



2014 PCA Grantees

Community Development

Project Title: Landes Park Project

Organization: Brooklyn Community Foundation

Grant Amount: \$250

Project Description: Spearheaded by three mothers, the Landes Park Project is working to refurbish and revitalize Brooklyn's Landes Park. This PCA grant will go towards purchasing safe new playground equipment.

Project Title: Additional Paving of Community Center Parking Lot

Organization: City of Deep River

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: The Deep River Community Center Building was acquired by the City of Deep River in 1992. Since then, many local organizations have used the space for events, fundraisers, and recreation. Community members and volunteers provide cleaning and maintenance services. This PCA grant will assist with the paving of the Community Center parking lot. Currently, the majority of the parking area is gravel. Paving this rough, uneven surface will make the area safer for senior citizens and reduce overall maintenance costs.

Project Title: Park Improvement Fund/Lions Park Parking Lot

Organization: City of Grinnell

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: Since 2010, the Park Improvement Project has been working to revamp Grinnell's public parks. Currently, visitors to Lions Park must park in the aquatic center lot and make their way back to the park. This is inconvenient to all patrons, especially those with physical disabilities. This PCA grant will go towards installing parking stalls (including handicapped parking spaces) in Lions Park, ensuring a more accessible, pleasant park experience.

Project Title: Fitness Cluster

Organization: Town of Guernsey

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: These funds will be used to purchase youth and adult fitness equipment in the Guernsey park. Community members will volunteer their time to help install and maintain the new items. This equipment will encourage more people to use the park, as well as provide health benefits such as strength and flexibility to all users.

Project Title: Auditorium Electrical Project

Organization: City of Malcom

Grant Amount: \$3,000

Project Description: The Malcom Auditorium has historically been used as a voting location, meeting

hall, the Poweshiek County Mobile Food Pantry, and as a location for special community events and fundraisers. Currently the building uses outdated glass fuses which no longer comply with the City's insurance policy. The PCA grant will replace this old system with a safe, modern electrical load system.

Project Title: East City Park Field Renovation

Organization: Montezuma Community Development/Montezuma Little League

Grant Amount: \$3,479

Project Description: Little League has long been a summertime staple in the Montezuma community. Approximately 165 children ages 5-12 participate in this program, learning athletics and life skills from volunteer coaches. Unfortunately, the East City Park Field hasn't been maintained in years and has fallen into disrepair. This PCA grant will provide funds to renovate the field, making it compliant with Little League regulations and enabling the program to expand to serve even more local children.

Project Title: 4-H Livestock Identification Equipment

Organization: Poweshiek County Extension

Grant Amount: \$2,100

Project Description: The purchase of this piece of equipment (retina scanner) is required to identify animals and send information electronically to the Iowa State University 4H Livestock specialist who reviews and approves the animals for competitive show. The current equipment lasted for 9 years and needs to be replaced.

Project Title: Cemetery Restoration

Organization: Poweshiek County Cemetery Commission

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: Restoration of pioneer cemeteries. The commission is currently concentrating efforts on the Forest Home Cemetery which is located southwest of Montezuma. There are 243 headstones visible and 75 unmarked graves have been located. The goal is not to loose any more cemeteries due to lack of upkeep.

Project Title: Expansion of Cemetery

Organization: Sugar Creek Township/West Liberty Cemetery Board

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Project Description: Acquisition of property adjacent to the present cemetery adding enough land for 210 additional burial spaces. This will meet the future needs of the cemetery clients who chose this place to bury their loved ones.

Education

Project Title: BGM SADD Chapter

Organization: BGM Community School District

Grant Amount: \$1,850

Project Description: (Students against Destructive Decisions) SADD has secured an available classroom in the BGM secondary school building for the students to meet. This grant will be used to equip the room with attractive furnishings that will be inviting to students who will use the room. This program is strongly needed for students who may not be active in sport, fine arts or other extracurricular afterschool activities.

