

# Boone County Community Endowment

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Boone County Endowment Awards \$89,800

Boone County, Iowa --- The Boone County Community Endowment has awarded \$89,800 to 23 County organizations. These grants funds are anticipated to leverage another \$1,159,607 in total project spending.

The 23 grant recipients were announced at a special celebration held at the Boone County Historical Society in Boone on April 16. "We received 35 grant applications requesting \$206,770. 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 tenth time that the Boone County Community Endowment has engaged in grantmaking. The first awards were made in 2006 where 10 grants were awarded totaling \$42,883. In 2014, \$95,139 was granted to 22 recipients. To date, 758,701 has been distributed in Boone County from the BCCEF utilizing our granting process including 2015. All distributions, including from our partner Family of Funds, over \$820,300 has been gifted to Boone County recipients. The Endowment annually receives 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 17 funds established.

<b>Boone County Community Endowment Fund Grants 2015</b>			
#	Applicant	Project	\$ awarded
1	Boone County 4-H & Youth	Livestock building at FG's	5,000
2	Boone County Community Services	Project Spring Forward	2,500
3	BC Historical Society	Chimney and Building repairs	5,000
4	Boone County Hospital Foundation	Cardiac Monitor	5,000
5	B Parks Found	McHose entrance pillars	5,000
6	BooSt (& Human Services Council)	Celebrate Families event	1,000
7	Camp Hantesa	Challenge Course	5,000
8	Child Care Junction	window improvement	3,400
9	Children & Families of IA	Emergency & Safety Items	5,000
10	Crawford Hall	Playground & Learn Center	5,000
11	Fair Board	Food Stand renovations	5,000
12	Genesis Development	Explorers Camp	5,000
13	Habitat for Humanity	Home Construction	5,000
14	Lutheran Services	Crisis Child Care	2,000
15	Madrid Cub Scouts	Pump House Improvements	1,600
16	Madrid Historical Society	Fire House restoration	5,000
17	Madrid Performing Arts Council	Band Uniforms	1,500
18	Ogden Police Department	Body Cameras	800
19	Parenting Way	Family Support/Parent education	2,000
20	Sacred Heart School	HVAC upgrades	5,000
21	Boone County Trails	Trails Initiative	5,000
22	Youth Shelter Services	Tele-health video upgrade	5,000
23	Visiting Nurse Services	Foster Grandparent Program	5,000
	Totals		89,800

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Photo attached:



Front row- (l to r)

- 1 Anna Vaughn, Visiting Nurses Services
- 2 Karen Sullivan, Visiting Nurses Services
- 3 Sue Eldridge, Sacred Heart School
- 4 Lisa Heddens, Lutheran Services of Iowa
- 5 Kathy Sawatzky, Genesis Development
- 6 Pam Schwartz, Boone County Historical Society

Middle row-

- 1- Candice Foster, Children and Families of Iowa
- 2- Sara Morton, Boone County Community Services
- 3- Julie Nash, Crawford Hall
- 4- Deb Nugent, YSS of Boone County
- 5- Andi Olson, YSS of Boone County
- 6- Beth Wirtz, Child Care Junction
- 7- Suzanne Renfrow, Parenting Way
- 8- Mary Clancy- ISU Extension and 4-H
- 9- Earl Check- Madrid Historical

Third Row-

- 1- Donovan Olson, Ogden Police
- 2- Jeff Fisher, Madrid Boy Scouts
- 3- Erich Kretzinger, Habitat for Humanity
- 4- Ashely Fitzgerald, Fair Board
- 5- Kurt Phillips, Boone County Trails Initiative
- 6- Gabe Bowers, Boone County Hospital Foundation
- 7- Les Ford – Genesis Development

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Bill Martin- Boone County Trails Initiative