POWERING TRANSFORMATIONS
During 2010, the Iowa West Foundation invested approximately $20 million in non-profits and local governments in our region to help ensure that our communities are places where families and businesses want to locate, live, work, invest, learn, and grow—now and in the future.

As one of the region’s largest grant making foundations, we have a unique opportunity to provide leadership, create partnerships, leverage resources and be the catalyst to identify and support community needs. Focused on the areas of educational attainment, civic engagement, and community revitalization, we are powering transformations in our region that will improve lives and strengthen communities.

This year, the cumulative effect of years of positive work initiated by the Iowa West Foundation culminated in powerful transformation in many areas. In the area of education, our continued partnership with Council Bluffs Community Schools has contributed to an increase in graduation rates every year for the past five years.

The Iowa West Foundation’s leadership in establishing the Neighborhood Center in Council Bluffs has resulted in a surge of civic engagement at the neighborhood level. In recent years the number of neighborhood associations has grown dramatically from two to fifteen.

In the area of community revitalization, our continued investment in the Downtown Revitalization Fund resulted in the opening last year of the renovated Hughes-Irons Building. This mixed use project will invigorate downtown Council Bluffs with its offices, housing, and destination restaurant.

Equally transformational has been the adaptive reuse of a historic warehouse in downtown for the Harvester Artist Lofts. This live/work complex for thirty-six creative families, the only permanently affordable artist housing in the region, leased up quickly last year. This innovative project and its residents will stimulate future investment and infuse downtown Council Bluffs with energy and creativity.

We are pleased to report on a new direction of the Iowa West Foundation—to build the capacity of the non-profit sector in order to broaden and sustain the impact of our philanthropic investments. To strengthen local non-profit organizations, the Iowa West Foundation now provides general operating support grants to organizations based in Pottawattamie County that can demonstrate a strategic vision and a plan for long-term sustainability.

By building the capacity and effectiveness of non-profit organizations, we will ensure that our philanthropic partners are well positioned to effect transformational change well into the future.

Sincerely,

J. Todd Graham
President and CEO
$2,000,000
Downtown revitalization project
Pottawattamie County Development Corporation
Encouraging neighborhood revitalization, creating more livable neighborhoods, and improving urban and community main streets are all driving forces for long-term community transformation, as well as a major focus of the Downtown Revitalization Fund.

In 2010, the Pottawattamie County Development Corporation, with support from Iowa West Foundation grants for the fund, completed a long-anticipated two-year restoration of the Hughes-Irons Building on the historic 100 block of West Broadway in downtown Council Bluffs. In November, the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce moved into the first floor of the building, a significant step toward encouraging downtown investments and attracting new businesses in the area. The Hughes-Irons Lofts—17 renovated upscale apartments on the second floor of the building—are now rented, and nearly 6,000 square-feet of retail and restaurant space will be occupied by summer 2011. The Iowa West Foundation has provided approximately $2 million to the downtown fund for the project.
The youth who live and learn in our communities today are tomorrow’s greatest natural resource. Keeping them engaged and involved in community projects while providing positive social and recreational opportunities are critical aspects in ensuring that they become long-term community stakeholders.

With $185,000 from the Iowa West Foundation, a youth Initiative has been funded to create a comprehensive survey that will be administered peer-to-peer in Pottawattamie County. The survey will explore what matters most to Council Bluffs area youth and identify priority needs of families in Pottawattamie County, including recreational needs. Ultimately, the aim is to encourage youth to become active community members and leaders in their hometowns as they approach adulthood. The recreational component of the initiative is completing a “gap analysis” of recreation needs in the county.

One of the organizations assisting with the assessments is Promise Partners and its Pottawattamie County Alliance for Youth. In 2008, it received a three-year commitment from Iowa West Foundation to expand its Community Networking Initiative. Through the Initiative, Alliance members discover the power of philanthropy and the value of giving back to the community. They review grant applications and provide funding for positive projects that create or expand networks and activities for children and youth in their neighborhoods. The organization awards nearly $38,000 annually in small grants to youth-led and community-based projects.
Assessments of youth and recreation needs in Pottawattamie County

Iowa West Foundation Youth Initiative

$185,000
$1,781,000

Support to increase quality instructional time

Council Bluffs Community School District
Increasing educational attainment is one of the Iowa West Foundation’s over-arching goals to address community needs. When the Council Bluffs Community School District identified its top priority—a high school graduation rate of 100 percent—the Foundation made investments in initiatives beginning in 2008 to help reach that goal.

