

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Improving lives, strengthening communities

A look at the impact of Foundation grants and initiatives from the past year

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ABOUT IOWA WEST FOUNDATION

Partnership. Progress. Possibility.

Over the course of 2017, we at Iowa West Foundation were energized by the continued growth and exciting progress happening in Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County. We're proud of the work we do in partnership with our local grant community and the many ways we support a shared vision for the people of our communities and our future.

SCROLL TO DISCOVER

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In 2017, we partnered with dozens of organizations, directly awarding 83 grants for a total of \$14,836,386. Because our funding is matched with other sources, this activated more than \$30 million across the community.

[EXPAND QUOTE](#)



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The Community

Last but certainly not least, YOU. You are a part of our process as well. In 2017, we held dozens of listening sessions throughout the region. We heard many of you encouraging us to continue forging ahead, and your valuable feedback will serve us well as we continually seek to grow and adapt. We are committed to two-way communication, and hope you'll check out our highlights from 2017 in this report and let us know what you think!

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[Education](#)





OUTCOME ONE: EDUCATION

Their future is now

We're more intentional than ever about how we prepare the next generation for prosperity right here at home. Building on the success of Foundation-supported programs spanning from early childhood education to college access, tomorrow's education-focused initiatives connect innovative and proven educational opportunities into multiple daily touchpoints.

[RAISE ME TO READ](#) [INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE](#)
[POTTAWATTAMIE PROMISE](#) [STARS](#)

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“We are very excited to be able to offer such a life-changing opportunity for our Tri-Center families with the Pottawattamie Promise scholarship. The support, both financial and personal, affords qualifying students the opportunity to earn a degree, license or certificate, which is a priceless investment in their futures.”



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Superintendent of Tri-Center School District

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Economic Development →



OUTCOME TWO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Prospering together

We're proud of the many ways we've enhanced economic development across Pottawattamie County and we're ready to leverage that success by thinking bigger and acting bolder. Together with our partners, we're asking hard questions about how we preserve our neighborhoods, what's missing in our communities and how easily we can connect people to schools and jobs. We actively imagine a future that serves all of the community's needs and pulls new talent, employers and attractions to the quality of life we offer here.

[RIVER'S EDGE DEVELOPMENT](#)

[MAC AREA](#)

[WEST BROADWAY](#)

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The communities in Pottawattamie County and our region are extremely fortunate to have the Iowa West Foundation working on their behalf to improve our quality of life through their economic development, education, and placemaking initiatives.

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PAULA HAZLEWOOD
Executive Director, Advance Southwest Iowa Corporation

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Placemaking





OUTCOME THREE: PLACEMAKING

Proud to be here

This community is all in when it comes to sharing our points of pride — the 100 Block, Bayliss Park, and the Wabash Trace Nature Trail to name a few, but great places and spaces don't happen by accident. The Iowa West Foundation is committed to creating a rich cultural environment that both current and future generations can benefit from.

[POTTAWATTAMIE ARTS, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT](#)

[POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY](#)

[PUBLIC ART](#)

[IOWA WEST FIELD HOUSE](#)

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The Hoff Family Arts and Culture Center would not be possible without the Iowa West Foundation and the support PACE has received as an IWF initiative. The IWF team has been critical to the execution of the arts center project, assisting with fundraising, construction and everything in between. Because of IWF's vision, guidance, and support, Pottawattamie County will have a first-class arts and culture center that will be the hub for all things artistic, cultural and entertaining.

[EXPAND QUOTE](#)



DANNA KEHM
CEO, PACE

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[PACE WEBSITE](#)



Pottawattamie County

Our impact outside the city limits of Council Bluffs is just as important to us. The IWF-funded CITIES program has rejuvenated several small towns with significant infrastructure upgrades and beautification efforts. Additionally, the inter-connected county-wide trails system is progressing by the mile.

[SUCCESS STORY](#)

Public Art

There's a new app for that: OTOCAST. Council Bluffs is home to a diverse collection of art, from historic pieces to large-scale sculptures to park signs designed by local artists. This free app features artists' commentary, videos, scenic photography, and the opportunity to order free educational posters of the Iowa West Public Art collection. Check back often as art is continually added.

