

\$2.9 Million in Grants Awarded for Second Quarter

FUNDING GUIDELINES NOW INCLUDE OPERATING SUPPORT

The Iowa West Foundation 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 non-profit 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 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;
- \$175,000 to fund core programs at the Council Bluffs location of the Boys and Girls Clubs; 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."

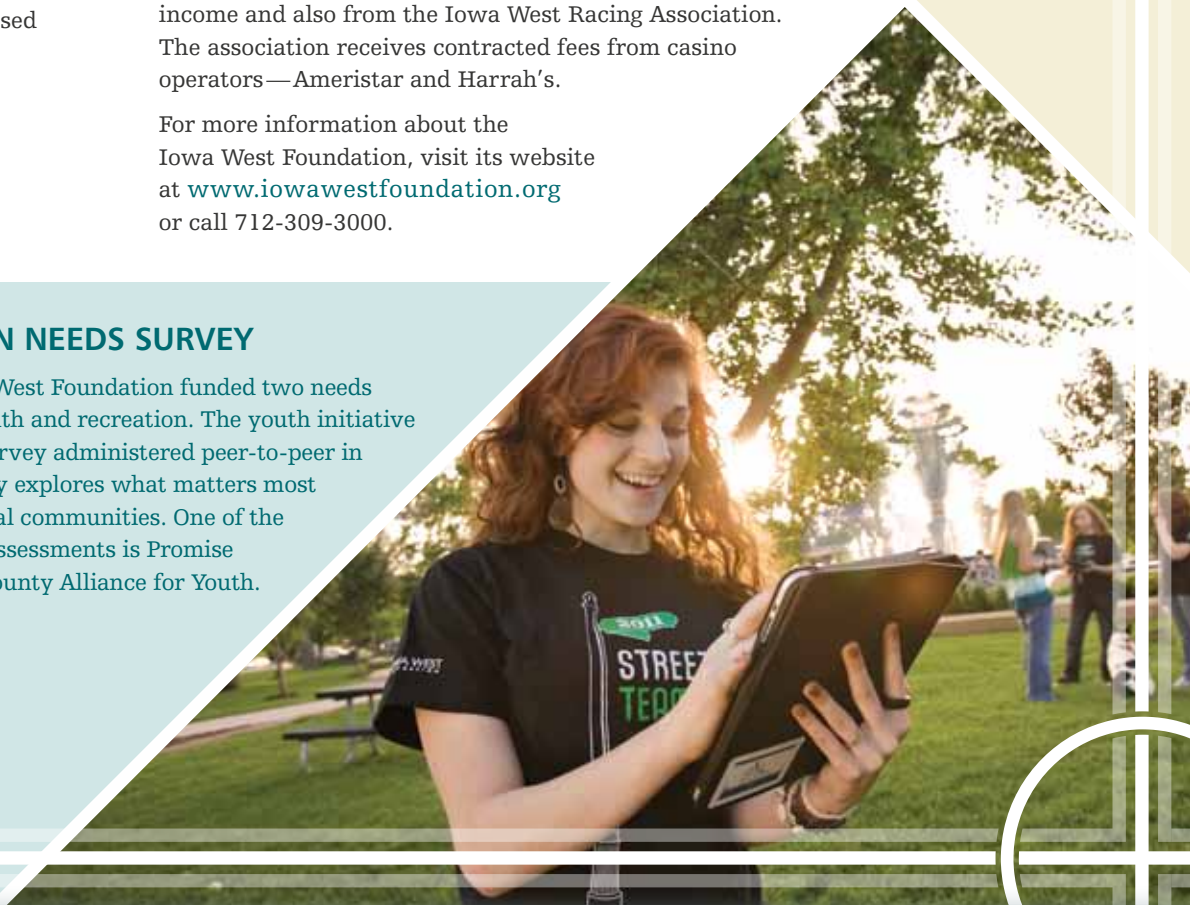
For more information regarding general operating support, visit www.iowawestfoundation.org, where guidelines can be accessed through the link of "How to Apply."

The Iowa West Foundation, which is headquartered in Council Bluffs, receives its funding for grants from investment income and also from the Iowa West Racing Association. The association receives contracted fees from casino operators—Ameristar and Harrah's.

For more information about the Iowa West Foundation, visit its website at www.iowawestfoundation.org or call 712-309-3000.

YOUTH AND RECREATION NEEDS SURVEY

With \$185,000 in 2010, the Iowa West Foundation funded two needs assessments — in the areas of youth and recreation. The youth initiative part included a comprehensive survey administered peer-to-peer in Pottawattamie County. The survey explores what matters most to youth in Council Bluffs and local communities. One of the organizations assisting with the assessments is Promise Partners and its Pottawattamie County Alliance for Youth.



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2011 Second Quarter Grant Recipients

American Red Cross Loess Hills Chapter

General operating support at southwest Iowa facility

Avoca Betterment Association "Green" affordable housing project

Ballet Nebraska Performances for southwest Iowa children at community college venue

Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts Community arts residency program in Council Bluffs neighborhood

Bluffs Arts Council Concert and film series in downtown Bayliss Park

Board of Regents University of Nebraska – Omaha Economic development study on Latinos' impact in the Heartland Technology support for microenterprises in southwest Iowa

Boy Scouts Mid-America Council Emergency sirens at Little Sioux Scout Ranch

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands General operating support for core Council Bluffs programs

Charles Drew Health Center Fitness program for senior patients in Omaha

Christian Home Association-Children's Square U.S.A. Upgrades of residential treatment facility (Council Bluffs)

City of Carson Recreational trail and user entrance center

City of Council Bluffs "First Night" – a New Years Eve family festival

Improvements to parks and trails in historic neighborhoods
West Broadway redevelopment

City of Crescent Lights for volleyball court at city park

Council Bluffs Senior Center, Inc. Replacement of pool boiler system

Eckels Memorial Library New materials for Oakland library collection

Friends of the Union Pacific Railroad Museum Update of the "Building of the Transcontinental Railroad" exhibit at Council Bluffs museum

Heartland Family Service Residential substance abuse services in southwest Iowa

Heartland Workers Center Enhancement of workplace services for Latinos in Omaha

Iowa JAG, Inc. Career and leadership programs in Council Bluffs schools

Iowa Western Community College Foundation Programming at the Arts Center in Council Bluffs

Iowa West Foundation Streetscape Initiative Streetscape maintenance for City of Council Bluffs

Language & Culture School of Omaha Special programs for English speaking classes

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc. Healthy family programming for parents and children in Pottawattamie County

Macedonia Historical Preservation Society Preservation improvements in museum

Omaha Area Youth Orchestras Support of music education opportunities for Council Bluffs youth

Omaha Performing Arts Technology upgrades for customer service

Promise Partners General operating support including the Pottawattamie County Alliance for Youth

SOLAS (Support Our Local Animal Shelter) – Council Bluffs Vouchers for spaying/neutering of cats

Southwest 8 Senior Services Technology improvements for client services in southwest Iowa

Tabor Historical Society Historic structure assessment and planning of Todd House

Youth Emergency Services, Inc. Outreach to homeless youth in Omaha metro area



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where families
choose to live, and
businesses choose
to locate, because
of its quality of life
and standard
of living.