we help provide," said Bilden. There are currently 18 funds established.

Boone County Community Endowment Fund Grants 2014		
Successful		
Applicant	Project	\$ awarded
Boone Area Humane Society	shelter renovation	\$ 5,000
Boone County 4-H Youth	Livestock building at Fairgrounds	\$ 4,153
Boone County Community Endowment Fund	Philanthropy and Entrep. Project	\$ 8,926
Boone County Prevention & Community Services	relocation expenses	\$ 2,500
Boone County Conservation Board	Grant's Woods Park tables, etc.	\$ 5,500
Boone County Historical Society	entryway and building improvements	\$ 4,183
Boone County Human Services Council	Celebrate Families event	\$ 2,000
Boone County Sheriff's Office	AED purchase	\$ 3,836
Boone County Transportation	DM Medical Shuttle	\$ 4,000
Boone Fire Department	Rope Rescue Equipment	\$ 4,153
Children And Families of Iowa	Technology for in-home counseling	\$ 4,500
Parenting Way	Parents Anonymous at Crawford Hall	\$ 2,000
Sacred Heart School	HVAC Improvements	\$ 5,000
YMCA	BC Family YMCA Gym renovation	\$ 7,000
Crawford Hall Family Shelter	Community area renovation	\$ 6,500
Genesis Development	Transportation for Disabled	\$ 7,000
Iowa Arboretum	Implement Master Plan for growth	\$ 5,000
Iowa Railroad Society	Handicap car restoration	\$ 7,000
Lutheran Services of Iowa	Crisis Childcare Project	\$ 2,000
Madrid Historical Society	Fire House restoration	\$ 5,000
Madrid Home for the Aging	Life Enrichment Fitness Project	\$ 1,814
McGraw Senior Citizens Center	Safety Upgrade	\$ 7,000
Totals		\$ 104,065