Project Title: Hall of Pride

Organization: BGM Community School District

Grant Amount: \$250

Project Description: Building a Wall of Fame to display BGM student accomplishments. This will be done to honor and recognize student accomplishments and instill a sense of honor and pride in the memories of those individuals who have excelled.

Project Title: Hands-On Technology in Kindergarten

Organization: BGM Community School District

Grant Amount: \$1,596

Project Description: For purchase of iPad for the kindergarten classrooms in support of the Daily 5 programs that is being implemented.

Project Title: iPads in the Classroom

Organization: BGM Community School District

Grant Amount: \$7,000

Project Description: Purchase of an iPad for each classroom in the preschool – 6th grade public school. This will welcome ways to teach new concepts since there is a practical app for everything you would want to teach.

Project Title: High Tech Eagles

Organization: Central Iowa Christian School

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: Funding to continue the mission to maintain adequate technology. The grant will be used for the purchase iPads.

Project Title: The Workbench Project

Organization: Galaxy, Inc. Youth Programs

Grant Amount: \$1,770

Project Description: For the purchase of work working tools which will provide the youth with an opportunity to design and create woodworking projects that contribute to the larger community while learning proper procedure, tool usage and safety.

Project Title: Infant/Toddler Equipment

Organization: Grinnell Community Daycare & Preschool

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: New diaper changing tables for better supervision and sanitation as well as more developmentally appropriate seating for infants.

Project Title: Audio Amplification System

Organization: Lynnville-Sully Community School District

Grant Amount: \$500

Project Description: Portable audio amplification systems for the classrooms. They have already purchased two of the eight needed. Amplification systems provide opportunity for both teachers and students to communicate classroom instruction, content and directions.

Project Title: Environmental Education

Organization: Poweshiek County Conservation Board

Grant Amount: \$500

Project Description: Since the PCCB has been without a naturalist for 10 years there has not been any updated equipment added to the environmental education program offered to the public. The grant request is for the purchase of five Garmin E-Trex GPS system.

Project Title: After School Clover Kids Program

Organization: Poweshiek County Extension

Grant Amount: \$1,150

Project Description: This is to provide snacks for 86 kids who are currently enrolled in this after school program. There is a deficit in the program since the increased enrollment and the organization does not want to raise registration fees. This will cover the deficit.

Historic Preservation

Project Title: Local Archive Expansion Project

Organization: Drake Community Library

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: Installation of compact movable shelving in the archive room because it has reached maximum capacity. Temperature and humidity in the archive room at DCL is maintained within specific ranges to ensure proper preservation of archived materials. Therefore we must expand the shelf capacity within the archive room as apposed to housing the archival materials in other library spaces.

Project Title: Preserve Our Heritage: The Relocation of County School Scott #7

Organization: Poweshiek County Historical & Genealogical Society

Grant Amount: \$3,500

Project Description: To move the recently purchased school (the only remaining country school in Poweshiek County, to the museum site in Montezuma.

Project Title: Restoration of William Manatt House

Organization: Brooklyn Historical Society

Grant Amount: \$2,600

Project Description: Wooden replacement windows for the restoration of a room on the second floor of the two-story porch on the west end of the house. Making the room weather proof will provide some sorely needed additional display space. The present windows are not sound, making the room unsafe for storage and display of historical treasures.

Project Title: Historical Route 6 Promotional Brochure

Organization: Brooklyn Community Foundation/Brooklyn Ruritan Club

Grant Amount: \$500

Project Description: Poweshiek County Historic U.S. Route 6 corridor is a part of the movement to have the highway be a historic rout for Car CDeveloping a brochure for print and social media that identifies the points of interest that each community and the rural areas has to offer to visitors as marketing tools. The communities along the corridor are Victor, Brooklyn and Grinnell.