[IOWA WEST PUBLIC ART](#)



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[IOWA WEST FIELD HOUSE WEBSITE](#)

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Healthy Families





OUTCOME FOUR: HEALTHY FAMILIES

Multi-Year Funding

Our multi-year funding organizations receive a total of \$1.82 million in general operating funding for three years rather than one year, freeing up these grantees to focus more energy on their missions rather than applying for grants from us. While this signifies our financial commitment to these organizations, it's also a multi-year commitment on their behalf to continue to grow and develop through capacity building. Here are their stories.

[BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB](#) [FAMILY, INC.](#) [HEARTLAND FAMILY SERVICE](#)
[IMMIGRANT LEGAL CENTER](#) [LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES](#)
[MICAH HOUSE](#)

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“Our partner organizations' goals include assisting individuals, families, and communities that are vulnerable due to poverty, discrimination, and educational challenges. The Iowa West Foundation vision and mission seek to create opportunities with our nonprofit community partners in order to respond to these difficult challenges.

[EXPAND QUOTE](#)



THERESA BARRON-MCKEAGNEY
Iowa West Foundation Board Member & Liaison to Healthy Families Advisory Committee

Boys and Girls Club

After school activities can sometimes make or break a child's future. Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands, and the Council Bluffs Club specifically, is a place that inspires at-risk youth to discover their potential. The programming is a proven difference maker that we are proud to support long-term.

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FAMILY Inc.

For low-income families, the challenges are endless. Room and board take priority over board books. Real life transportation problems mean a lack of funds for toy cars and trucks. Language barriers make it hard to communicate with health care carriers. With IWF's continuous support FAMILY Inc. provides underserved families with the resources they need for their children to be healthy, safe and ready for school. Most importantly, staff empowers parents to be their child's first teacher.

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Heartland Family Service

A way out. Funding to Heartland Family Service supports programs that keep individuals in treatment, off the streets, and on the path to a better life. With our ongoing backing, safe spaces to recover and rebuild are possible for more of our fellow community members.

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Immigrant Legal Center

Immigrants and their families need support in times of uncertainty. Because of the stability of multi-year funding, the Immigrant Legal Center (formerly Justice For Our Neighbors) has been able to respond to immigrants' legal needs when they have nowhere else to turn.

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Lutheran Family Services

Abuse and neglect of a child is something none of us want to think about. But unfortunately, it still happens right here in our community. Multi-year funding has allowed Lutheran Family Services to offer not only treatment to the victims, but also hope.

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Micah House

Homelessness is a rock bottom most of us will never know. Because MICAH House is here to support families in their time of need, many are able to find a way out of the cycle. With the knowledge of ongoing operating support, leadership can focus on the Buddy Program that gives kids an outlet to be kids and Transformational Thursdays for adults in residence, programming that is truly life-altering.

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PURPOSE. PRIORITIES. PLANS.

What's Next?

This is what we continually ask our partners, the community and each other. Building on three decades of success, Iowa West Foundation's strategic plan moving forward defines an even more powerful approach to building positive change. Our grant community has grown strong, allowing us to envision impact on a larger scale and to serve as a change agent for the region as we continue to fuel real progress right here.

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Read the Executive Summary

In the spring and summer of 2017, Iowa West Foundation President & CEO Pete Tulipana kicked off a listening tour to hear what the citizens of Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County had to say. He shared information about our initiatives and the impact of those investments, but more importantly listened to the community's thoughts on where we should go next. The feedback helped us to define our role going forward as well as what strategic principles should guide our work. We want our investments to have a significant, lasting impact and thank you for your participation and input.

[EXECUTIVE SUMMARY](#)



Watch This

If you are considering applying to the Iowa West Foundation for funding, this short, animated video can help you determine if your organization is eligible; learn what types of funds we award, when and where; understand what makes a program or project a good fit; know how our letter of inquiry and application process work; and get helpful tips on our policies and procedures.

[VIEW THE VIDEO](#)

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 a grant.

The Foundation's geographic focus is southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska, with a primary focus on Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County.