In 2010, more than $1.7 million was provided for administration managers to help increase quality instructional time in the schools. Another one of those initiatives where the Foundation provides vital funds is a voluntary summer school program open to K-12 students to reverse the summer learning loss that often occurs between school years. This program began in 2010 and for the next four years, 800 students in the Council Bluffs Schools have the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive, month-long summer school program.

Also, a Foundation grant is making it possible for the district to fully implement a program in which eight on-site instructional coaches provide leadership in developing curriculum and strengthening teacher effectiveness in middle school and high school classrooms.

Along with prior grants, the cumulative effect of these two initiatives funded with $5.2 million from the Iowa West Foundation and the ongoing dedication of local teachers and staff has yielded transformative results. Graduation rates have gone up every year for the past five years.
Easy access to parks, nature preserves and recreational facilities greatly increases the quality of life in our region.

Recreational facilities have the power to transform our day-to-day lives, providing destinations in which to enjoy nature, relieve stress, and have family and community get-togethers. Recreational areas also transform the economy, attracting thousands of tourists and outdoor enthusiasts each year.

Preserving the natural beauty and integrity of our region is priceless. With $242,500 from the Iowa West Foundation, the 1,000-plus acre Hitchcock Nature Preserve, located in the heart of the globally significant Loess Hills, will expand to include additional acres of open space. Hitchcock Nature Center offers visitors opportunities to engage in low-impact recreation activities that foster a sense of awareness, understanding, and appreciation of our natural world.

An additional $53,900 grant from the Iowa West Foundation provided for facility upgrades at Arrowhead Park near Neola, Iowa.
Addition of open space to expand Hitchcock Nature Preserve

Pottawattamie County Conservation Board

$242,500
$12,500

Restoration of the Pioneer Trail Museum

Macedonia Historical Preservation Society
With a special focus on the tools and experiences of daily life, the Macedonia Historical Preservation Society’s Pioneer Trail Museum is dedicated to preserving how life was on the nearby Mormon Trail.

The museum, which held its grand opening in 2010, restored its façade and floor with a $12,500 grant awarded from the Iowa West Foundation in 2008.

The Foundation has also provided $1.8 million over the past three years to the Community Improvements to Increase Economic Stability (CITIES) Fund, which supports a variety of infrastructure improvements for Pottawattamie County rural communities.

The 724-seat Corning Opera House, built in 1902, was a stately and majestic presence in downtown Corning during its heyday, complete with proscenium arch and a 28-foot stage. This once-vibrant gathering place harbors countless memories of theatrical productions, silent movies, graduation ceremonies and more. A 2010 grant of $50,000 will fuel the final phase of the dramatic restoration of the opera house to its original grandeur and to its standing as a cornerstone in the community.
Public art is an essential part of the community and an important element present in urban development and planning. The Council Bluffs community nurtures an environment in which creativity is ever present in daily life.

In 2004, the Iowa West Foundation funded a community-wide public art master planning process that resulted in a Public Art Master Plan. The master plan designated 50 locations within Council Bluffs for placement of site-specific public art. Further, the plan defined a vision that, “by 2015 Council Bluffs will become a prosperous urban area known for its cultural enlightenment and public art collection.”

By 2007, the implementation of the master plan was launched when the Iowa West Foundation established a new initiative—Iowa West Public Art (IWPA). That year, IWPA’s first art installation was unveiled, and today the rapidly growing public art collection features some of the most prominent names in the art world, including Jonathan Borofsky, Brower Hatcher, Jun Kaneko, William King, and Deborah Masuoka.

In August 2010, the IWPA, with support from a $1.2 million grant from the Iowa West Foundation, finalized its eighth installation of major public art: Albert Paley’s Odyssey. The art consists of four mixed-metal sculptures that tower about 100 feet over Interstate 80 at the South 24th Street Bridge.

