

\$5.3 Million in Grants Awarded for Second Quarter of 2013

The Iowa West Foundation has announced \$5.3 million in grants for the second quarter of 2013. The grants will be used to assist 30 non-profit organizations and governmental entities with funding for area projects.

Of the \$5.3 million in grants, \$3.5 million was previously announced as a co-lead gift for a new YMCA in Council Bluffs. Philanthropist Charles E. Lakin also gave \$3.5 million. The \$16 million wellness facility is scheduled to open in the fall of 2015.

Pete Tulipana, President and CEO of the Iowa West Foundation, acknowledged the “exciting partnership with the Lakin Foundation on what will be the largest YMCA in the Omaha metropolitan area.” However, he added that many of the second quarter grants will have a “positive impact on smaller communities, as well.”

“Over one-third of the second quarter grants will go to organizations to improve the quality of life in nearby communities,” Tulipana said. “The Foundation’s Board of Directors believes these types of grants are important – not only to the specific community – but to the entire region.”

Below are a few such grants highlighted by Tulipana:

- City of Carter Lake – for family programs at its local Community Resource Center;

- City of Clarinda – for construction of a multi-use community trail;
- City of Griswold – for new community welcome signs;
- Four County Fair Association – for entrance and walkway improvements at fairgrounds in Dunlap; and
- Pottawattamie County Veterans Affairs – for mediation services for local veterans with symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

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 sponsorship license fees from casino operators – Ameristar and Harrah’s.

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

PARKS OFFER MORE THAN JUST FUN AND GAMES

City parks are gathering places for families, neighbors and visitors. Local and national studies on parks have shown that they can improve physical and psychological health, revitalize communities, and make cities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work.

The Iowa West Foundation has awarded grants to support, build, enhance and renovate parks – large and small – in our area. For example, the Foundation gave \$5.45 million for the creation of the new Tom Hanafan River’s Edge Park, which opened in May. This quarter, park-related grants were awarded to Cass County Conservation for winter recreation equipment and the City of Lewis for playground equipment.

In addition, this spring the Foundation funded an initiative centering around new entry signage for Council Bluffs parks. “Art in the Park” will feature artwork created by local artists with neighborhood input.



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2013 *Second Quarter* Grant Recipients

All Care Health Center

Patient eligibility assistance and prescription drug management

**American Red Cross
Loess Hills Chapter**

General operating support for Council Bluffs site

Ballet Nebraska

"Snow White" performances and a student matinee in Omaha

Bluffs Arts Council

Workshops for Council Bluffs artists

Cass County Conservation

Equipment for snowshoeing activities in local parks

Children's Square U.S.A.

Development of family therapy center at Council Bluffs campus

City of Carter Lake

Family enrichment programming at the Community Resource Center

City of Clarinda

Construction of mile-long/multi-use community trail

City of Griswold

New community welcome signs

City of Lewis

Playground equipment for city park

**Council Bluffs Community
School District**

"Hungry for Happiness Council Bluffs" – a collaborative to provide summer meals

Four County Fair Association

Improvements to entrances and walkways at fair pavilion in Dunlap

**Golden Hills Resource Conservation
& Development**

Mormon Trail related inventory of historic sites in southwest Iowa

**Habitat for Humanity of
Council Bluffs**

Program to assist local homeowners with critical repairs

Heartland Family Service

"Pottawattamie County Homeless Link" – homeless prevention programs

Hospice with Heart

Furniture and computers for Hospice House in Glenwood

**Iowa Federation of Families for
Children's Mental Health**

"Embrace Iowa – Mental Health First Aid" training in southwest Iowa

Iowa JAG, Inc.

Programs in Council Bluffs schools to assist students with post-secondary transitions

Iowa Public Television Foundation

Southwest Iowa equipment improvements

**Iowa Western Community College
Foundation**

Programming at the Arts Center in Council Bluffs

**Jennie Edmundson
Memorial Hospital**

"Caring for our Communities" – a program for chronically ill in southwest Iowa

MICAH House Corporation

General operating support for homeless shelter in Council Bluffs

Omaha Area Youth Orchestras

Support of music education opportunities for Council Bluffs youth

**Pottawattamie County
Veterans Affairs**

Mediation services to address Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder symptoms

Promise Partners

Program funding for the Pottawattamie County Alliance for Youth

Southwest Iowa Families, Inc.

Family/parent education programs in Fremont and Page counties

The Danish Immigrant Museum

Exterior restoration of historic house in Elk Horn

United Way of the Midlands

Needs assessment in Omaha-Council Bluffs metro area

**Visiting Nurse Association of
Pottawattamie County**

Services for low-income first-time mothers

YMCA of Greater Omaha

Co-lead gift with Charles E. Lakin totaling \$7 million for new \$16 million Council Bluffs YMCA



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