[TAKE OUR ELIGIBILITY QUIZ](#)

Grant Cycles	Cycle	LOI Open	LOI Due	Application Due
2018	1	Nov. 1, 2017	Nov. 15, 2017	Dec. 15, 2017
	2	Mar. 1, 2018	Mar. 15, 2018	Apr. 16, 2018
	3	Jul. 1, 2018	Jul. 16, 2018	Aug. 16, 2018
2019	1	Nov. 1, 2018	Nov. 15, 2018	Dec. 17, 2018
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Attend a Grants Workshop

The purpose of Iowa West Foundation's grant workshops is to help nonprofit organizations and government entities learn about our grant application process, understand priorities and ask staff questions to aid in the submission of strong proposals. Ideally, attendees come to the workshop with a specific program, capital project or use for operating funds in mind. There, they will have an opportunity to ask candid questions, view sample budgets, discuss due diligence and learn how to measure impact.

[DETAILS](#)

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Spreading the Word

[Financials](#)[Initiatives](#)[Grants](#)

WHY AND HOW

Share the Good

In this report, we've shared a lot of what we do, but not a lot about why. Why should we have a field house that rivals any facility in our region? Why should we create college programs for our kids who can't afford to go on their own? Why should we design a riverfront that is unlike anything this community has ever seen? Because we deserve it, Council Bluffs and Pottawattamie County. We deserve to live in a community where our kids and families have access to the best opportunities and the highest quality of life we can collectively make happen. So stick out your chest and be proud of all that was accomplished in 2017, and all that will be accomplished together in the years that follow.

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Stay Connected

Keep in touch as we continue our efforts all year long.

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FINANCIALS

2017 Financials Report

The Iowa West Foundation is one of the largest private foundations in the Midwest. More than \$430 million has been distributed to nonprofits and governmental agencies through southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska since the inception of our grant program in 1996. Funding comes from investment earnings as well as the Iowa West Racing Association, which receives contractual fees from casino operators, Ameristar and Harrah's.

2017 GRANT RECIPIENTS

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“Though we are a private Foundation, we at the Iowa West Foundation feel the great responsibility to the community to be good stewards of our funding. It is our duty to ensure these dollars make a significant difference now, and for future generations.”

EXPAND QUOTE



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83 Total Grantees

In 2017 alone, 83 total grants or initiatives were awarded from the Iowa West Foundation to nonprofits and government entities in our region.

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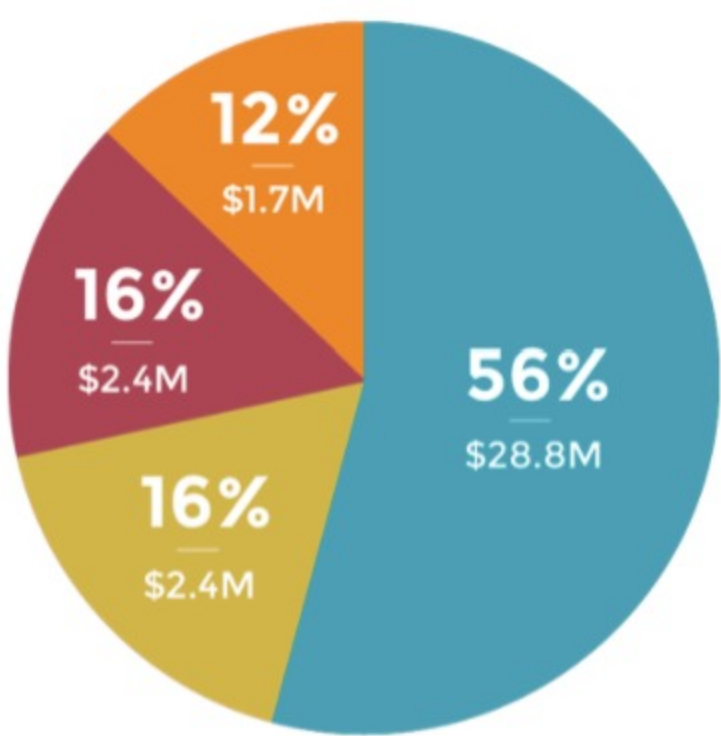
\$8,222,447	Placemaking
\$2,424,859	Education
\$1,764,080	Healthy Families
\$2,425,000	Economic Development



Over \$14.8 million awarded in 2017

The Foundation targets resources into programs and projects that focus on economic development, education, placemaking and healthy families.