Odyssey will be experienced by millions of people every year—a powerful investment in public art that will benefit and transform a substantial audience for many years to come.
Odyssey, eighth in a series of major public art installations

Iowa West Public Art

$1,200,000
To promote the sustainability and long-term success of local non-profit organizations, the Iowa West Foundation now provides general operating support for the creation of long-range plans and to build the capacity of organizations far into the future.

Recipients of such grants in 2010 include Habitat for Humanity and Keep Council Bluffs Beautiful, whose goals dovetail with the Iowa West Foundation’s goal to improve and transform neighborhoods in Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County.

The mission of Habitat for Humanity (HFH) in Council Bluffs is to build homes and to create safe neighborhoods for people in need. Habitat uses volunteer labor and donations of materials and funds to build new homes or rehabilitate existing homes for families, who otherwise could not afford to buy one. The homeowners pay back the cost of building the house to HFH on terms they can afford. Habitat then uses the house payments to build more homes for more families. Currently, the average cost for a Habitat home in Council Bluffs is around $100,000.

As they attempt to improve affordable housing in Council Bluffs, HFH is cleaning up neighborhoods and instilling a sense of community in volunteers and homeowners. Residents from many different backgrounds are developing friendships and partnerships because of their involvement with Habitat. With a $300,000 grant from the Iowa West Foundation, these community improvements will continue to transform neighborhoods throughout the city.
Creating Ultimate Residential Beautification (CURB), a program of Keep Council Bluffs Beautiful, aims to beautify neighborhoods. It addresses unsightly physical conditions that impact stability and impede the desire to re-invest in neighborhoods, and strengthens neighborhoods by empowering residents to become more active participants in their community. Through CURB, neighborhoods can receive up to $25,000 to “makeover” their block through home improvement projects that are visible from the curb, from repairing or adding fences to planting trees and fixing shutters. In 2010, Keep Council Bluffs Beautiful received $75,000 from Iowa West Foundation to assist in this effort.

Keep Council Bluffs Beautiful has also created shared community garden space for vegetable and flower gardens in designated areas, and offers vegetable gardening clinics throughout the summer months that are free and open to all area residents. The Iowa West Foundation provided $25,000 in funding for a planning grant to further this program.
Since its inception the Iowa West Foundation’s grant program has awarded more than $270 million that has improved the quality of life of thousands of citizens in 100 area communities in southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska.
Iowa West Foundation
Grant Funding

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**2010 Financials**

Condensed Balance Sheet for the Year Ending December 31, 2010**

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*Does not include a $5.45 million two-year grant to the City of Council Bluffs for River’s Edge Park.
**The financials in this report are preliminary and unaudited, as the audit is currently in process.
2010 Grant Recipients

Iowa West Foundation, which is headquartered in Council Bluffs (Pottawattamie County, IA), is proud to support non-profit and governmental entities to make a positive impact on our community. The $21.4 million in grants awarded in 2010 will help to make this a region where families choose to live, and businesses choose to locate, because of its quality of life and standard of living.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & BEAUTIFICATION

ADAMS COUNTY
CONSERVATION BOARD
New playgrounds at Lake Jkarja park near Coring (IA)
$20,000

CITY OF AVoca (IA)
Construction of municipal golf clubhouse and community meeting space
$75,000

CITY OF CARter LAKE (IA)
Street scape improvements along city’s main street (Locust Street)
$145,662

CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS
Development of River’s Edge Park
$5,450,000

Historic residential rehabilitation and improvement program
$180,000

CITY OF CRESENT (IA)
Equipment to maintain the city’s recreation fields/courts
$5,000

CITY OF DENISON (IA)
Construction of community bike and skate park
$15,000

CITY OF DROPWOLD (IA)
Upgrades for lighting and electrical system at youth sports complex
$7,000

CITY OF HANCOCK (IA)
New playground equipment for city park
$18,000

CITY OF MACEDONIA (IA)
Removal of condemned building and creation of a park in its place
$15,000

CITY OF OAKLAND (IA)
Renovations to municipal swimming facility
$140,000

CITY OF TABOR (IA)
Community redevelopment project and memorial garden
$10,000

CITY OF WALNUT (IA)
Construction of a splash pad (water play area) in a city park
$50,000

