

\$3.8 Million in Grants Awarded for First Quarter of 2013

The Iowa West Foundation has announced \$3.8 million in grants for the first quarter of 2013. The grants will be used to assist 31 non-profit organizations and governmental entities with funding for area projects.

Pete Tulipana, President and CEO of the Iowa West Foundation, described the quarterly grants as “good examples of the Foundation’s breadth of grant making. This list of grantees includes two \$1 million grants and two \$2,000 grants each of which, in its own way, will have a significant impact on the quality of life in the region.”

Tulipana highlighted those four grants:

- \$1.1 million to the Green Hills Area Education Agency for preschool programs in school districts located in Pottawattamie County;
- \$1 million to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Cancer Center in Omaha, which will have cancer education programs;
- \$2,250 to the City of Griswold for the main entrance of the public library; and
- \$2,000 to Southwest Iowa Families, Inc. of Clarinda to upgrade its facility for disabled clients in need of health services.

“Quality preschool is a critical step for the young at-risk children in our school districts,” said Dr. Lane Plugge, administrator of Green Hills Area Education Agency. “We appreciate Iowa West’s continued support to leverage our funds resulting in a high level of preschool programming,” he added.

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.

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.

Iowa West has provided \$285 million in grants to non-profits and governmental entities since the inception of its grants program in 1996.

INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY’S FUTURE

We know the future of any community rests in part on the promise and potential of its youth. That is why the Iowa West Foundation supports programs which build a continuum of access and excellence for students – from preschool through adult learning.

Over the last 10 years, \$12.7 million in grants have been awarded throughout Pottawattamie County for all-day preschool programs in public school districts.

The goal is to provide quality programs for at-risk four-year old children. All teachers are fully licensed and certified to teach preschool age children, and these teachers are supported by trained paraprofessionals. In addition, the districts have adopted a curriculum framework, which uses an active learning approach and monitors ongoing development.



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2013 First Quarter Grant Recipients

Bluffs Arts Council

Music and film series in downtown Bayliss Park

Board of Regents/University of Nebraska - Omaha

Program to enhance civic engagement among Latinos

City of Griswold

Main entrance awning at public library

College of Saint Mary

Summer academy for high school students in Omaha area

Community Education Foundation, Inc.

Grants for improved educational opportunities in Council Bluffs classrooms

Community of Christ Caring Ministries Corporation

Transitional housing for Council Bluffs youth aging out of foster care

Community Opportunities, Inc.

Start-up parenting program in Audubon County

El Museo Latino

Cultural arts for at-risk children in south Omaha

FAMILY, Inc.

Capacity building program for agency in Pottawattamie County

Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development

Loess Hills Visitor Guidebook and mobile website development

Green Hills AEA

Preschool programs in Pottawattamie County school districts

Heartland Family Service

"Iowa Family Works" - residential substance abuse treatment

Historical Society of Pottawattamie County

Capacity building program

HOPE-Net Ministries, Inc.

Community re-entry support system for southwest Iowa women

Iowa West Foundation

"Art in the Park" initiative with City of Council Bluffs

Iowa Special Olympics Inc.

Special events in southwest Iowa

Merrymakers Association

Entertainment in southwest Iowa nursing homes

Omaha Community Playhouse

Tour of "The Fantasticks" in southwest Iowa

Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

Regional eight-county collaborative planning process

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Inc.

STD prevention education program in Omaha area

Pottawattamie County Development Corporation

Support for downtown revitalization fund

Pottawattamie County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Network

General operating support

Santa Monica, Inc.

Half-way house services for Pottawattamie County women

Southwest Iowa Families, Inc.

New entrance for disabled at Clarinda facility

Southwest Iowa Mediation Center

Mediation services in family law cases

The Christian Worship Center

General operating support for New Visions/Mohm's Place in Council Bluffs

The Kent Bellows Foundation

Young artist mentoring program in Omaha area

Together, Inc. of Metropolitan Omaha

Services for persons in poverty

Underwood Memorial Building Association

Reconstruction of basketball/tennis courts in Underwood

University of Nebraska Foundation/University of Nebraska Medical Center

Comprehensive Cancer Center

Visiting Nurse Association of Pottawattamie County

"Shelter Nursing Program" for local homeless

Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center

Southwest Iowa services for persons touched by cancer



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