LEARN MORE ABOUT GRANT FOCUS AREAS



The Larger Impact

Our contribution of \$14,836,386 combined with matching funds of at least 50 percent, translates to almost \$30 million invested directly into our community just last year.

2017 GRANT RECIPIENTS

\$14,836,386
Required Matching
+ Fund Contributions

2017 Total \$30 Million

2017 Audited Financials

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$5,837,412
Total investments	380,464,280
Other assets	27,274,021
TOTAL ASSETS	\$413,575,713

Liabilities and Net Assets

Grants and initiated projects payable	\$26,482,494
Long-term debt	15,869,930
Other liabilities	2,558,401
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$44,910,825
Net assets unrestricted	\$368,664,888
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$413,575,713

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INITIATIVES AT A GLANCE

Prepare for Impact

The vision, insight, planning, and collaboration that initiatives require allows for everyone to look at the big picture with the hope of finding a solution to create a transformational impact. Instead of a wait and see approach, initiatives are proactive and involve ongoing conversations with community leaders and key partner organizations as well as data-driven research to lead change. With initiatives we ask, what is currently available? What has worked in other similar-sized cities? Who needs to be at the table for this discussion? What is the most efficient, effective way to do this? The Foundation's previous strategic plan called for us to serve as a community convener and a leader. Initiatives allow us to fulfill that role. Here are some key initiatives from 2017.

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Grant and Initiative Recipients

Multi-Year Funding Designees

Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands

General Operating Support for Council Bluffs Club
\$85,000

FAMILY, Inc.

Birth-Three Parent Education Programming in Pottawattamie County/General Operating Support
\$120,000

Green Hills AEA

Pottawattamie County Preschool
\$1,100,000

Heartland Family Service

Iowa Family Works
\$155,000
Homeless LINK
\$100,000
Substance Abuse Prevention
\$75,000

Justice For Our Neighbors

Legal Assistance for Low-income Immigrants in Southwest Iowa
\$65,000

Lutheran Family Services

Pottawattamie County Center for Healthy Families
\$35,000
RSafe Program
\$15,000

MICAH House

Homeless Services for Families/General Operating Support
\$70,000

Cycle 1: 2017 Grants and Initiatives

City of Council Bluffs

Loessfest 2017
\$175,000

City of Macedonia

CITIES Program: Downtown Façade Upgrades
\$206,200

City of Minden

CITIES Program: Streetscape
\$345,325

City of Treynor

CITIES Program: Water Main Upgrades
\$60,000

City of Walnut

CITIES Program: Well Construction
\$300,000

Inclusive Communities

Youth Programming Support in Council Bluffs
\$8,000

I-JAG

Dropout Prevention Program in Council Bluffs Schools
\$20,000

Iowa Public Broadcast Network Foundation

Repainting & Lighting Replacement for KHIN Tower in Red Oak
\$53,330

Iowa Western Community College

Fitness & Wellness Center
\$500,000

Omaha Botanical Center, Inc.

Railroad Days 2017
\$25,000

Omaha Children's Museum

Outreach, Field Trip Programs and Subsidized memberships for Pottawattamie County Families
\$45,000

Omaha Community Foundation

Nonprofit Capacity Building Program
\$20,000

Pottawattamie Arts, Culture & Entertainment (PACE)

Arts and Culture Center
\$1,266,436

Pottawattamie County Community Foundation

Building Endowment for Community Betterment
\$400,000

Pottawattamie Gives!