COMMUNITY HOUSING
INVESTMENT CORPORATION
First time buyer assistance and training program in Council Bluffs
$200,000

CORNING (IA) OPERA HOUSE
CULTURAL CENTER
Final phase of opera house project
$50,000

COUNCIL BLUFFS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Beautification of front plaza
$125,000

COUNCIL BLUFFS TREES FOREVER
Projects in partnership with community neighborhoods
$5,000

ESSEX (IA) PUBLIC LIBRARY
Transfer of microfilm records onto CDs
$1,541

EXIRA (IA) PUBLIC LIBRARY
Expansion and remodeling of library
$50,000

GARLAND HOTEL
Master plan for historic landmark in Bedford (IA)
$4,000

GOLDEN HILLS ROAD
Western Skies Scenic Byway planning for southwest Iowa
$10,000

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS
Operating support for neighborhood transformation efforts
$300,000

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF OMAHA, INC.
Youth project to build two energy efficient homes
$25,000

HARLAN LITTLE LEAGUE
Renovation to baseball complex
In Harlan (IA)
$20,000

HISTORIC GENERAL DODGE HOUSE, INC.
Window replacement and repairs for historic landmark in Council Bluffs
$76,000

HOO DOO CELEBRATION, INC.
Restoration of the Phoenix Theater in Nebra (IA)
$75,000

INDIAN CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM
Restoration of 1860’s log cabin at museum near Emerson (IA)
$5,000

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Civic environmental project for two rivers in southwest Iowa
$5,000

IOWA WEST FOUNDATION
STREETScape INITIATIVE
 Beautification of corridors in Council Bluffs
$300,000

Streetscape maintenance for City of Council Bluffs
$166,000

KEEP COUNCIL BLUFFS BEAUTIFUL, INC.
CURB program — Creating Ultimate Residential Beautification
$75,000

Planning grant for community gardens
$25,000

OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION
Technology enhancements including equipment and databases
$5,000

POTTAWATAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Support for community foundation donor outreach and operations
$1,266,000
POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Addition of open space to expand Hitchcock Nature Preserve
$242,500

Facility upgrades at Arrowhead Park
$63,000

Strategic planning and creation of comprehensive plan
$53,900

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BLUFFS ARTS COUNCIL
Concert and film series in downtown Bayliss Park
$10,000

General operating support
$20,000

CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS
First Night — A New Years Eve festival for families
$40,000

Support of economic development initiative
$150,000

Way-finding signage for visitors to community attractions
$79,175

West Broadway redevelopment
$500,000

CITY OF WOODBINE (IA)
Downtown façade reconstruction
$50,000

GRAMENE AMERICA, INC.
Micro-enterprise loan program in southwest Iowa region
$100,000

HARRISON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD
Lincoln Highway/Loess Hills Interpretive Center project near Missouri Valley (IA)
$10,000

HEARTLAND CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Economic development assessment and planning with rural Pottawattamie County leaders
$100,000

IOWA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
Programming at the Arts Center in Council Bluffs
$50,000

OMAHA BOTANICAL CENTER, INC.
Railroad Days — a collaborative area event celebrating railroad history
$20,000

OMAHA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Community development and comprehensive planning initiative in north Omaha
$25,000

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Support for the CITIES Infrastructure fund of Pottawattamie County
$500,000

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Support for downtown revitalization fund
$500,000

EDUCATION

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION
Presentations in Council Bluffs by African American Museum
$3,000

AFRICAN CULTURE CONNECTION
Artist-in-residence program at two Council Bluffs elementary schools
$10,200

Swing dance performances and educational programs in the Omaha area
$10,000

BALLET NEBRASKA
Repertory ballet programs at community college in Council Bluffs
$20,000

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE MIDLANDS
Pilot program for school-based mentoring at Lewis & Clark Elementary School in Council Bluffs
$30,000

BOARD OF REGENTS/UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-OMAHA
Science field trips and camps for youth from southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska
$5,000

CAMP FIRE USA
“Out of School Time” youth empowerment program in Council Bluffs
$10,000

CENTRO LATINO OF IOWA
Child care during family literacy classes in Council Bluffs
$15,000

CHILDREN’S CENTER
Additional child care site to serve Council Bluffs and southwest Iowa
$14,000

