

# 2015 Community Fund Grantees

## Community Development

**Project Title:** New Signage for the City of Malcom

**Organization:** City of Malcom

**Grant Amount:** \$500

**Project Description:** The City of Malcom plans to replace dilapidated signs located both north and south on Highway 63. Grant funds will be used for new 4 ft. x 11ft signs that will be larger and brighter than the current signs. The signs will be landscaped and lighted in the evening with solar lights.

**Project Title:** Searsboro Emergency Medical Responders

**Organization:** Searsboro Community Fire/EMS Agency

**Grant Amount:** \$600

**Project Description:** The Searsboro Emergency Medical Responders goal is to prevent personal and property loss or damage and the safety of the community. The group is expanding their service to include one EMT-B and 4 EMR (Emergency Medical Responders). The following equipment is also needed: AED, suction machine, pulse oximeter, backboards, blood pressure cuffs, splints and other first aid equipment. The program will benefit the entire county because Searsboro provides mutual aid county-wide.

**Project Title:** Brooklyn Community Sign

**Organization:** Brooklyn Economic Development

**Grant Amount:** \$400

**Project Description:** The Brooklyn Economic Development group installed a new community sign on the south side of the community two years ago. The group received positive comments about the sign and has decided to install one on the north side of town. Brooklyn is the "Community of Flags" and would like to tie that designation into the sign. Grant funds will be used to purchase a flagpole that will be installed next to the sign.

**Project Title:** Monarch Waystations

**Organization:** Imagine Grinnell

**Grant Amount:** \$235

**Project Description:** Imagine Grinnell is an organization focused on improving the quality of life, promoting a healthy environment and complementing economic development efforts in the Grinnell area. The newest initiative is Monarch Waystations. Every fall millions of Monarch butterflies migrate from North America to overwintering areas in California and Mexico, and Iowa is located directly in their flight path. With the increase in industrial development and widespread use of pesticides in agriculture, Monarch habitats are disappearing. This grant request is designed to educate the community about the plight of the Monarch by purchasing whorled milkweed, red milkweed, purple coneflower, stiff goldenrod, and compost to fill ten 1'x1'x1' potted waystations that will be distributed to households in Grinnell.

**Project Title:** BGM Bear Bags

**Organization:** Brooklyn Community Foundation

**Grant Amount:** \$970

**Project Description:** Bear Bags is a program that provides bags of kid-friendly, shelf-stable food to students in the BGM School District on Friday afternoons. The Bear Bags provide children with food on the weekends when they do not have access to the free and reduced lunch program. To participate, students must be considered food insecure by BGM School District faculty or staff. Another indicator used to determine eligibility in the program is free and reduced lunch statistics. During the 2014-15 school year, 38% of BGM Elementary students were enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program.

## Education

**Project Title:** High Low Rope Challenge

**Organization:** Grinnell Newburg Community School District

**Grant Amount:** \$500

**Project Description:** The Outdoor Adventure Program is designed to offer recreational and leadership opportunities for students in the Grinnell-Newburg School District. The purpose of the program is to open the outdoors to all high school students, at-risk and high-achieving, regardless of socioeconomic status. Grant funds will be used to take children on a high/low rope challenge for high school students.

**Project Title:** Beyond Our Galaxy

**Organization:** Galaxy Inc.

**Grant Amount:** \$320

**Project Description:** The Galaxy Inc. Youth Program is a nonprofit organization that ensures children have a safe, engaging and respectful after school and summer program experience. Ninety seven percent of the children attending the Galaxy are considered at-risk. Helping children break this cycle is a major focus of the Galaxy. Grant funds will be used to fund a field trip to Jacob Krumm Preserve providing children who attend the Galaxy with experiences outside of Grinnell helping them see what lies beyond their known physical environment.

## Historic Preservation

**Project Title:** Forest Home Cemetery and Morrison Cemetery

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission

**Grant Amount:** \$500

**Project Description:** Poweshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission, founded to restore and preserve pioneer cemeteries, requests funds to make repairs to marble headstones at the Forest Home Cemetery. The group was founded in 1997 and has helped to restore and preserve pioneer cemeteries all over the county.

**Project Title:** Poweshiek County Fitzsimmons Schoolhouse

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Historical Society

**Grant Amount:** \$2,000

**Project Description:** Since 1978, the Poweshiek County Historical and Genealogical Society has preserved historical items and genealogical information for the enjoyment and education of local school children and the community. Their most recent project is the relocation of the Fitzsimmons Schoolhouse to the Poweshiek County Historical Campus in downtown Montezuma. Grant funds will be used to supply electricity to the relocated schoolhouse. This is the final phase of the schoolhouse relocation.

## Arts

**Project Title:** Bully

**Organization:** Grinnell Area Arts Council DBA Grin City Collective

**Grant Amount:** \$1,000

**Project Description:** The Grin City Collective, a project space and artist residency program, fosters interdisciplinary collaboration among artists. Grin City will use funding to partner with Davis Elementary School third and fourth graders in September 2015 to talk about issues surrounding bullying. After spending two days in school discussing bullying with students and gathering stories and material, artists-in-residence will spend the rest of their 3-week residency collaboratively synthesizing the information and producing work for a final show or performance at Davis Elementary open to students and their parents.