Incentives
\$21,500

The 712 Initiative

General Operating Support
\$500,000

The Durham Museum

Top Secret: License to Spy Exhibition
\$25,000

The Nature Conservancy

Acquisition of 506-acre Loess Hills Natural Area Near Council Bluffs
\$400,000

United Way of the Midlands

Annual Campaign and Convening Efforts in Food Security
\$275,000

Fire Departments:

Carson Volunteer Fire Department
\$9,853

Hancock Volunteer Fire Department
\$10,000

Lewis Township Fire Department
\$10,000

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AMERISTAR
CASINO ★ HOTEL

Harrah's
COUNCIL BLUFFS

Cycle 2: 2017 Grants and Initiatives

Avoca Hancock Shelby Tennant Walnut (AHSTW) Community Schools

Career & Technical Education Equipment
\$85,492

Ballet Nebraska

Season 8: Momentum, The Nutcracker, and A Midsummer Night's Dream
\$125,000

Centro Latino of Iowa

Operational Support 2017-18
\$75,000

City of Council Bluffs

Sternhill Park – Art in the Park
\$54,500

West Broadway Beautification/Phase 1
\$1,700,000

City of Shelby

Sewer System Improvement
\$150,000

Council Bluffs Community School District

BLink Wi-Fi network
\$100,000

Council Bluffs Community School District

Middle Schools' International Baccalaureate Program, Year 2
\$404,000

Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs

Neighborhood Network
\$70,000

Joslyn Art Museum

Kent Bellows Mentoring Program
\$20,500

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa

Wish Granting/ Adopt-A-Wish
\$20,000

Omaha Conservatory of Music

Violin Sprouts Council Bluffs
\$35,500

Omaha Creative Institute

Professional Development Series
\$3,000

Omaha Performing Arts Society

Orpheum Theater's 90th Anniversary Capital Improvements
\$100,000

Omaha Theater Company

Rose Theater Field Trips for CBCSD First Graders
\$7,112.50

Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

Heartland 2050 Implementation/Close the Gap
\$65,000

Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Precision Agriculture Technology Integration
\$73,671

Pottawattamie Arts Culture & Entertainment (PACE)

Arts and Culture Center
\$408,195

Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors

Rural Recycling Center
\$222,500

Radio Talking Book Service

Radio Talking Book Network
\$3,500

Red Oak Grand Theatre, Inc.

Phase II – Theatre Addition
\$90,000

Tri-Center Community School District

Preschool/Before & After School Programming
\$50,000

Fire Departments:

Avoca Volunteer Fire Department
\$10,000

Macedonia Fire & Rescue
\$10,000

Minden Volunteer Fire & Rescue
\$9,752

Neola Volunteer Fire Department
\$10,000

Treynor Volunteer Fire Department
\$10,000

Cycle 3: 2017 Grants and Initiatives

Angels Among Us, Inc.

Family Assistance Program – Pottawattamie County
\$21,600

Blue Barn Theater

2017-2018 Programming
\$5,000

Chanticleer, Inc.

Programming Support for 2017-2018 Season
\$32,000

City of Carroll

Kellan's Kingdom: Carroll's First All-Inclusive Playground
\$10,000

City of Council Bluffs

Bayliss Park Holiday Lights
\$24,370

River's Edge Parking Garage
\$2,000,000

City of Crescent

Bunker Gear
\$10,000

City of Denison

Audio-Visual Equipment
\$4,000

Community Education Foundation

Classroom Grants for Teachers 2017-2018
\$15,000

S.T.A.R.S. Scholarship Program for Adults
\$426,775

Downtown Riverfront Trust

Iowa/Nebraska Riverfront Study
\$250,000

FAMILY, Inc.

Capacity Building/ Executive Director Search
\$16,000

Heartland Family Service

Housing and Emergency Task Force (HEAT)
\$170,000

Iowa Legal Aid

Community Stabilization Project
\$40,809

Iowa Western Community College Foundation

Access to Performing Arts Programs
\$30,000

Micah House

Shelter Reimagined Campaign
\$425,000

Omaha Botanical Center, Inc.

The Recycled Art of Sayaka Ganz, Kim Merz, and Aurora Robson
\$12,500

Omaha Symphony

Adventures in Music
\$25,000

Omaha Zoological Society

Asian Highlands
\$250,000

Opera Omaha

"Falstaff," "Medea," and "Proving Up" productions
\$25,000

Pottawattamie Arts, Culture & Entertainment (PACE)

Arts and Culture Center
\$600,000

R.E.S.P.E.C.T. 2

Building Healthy Relationships Through Theatre in Council Bluffs
\$9,150

Shelby County Historical Society

Military Exhibit Hall
\$8,250

Fire Departments:

Walnut Volunteer Fire Department
\$7,567