CHILDREN’S IMAGINATION STATION
Child care and preschool classroom supplies for a daycare in Denison (IA)
$1,984

COLLEGE OF SAINT MARY
Summer academy program for high school students in the Omaha metro area
$4,000

COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Expansion of STARS scholarships program in Pottawattamie County
$458,199

General support to increase community outreach in Council Bluffs
$123,800

Youth-led “Graduating Is Our Norm” program at three Council Bluffs area high schools
$461,158

COMMUNITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.
Feasibility study for the organization’s future projects
$15,000

CONFERENCE FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES
Inclusiveness and diversity summer programs for youth in Omaha metro area
$4,500

COUNCIL BLUFFS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Support for School Administration Managers (SAMs) to enhance instructional leadership
$1,781,038

EL MUSEO LATINO
Performing arts program for low-income families in Omaha metro
$20,000

Summer educational programming in Omaha for local families
$15,000

GREEN HILLS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY
Assessment of technology needs in Pottawattamie County rural schools
$100,000

Early childhood learning programs in Pottawattamie County school districts
$1,000,000

Summer leadership academies for southwest Iowa students
$75,000
RECIPIENTS

HUMANITIES IOWA
Voices from the Prairie Annual Iowa Writers Celebration — Illustrated lectures in Council Bluffs $1,000

IOWA NEWSPAPER FOUNDATION
Newspapers for classrooms in southwest Iowa schools $17,000

JOSLYN ART MUSEUM
Support for Albert Paley: Celebrating a Contemporary American Sculptor exhibition at Omaha museum $17,000

Training sessions for southwest Iowa art teachers $25,000

JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS — NEBRASKA
Civil rights education for immigrants in southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska $5,000

KIDS AND KINSHIP
Child mentoring program in Montgomery County (IA) $5,000

MERCY HOUSING MOUNTAIN PLAINS
Out-of-school programs in Omaha $10,000

NORTHSTAR FOUNDATION
Leadership and character development program at a Council Bluffs high school $26,187

OMAHA AREA YOUTH ORCHESTRAS
Outreach concerts into Council Bluffs schools $5,600

OMAHA CHILDREN’S MUSEUM
“Discovery Dome and Mobile Planetarium” programs $10,000

OMAHA SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION
Education programming with southwest Iowa schools and a Memorial Day weekend concert $80,000

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
One-on-one after school reading program for Council Bluffs community youth $15,000

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS
Student mentoring program to expose Omaha area youth to architecture and engineering $2,500

THE ARtery
A dancing classrooms program for students at two Omaha middle schools $1,000

THE DURHAM MUSEUM
Scholars-in-residence education series at Omaha museum $10,000

THE KENT BELLOWS FOUNDATION
Artist mentoring programs for youth in Omaha metro area $3,000

WEST POTTAWATAMIE ISU EXTENSION
After-school 4-H program at two Council Bluffs middle schools $14,000

HUMAN AND SOCIAL NEEDS

ALEGENT HEALTH
Charity care assistance at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs $150,000

ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION MIDLANDS CHAPTER
Training for in-home caregivers in southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska $5,000

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION OF THE CENTRAL STATES
Summer camp for Omaha metro area children with asthma $5,000

AMERICAN RED CROSS LOESS HILLS CHAPTER (COUNCIL BLUFFS)
Haiti disaster relief donation for Miami evacuation center $25,000

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE MIDLANDS
Community-based mentoring program for children in southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska $41,000

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE MIDLANDS, INC.
Social skills education and after-school programming at Council Bluffs site $225,000

BRUSH UP NEBRASKA PAINT-A-THON
Painting of residences for elderly and disabled in Omaha metro area $5,000

CAMP HERTKO HOLLOW, INC.
For southwest Iowa youth to attend diabetes camp near Boone (IA) $5,000

CHILDREN’S SQUARE U.S.A.
Data management system for treatment service delivery in Pottawattamie County $43,570

Family engagement program $37,548

CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS
Educational outreach for city’s Civil Rights Commission $8,400

CITY SPROUTS, INC.
Grown In North Omaha sustainable community gardens $5,000

COUNCIL BLUFFS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC.
Improve capacity to meet increased demand in services $186,449

