

\$4.5 Million in Grants Awarded for Third Quarter of 2014

The Iowa West Foundation has announced nearly \$4.5 million in grants for the third quarter of 2014. The grants will be used to assist 18 non-profit organizations and governmental entities with funding for area projects.

The Council Bluffs Community School District received \$2.9 million to continue two successful programs, as well as additional funding for a study on the creation of a new program.

- \$1.8 million will assist the district with its continued funding of School Administrative Managers (SAMs) in local schools. SAMs have proved to be effective in freeing up time for principals to work as instructional leaders to support teachers in their teaching practices and curriculum delivery to students.
- \$1.1 million will support the district's voluntary summer school program in 2015 and 2016. Annually, more than 700 students from elementary through high school participate in this program.
- \$27,800 will fund a study of creating a Middle Years International Baccalaureate Program (IB). IB programming embraces a student's sense of identity and cultural awareness with international content to prepare students for the future.

"The partnership of the Iowa West Foundation and the Council Bluffs Community School District has truly made

a positive impact on our youth and our community," said Pete Tulipana, President and CEO of the Iowa West Foundation. "This significant support will enhance these important programs and continue strengthening the district in its ongoing development of valuable opportunities for their students."

"As we do with all our programs, we evaluate them closely, and all three – SAMs, summer school, and IB – have made a positive impact in our schools and most importantly on our students," stated Dr. Martha Bruckner, Superintendent of the Council Bluffs Community School District.

In collaboration with Heartland Family Service, Lewis Central Community Schools of Council Bluffs will be supported with \$151,000 for an Iowa West initiative which will establish a comprehensive school-based mental and behavioral health program.

"This initiative is a big first step in helping to meet a challenge facing school districts, not only locally, but nationally," said Dr. Mark Schweer, Superintendent of Lewis Central Schools.

For more information regarding grant applications and deadlines, visit www.iowawestfoundation.org, where funding guidelines and procedures can be accessed or call 712-309-3000.

GRANT WILL ALLOW BLUFFS' CENTER TO BETTER SERVE SENIORS

In the past 12 years, membership at The Center in Council Bluffs has nearly quadrupled, growing from 470 in 2002 to 1,800 today. While the patron growth has continued to increase, the size of the locker rooms has stayed the same. Thanks to a \$150,000 grant from Iowa West Foundation for renovations, equipment and refurbishing, that will soon change.

To increase its capacity to engage adults 50 years of age and older through physical, social, recreational, and educational activities, The Center launched a capital campaign earlier this year, and this grant helps meet its goal.

"With an aging population projected to double in the next 20 years, never has it been more important for The Center to provide accessible, expanded wellness programs," said Tom Whitson, chair of the capital campaign. "The essence of our work is to keep seniors from becoming isolated, to increase their activity and productivity, and keep them independent in their own homes."



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2014 Third Quarter Grant Recipients

Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska - Omaha

Council Bluffs Latino capacity building/ leadership program

Children's Square U.S.A.

Phase II of Kanesville-Tinley Neighborhood Initiative in Council Bluffs

City of Dedham

Baseball field improvements and playground construction

Council Bluffs Public School District

Iowa West Foundation Initiative for School Administrative Managers and summer school programming

Community Education Foundation

Grants for improved educational opportunities in Council Bluffs classrooms

Council Bluffs Senior Center, Inc.

Locker room renovation and equipment upgrades

Credit Advisors Foundation

Financial management counseling for residents in the Council Bluffs region

Downtown Omaha Inc. Foundation

2014 Holiday Lights Festival

Griswold Public Library

Technology improvements for patrons of Griswold library

Heartland Family Service

"Iowa Family Works": residential substance abuse treatment program

Iowa West Foundation

Update of Council Bluffs entryway towers on West Broadway to LED lighting

Iowa Western Community College Foundation

Programming at the Arts Center in Council Bluffs

Justice For Our Neighbors - Nebraska

Expansion of legal services into southwest Iowa

Lewis Central Community School District

With Heartland Family Service, an Iowa West Foundation Initiative for a mental health program

Live Well Council Bluffs

CURB: "Creating Ultimate Residential Beautification"

Manning Betterment Foundation

Renovation of child care center in Manning

Opera Omaha

For season production of Rigolett, A Flowering Tree, and Fidelio

Pottawattamie County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Network

General operating support

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 sponsorship license fees from casino operators—Ameristar and Harrah's.

The Foundation has provided more than \$300 million in grants to non-profits and governmental entities since the inception of its grants program in 1996.



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