Project Title: Montezuma Enhancement Project Phase 2

Organization: Montezuma Community Development Corp. Montezuma Historic Preservation Commission

Grant Amount: \$1,615

Project Description: Placing information placards or signs at each of the four monuments that have been restored as a part of Phase 1. Also plans are to place a flagpole to be positioned at the Civil War Monument as well as lighting for the flag.

Human Services

Project Title: SCBA Replacement

Organization: City of Brooklyn/Brooklyn Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: The SCBA is a critical piece of protective equipment used by fire departments that protects the health of the firefighter as well as their long term health. These current SCBS are reaching the end of the NFPA compliance. The grant is to go towards purchasing 18 air packs and making necessary changes to the cascade systems.

Project Title: Wrapped in Love Charity Quilts

Organization: Community Hope Church

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Project Description: Quilts are made and donated to those in need. Just a few of the recipients include families with pre-mature babies, senior citizens, home bound, veterans and families suffering from fire and water damage from their homes ravaged by fire.

Project Title: Personal Protective Equipment

Organization: Deep River Volunteer Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: Replacement of 3 air packs that are outdated and costing more and more to keep in service.

Project Title: Accessibility For People With Disabilities

Organization: Genesis Development

Grant Amount: \$3,000

Project Description: The Genesis office at 925 Broad Street in Grinnell house the Discovery program which is an adult day program that focuses on recreational and leisure activities, health and fitness and community inclusion. Twenty-one people now participate in this program. Some of these people have mobility issues, are physically disabled or use a walker. This grant money will be used to make this facility accessible for those served now and for those we will serve in the future. The project involves installing a small ramp at the back entrance, double door automatic openers on two exterior entrances and automatic openers on restroom doors.

Project Title: Handicap Bathroom

Organization: City of Hartwick

Grant Amount: \$5,550

Project Description: The current bathrooms in the community center now do not allow for someone in a wheelchair to get into the bathroom, turn around and close the door. The grant is to combine two

bathrooms that are back to back into one large handicap bathroom that will facilitate a wheelchair or someone using a walker.

Project Title: Storage Addition to Fire Station

Organization: City of Hartwick/Hartwick Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$6,500

Project Description: The current facility was built in 1985 and it has served the fire department well for many years. But with the increasing size of the trucks, the need for more and more equipment for fight fires, rescue individuals, and protect citizens the need for additional space has become critical. The grant is for a 15 x 15 addition with a doorway inside the station to access the storage unit.

Project Title: Malcom Manor Unit Renovations

Organization: City of Malcom

Grant Amount: \$3,500

Project Description: Malcom Manor is a 9 unit facility for low-income senior citizens or disabled persons. This grant is to make renovations to one of the units that need new cabinets, flooring and fixtures. Normal wear and tear has taken a toll over the last 34 years.

Project Title: Poweshiek County Emergency Food Pantry

Organization: Mid-Iowa Community Action

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: For the purpose of purchasing food staples, hygiene products, and other essentials to families in the local community.

Project Title: Ice Rescue

Organization: City of Montezuma/Montezuma Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: One of the situations that the Montezuma Fire Department faces is ice rescue. The department covers both Lake Ponderosa, with 800 properties surrounding it, and Diamond Lake, a public lake operated by the Poweshiek County Conservation Board. This grant is for the purchase of the life saving equipment needed to perform ice rescue. While we hope we never need this equipment, we know it is inevitable at some point we will be called out to rescue someone who has fallen through thin ice.

Project Title: Christmas Joy

Organization: Montezuma Ministerial Association

Grant Amount: \$1,600

Project Description: This project purchases food to help families feed their children during Christmas break when the children do not have access to the free and reduced food program.

Project Title: Tanker Replacement

Organization: Searsboro Community Fire/EMS Agency

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: We are in the process of replacing the water tanker/tender. The steel tank is leaking, the engine needs replaced, and we can't get the parts we need for it. The truck has been secured but still securing funds to finish the truck by having the tank mounted and the pump installed.