COUNCIL BLUFFS GOODFELLOWS
Program to assist local families during holiday season $45,000

FAMILY HOUSING ADVISORY SERVICES
Database upgrade to consolidate information from Omaha and Council Bluffs areas $4,000

FAMILY, INC.
Projects and programs of Pottawattamie County Young Families Resource Center $435,000

HEARTLAND FAMILY SERVICE
Follow-up support services to homeless in southwest Iowa $37,500

General operating support for substance abuse services in southwest Iowa $171,832

HEAT 2011 — housing and emergency assistance for residents and families in Pottawattamie County $165,000

“Ways to Work” program to assist low-income families in Omaha metro area $50,000

HELP ADULT SERVICES
A health and medical equipment loan program for residents in southwest Iowa $2,500

HOPE MEDICAL OUTREACH COALITION
Medical interpretation services for low-income patients in southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska $5,000

HOSPICE OF SOUTHWEST IOWA
Consultant services for a capital campaign $25,000

IMPACT ONE COMMUNITY CONNECTION
Gang prevention/intervention initiative for youth in Omaha-Council Bluffs area $50,000
IOWA LEGAL AID
Collaborative effort with healthcare providers to assist low income persons in southwest Iowa
$75,000

IOWA WEST FOUNDATION
YOUTH INITIATIVE
Assessment of youth and recreation needs in Pottawattamie County
$185,000

LESS HILLS HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.
Improvements to surgery and veterinary care clinic in Glenwood (IA)
$7,000

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES OF NEBRASKA, INC.
Building Families Boutique to provide support services for at-risk families in Pottawattamie County
$40,000

Early childhood Intervention services at the North Omaha Center for Healthy Families
$20,000

LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA
Expansion of the teen pregnancy prevention program in Crawford County (IA)
$5,000

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION OF IOWA
To fulfill wishes of southwest Iowa children with life-threatening diseases
$13,500

MERRYMAKERS ASSOCIATION
Entertainment programs in southwest Iowa care centers
$10,000

MICAH HOUSE
Operating support for campus coordinator position at human services campus in Council Bluffs
$243,932

New office equipment for an emergency family center in Council Bluffs
$5,812

MILLS COUNTY PREVENT
CHILD ABUSE
School-based education programs for teens in Mills County (IA)
$6,000

MILLS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
The Family Matters methamphetamine family recovery program in Mills County (IA)
$15,000

MISSION FOR ALL NATIONS
Homeless and hunger prevention programs in Omaha metro area
$20,000

NEBRASKA FOODBANK NETWORK, INC.
Weekend food program for low income children in three Iowa counties — Pottawattamie, Harrison, & Mills County
$8,400

OMAHA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Capacity building demonstration project with three Council Bluffs non-profit agencies
$36,000

OMAHA DOWN SYNDROME PARENTS NETWORK
Expansion of Down Syndrome project in Omaha metro area schools
$1,500

OMAHA HEALTHY KIDS ALLIANCE
Childhood lead poisoning prevention program
$15,000

ON WITH LIFE FOUNDATION
Mobility rehabilitation project for residents at Glenwood (IA) care facility
$1,000

ONE WORLD COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INC.
Pharmacy expansion to assist non-profits in Omaha — Council Bluffs metro area
$10,000

PARTNERSHIPS IN AGING, INC.
Initiative to support the development of elderly friendly neighborhoods in Pottawattamie and Douglas (NE) counties
$5,000

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE HEARTLAND, INC.
Office equipment at Council Bluffs site
$50,000

PROJECT HARMONY CHILD PROTECTION CENTER
Child advocacy center in Omaha for eastern Nebraska and southwest Iowa youth
$100,000

QRESOLUTION, INC.
D/B/A PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT OMAHA
Full day event to provide services for area homeless
$5,000

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.
Educational theater programs in southwest Iowa schools on healthy relationships
$10,000

SOUTHWEST IOWA FAMILIES, INC.
Construction of playground at early childhood center in Atlantic (IA)
$30,000

Enhancement of therapy for children and families in Clarinda (IA) area
$2,500

Parent education on children safety needs
$15,000

TED E. BEAR HOLLOW, INC.
Expansion of family grief services into Omaha and Council Bluffs region
$25,000

