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IOWA WEST FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR SECOND QUARTER

\$2.9 MILLION INCLUDES OPERATING SUPPORT GRANTS

(Council Bluffs, IA) The Iowa West Foundation, which is headquartered in Council Bluffs, has announced nearly \$2.9 million in grants for the second quarter of 2011. The grants will be used to assist 31 non-profit organizations and governmental entities with funding for area projects.

This round of Foundation grants includes three to nonprofit organizations in need of support for their operations. It's a new direction for the Iowa West Foundation following the approval of updated funding guidelines in 2010.

“Many charitable organizations have been challenged during tough economic times to raise funding for general operations,” said Todd Graham, President and CEO of the Iowa West Foundation, “and our foundation – like others across the country – has recently decided to implement a policy to allow applications for general operating support.” He added, “general operating support grants are restricted at this time to Pottawattamie County-based organizations.”

Graham highlighted the three grants for operating support:

- \$50,000 for the American Red Cross Loess Hills Chapter, which is headquartered in Council Bluffs and serves southwest Iowa;

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- \$175,000 to fund core programs at the Council Bluffs location of the Boys and Girls Club; and,
- \$62,500 to Promise Partners for its operations and capacity building, including the “Alliance for Youth” in Pottawattamie County.

“A major part of the Promise Partners mission is positive youth development,” explained Patricia Russmann, Executive Director, “and our Alliance for Youth operation is a key part of it.” She added, “this grant from Iowa West is valuable and appreciated.”

For more information regarding general operating support, visit www.iowawestfoundation.org, where the guidelines can be accessed through the link of “How to Apply.”

Funding for the Foundation’s grants comes from investment earnings and the Iowa West Racing Association (IWRA), which receives contracted fees from casino operators – Ameristar and Harrah’s. IWRA distributes funds to the Foundation, which is an independent 501 (c) (3) organization that makes grants in southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska.

Requests for applications for the fourth quarter of 2011 will begin September 1, 2011 and will be accepted through October 1, 2011. Completed applications will be due October 15. The deadline to request applications for the third quarter has passed. For more information including deadlines, interested organizations may visit the Foundation’s website at www.iowawestfoundation.org or contact Deb Debbaut, Grants Manager, at 712-309-3003. The Foundation has recently updated its funding guidelines and procedures, which can be viewed at the website. Applicants can apply on-line through the web site.

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(A listing of grant recipients and their projects is attached for your reference.)

Iowa West Foundation 2011 Second Quarter Grants

Recipient	Project Description	Awarded
American Red Cross Loess Hills Chapter	General operating support at southwest Iowa facility	\$50,000.00
Avoca (IA) Betterment Association	"Green" affordable housing project	\$120,000.00
Ballet Nebraska	Performances for southwest Iowa children at community college venue	\$7,500.00
Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts	Community arts residency program in Council Bluffs neighborhood	\$55,500.00
Bluffs Arts Council	Concert and film series in downtown Bayliss Park	\$5,000.00
Board of Regents University of Nebraska - Omaha	Technology support for microenterprises in southwest Iowa	\$38,601.00
Board of Regents University of Nebraska - Omaha	Economic development study on Latinos' impact in the Heartland	\$35,000.00
Boy Scouts Mid-America Council	Emergency sirens at Little Sioux (IA) Scout Ranch	\$45,500.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands	General operating support for core Council Bluffs programs	\$175,000.00
Charles Drew Health Center	Fitness program for senior patients in Omaha	\$5,000.00
Christian Home Association-Children's Square U.S.A. (Council Bluffs)	Upgrades of residential treatment facility	\$40,000.00
City of Carson (IA)	Recreational trail and entrance center	\$70,000.00
City of Council Bluffs	"First Night" - a New Years Eve family festival	\$20,000.00
City of Council Bluffs	Improvements to parks and trails of historic neighborhoods	\$275,000.00
City of Council Bluffs	West Broadway redevelopment	\$750,000.00
City of Crescent (IA)	Lights for volleyball court at city park	\$4,000.00
Council Bluffs Senior Center, Inc.	Replacement of pool boiler system	\$4,312.69
Eckels Memorial Library	New materials for Oakland (IA) library collection	\$5,000.00
Friends of the Union Pacific Railroad Museum	Update of the "Building of the Transcontinental Railroad" exhibit at Council Bluffs museum	\$150,000.00
Heartland Family Service	Residential substance abuse services in southwest Iowa	\$284,776.00
Heartland Workers Center	Enhancement of workplace services for Latinos in Omaha	\$15,000.00
Iowa JAG, Inc.	Career and leadership programs in Council Bluffs schools	\$40,000.00

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Iowa Western Community College Foundation	Programming at the Arts Center in Council Bluffs	\$45,000.00
Iowa West Foundation Streetscape Initiative	Streetscape maintenance for City of Council Bluffs	\$444,000.00
Language & Culture School of Omaha	Special programs for English speaking classes	\$3,500.00
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc.	Healthy family programming for parents and children in Pottawattamie County	\$40,000.00
Macedonia (IA) Historical Preservation Society	Preservation improvements in museum	\$4,500.00
Omaha Area Youth Orchestras	Support of music education opportunities for Council Bluffs youth	\$10,000.00
Omaha Performing Arts	Technology upgrades for customer service	\$20,000.00
Promise Partners	General operating support including the Pottawattamie County "Alliance for Youth"	\$62,500.00
SOLAS (Support Our Local Animal Shelter) - Council Bluffs	Vouchers for spaying/neutering of cats	\$5,000.00
Southwest 8 Senior Services	Technology improvements for client services in southwest Iowa	\$25,000.00
Tabor (IA) Historical Society	Historic structure assessment and planning of Todd House	\$26,425.00
Youth Emergency Services, Inc.	Outreach to homeless youth in Omaha metro area	\$14,000.00

TOTAL: \$2,895,114.69

The following fire departments also received Iowa West Foundation funding for equipment through the Pottawattamie County Firefighters Association:

Carson Volunteer Fire Department
 Carter Lake Volunteer Fire Department
 Lewis Township Fire Department
 McClelland Volunteer Fire Department
 Minden Emergency Services
 Treynor Fire District
 Walnut Fire Department