THE SALVATION ARMY COUNCIL BLUFFS CORPS
Emergency services for families in need
$50,000

UNITED WAY OF THE MIDLANDS
2010 campaign for local non-profit agencies to meet human needs
$341,700

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY
Collaborative nursing program with local homeless shelters
$44,384

“Keeping Pottawattamie County Seniors Safe In Their Homes”
$20,000

Maternal/child home visitation program
$42,072

VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.
Repairs of client group residence in Council Bluffs
$10,000

Wheelchair vans to meet transportation needs of disabled persons in Omaha metro area
$38,000

WESTERN CENTRAL IOWA SHELTERED WORKSHOP
Wheelchair accessible minivan to serve disabled individuals in Crawford County (IA)
$4,000

WORD-OF-MOUTH
Oral health program for at risk older adults in Omaha metro area
$9,210

YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES
Healthy food program for street dependent youth in Omaha and Council Bluffs
$5,000
Iowa West Foundation

The Iowa West Foundation, headquartered in Council Bluffs, Iowa, is an independent 501 (c) (3) organization that receives funding from investment income and from the Iowa West Racing Association, which collects fees from casino operators.

From modest beginnings in 1994, the Iowa West Foundation has evolved into one of the largest private foundations in the Midwest. The Foundation administers a grant program, which awards funds for various community projects of governmental entities or non-profit organizations.

Through 2010, the Iowa West Foundation’s grand total of funding to non-profit organizations and governmental entities surpassed $270 million, resulting in a positive impact on the lives of thousands of area citizens.

Iowa West Racing Association

The Iowa West Racing Association was officially created in 1984. The organization came about because Iowa passed laws requiring gaming licenses to be either held or sponsored by non-profit organizations. The association has become an important source of funding for charitable and community projects.

The Iowa West Racing Association is the license holder for Horseshoe Casino, formerly Bluffs Run, and the license sponsor for two casino riverboats, Ameristar and Harrah’s. The two riverboat operators pay license fees to the association, which distributes the funds to the Iowa West Foundation. In addition, two transactions in 1999 and 2004 involving Bluffs Run, significantly increased the corpus and investment income for charitable giving by the Iowa West Foundation.
The Iowa West Foundation has grant advisory committees consisting of local citizens. Listed below are the 2010 committees.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & BEAUTIFICATION
Larry Foster
Scott Hartman
Rhonda Hope
Kim McKeown
Walt Pyper
Linda Rhatigan
Mark Shoemaker
Dolores Silkworth

EDUCATION
JoAnne Carrithers
Judy Davis
Don Friday
Helen Hummel
Jim Mortensen
Doug Primmer
Jeanne Trachta

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Dave Christiansen
Doug Coziah
Lori Holste
Melvyn Houser
Mike Maher
Matt O’Reilly
Verne Welch

HUMAN AND SOCIAL NEEDS
Marcia Antworth
Matt Madsen
Diane McKee
Barb Morrison
Brian Rhoten
Nancy Schulze
Jordan Turner
Grant Information

The mission of the Iowa West Foundation is to improve lives and strengthen communities for today and future generations. We do this by providing leadership, creating partnerships, leveraging resources and serving as a catalyst in identifying and supporting community needs.

We have a special interest in: community development and beautification, economic development, education, and human and social needs.

As a result of a community needs assessment of Pottawattamie County, the Foundation also has announced two overarching goals;

To assist local schools in reducing the high school drop out rate, including to help increase educational attainment opportunities for Pottawattamie County citizens; and, to improve lives by helping transform neighborhoods in Council Bluffs and in local communities throughout Pottawattamie County.

GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Organizations with an IRS 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status and classification as a public charity — under IRS sections 509 (a) (1) and 509 (a) (2)—as well as governmental units and agencies, are eligible to apply for grant consideration. The Foundation’s geographic focus is southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska, the primary focus being Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Grant applications are reviewed by grant committees and considered by the Foundation’s Board of Directors four times a year, Potential applicants are encouraged to visit the Foundation’s website at www.iowawestfoundation.org for application deadlines and procedures.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please feel free to contact the Foundation office for assistance in the grant application process.

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