



2017 PCA Grantees

Arts & Culture

Project Title: 927 Broad Studios

Organization: Grinnell Area Arts Council

Grant Amount: \$300

Project Description: The Grinnell Area Arts Council enriches the Grinnell community by supporting creative expression and will use grant support to fund a sink in the studio/interactive space.

Community Development

Project Title: Cement for City Hall

Organization: City of Hartwick

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Project Description: The Hartwick City Council will use grant funds to improve Hartwick City Hall sidewalks and portions of the city park sidewalks accessible to all.

Project Title: Additional Paving

Organization: Deep River Community Center Committee

Grant Amount: \$3,500

Project Description: The Deep River Community Center Building serves as a facility where local churches, the Deep River Fire Department, the American Legion, and the 4-H have organized various events and fundraisers. Grant funds will provide additional pavement around the building to accommodate larger gatherings and will improve security.

Project Title: New Equipment

Organization: Poweshiek Co. Historical & Genealogical

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Project Description: The Poweshiek County Historical and Genealogical Society represents the history of all of Poweshiek County. The organization will use funding to manage their documents and display artifacts better – with a new copy machine and more appropriate office desks.

Project Title: Capital Improvements

Organization: Poweshiek County Extension

Grant Amount: \$700

Project Description: Poweshiek County Extension will use grant funds to purchase a refrigerator at their office for the staff and for use in programming.

Project Title: Showring and Livestock Bldg. Roof Restoration

Organization: Poweshiek County Fair Foundation

Grant Amount: \$3,500

Project Description: The Poweshiek County Fair Foundation will use grant funding to resurface the steel roof of the show ring and the livestock building. The new roof material called Premicote will insulate the buildings and prevent rust.

Project Title: Grinnell Tiger Packs Program

Organization: Tiger Packs Interfund Grants/Transfers

Grant Amount: \$3,500

Project Description: The Tiger Packs program's goal is to combat hunger in the Grinnell-Newburg School District by providing a package of food in the back packs food insecure students on Friday. The program currently serves 198 students in 5 schools and is requesting funding to providing one year's worth of peanut butter in each weekly package.

Project Title: Memorial Hall HVAC

Organization: City of Montezuma

Grant Amount: \$3,721

Project Description: The City of Montezuma will use grant funds to replace the HVAC system at the Memorial Hall, a venue scheduled for at least 75 events each year.

Project Title: Grinnell Skate and BMX Project

Organization: Grinnell Skate and BMX Interfund Grants/Transfers

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Project Description: The Grinnell Skatepark Campaign seeks funding for the "A Frame Combination" feature for the new skatepark facility design at Bailey Park. The \$250,000 campaign is managed by a committee made up of members of the Parks and Recreation Department, local business people, skateboarders and BMX riders.

Project Title: Beautifying Our Community Center

Organization: Town of Searsboro

Grant Amount: \$1,750

Project Description: The Community Center Building in the Town of Searsboro serves multiple purposes including a library and city hall and acts as a place to hold family reunions, funeral luncheons, and community meetings. Town leaders will use grant funding to build an oak trophy case to preserve past achievements and replace community center entrance lights.

Project Title: Paving Trail Phase 3

Organization: Guernsey Improvement Committee

Grant Amount: \$8,500

Project Description: Guernsey Improvement Committee is requesting funding for the final phase of a three year project including 500 feet of new concrete sidewalk.

Project Title: Pager Updates and Bunker Gear

Organization: Hartwick Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$4,509

Project Description: The Hartwick Fire Department will purchase new pagers and one set of bunker gear to promote community safety.

Project Title: New Post Home Update

Organization: American Legion Morrison Schrader Post 296

Grant Amount: \$3,575

Project Description: This grant will allow the Deep River American Legion Morrison Schrader Post 296 to make facility updates that include tables, chairs, gutters, and other necessities.

Education

Project Title: Hall of Pride

Organization: BGM Community School District

Grant Amount: \$700

Project Description: This grant will provide continued support for the BGM School District Hall of Pride. The Hall of Pride is a display honoring students who have excelled in athletics, academics, and other activities.

Project Title: BGM SADD

Organization: BGM SADD

Grant Amount: \$1,200

Project Description: The BGM Chapter of the national "Students Against Destructive Decisions" (SADD) focuses on providing safe, healthy, and fun opportunities for students who would otherwise be at risk of making destructive decisions. The SADD program will expand in order to increase student involvement by using grant funds to grow their fleet of kayaks and increase the number of students who can attend outdoor adventure programming.

Project Title: HLV STEM Project

Organization: HLV Community School District

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Project Description: The HLV school district math and science teachers plan to use grant funding to purchase engaging STEM software which will provide enrichment for students with varied ability levels.

Project Title: ipads in the Classroom

Organization: BGM Community School District

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: Grant funds will be used to purchase iPads for all elementary grades to promote investigation of concepts in multiple curricular areas including reading/writing, math and science.

Project Title: HLV School Play Ground Project

Organization: HLV Parents Helping Teachers

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: The Parents Helping Teachers group, formed in 2016, consists of 14 individuals. The Group supports the ongoing education and development of youth attending HLV Schools by carrying out 1-3 projects annually. Grant funds will be used to complete this year's focus, the HLV School Playground Project and will help to make the park accessible and safe for all students.

Project Title: STEM Clubs

Organization: Montezuma Community School District

Grant Amount: \$1,340

Project Description: The Montezuma Community School District sponsors a Lego League for its middle school students which has increased interest in STEM. Grant funds will be used to purchase educational science kits to encourage younger kids to get involved in Lego League and participate in after school STEM activities.

Environmental

Project Title: Birding Science Program

Organization: Poweshiek County Conservation

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Project Description: The Poweshiek Conservation Board provides opportunities for children and adults to participate in environmental education programs and outdoor recreational activities. Grant funds will be used to purchase the Birding Science Program including supplies including additional binoculars, curriculum kits, clipboards, and other necessary items.

Health

Project Title: Capstone Behavioral Healthcare

Organization: Capstone

Grant Amount: \$4,000

Project Description: Capstone Behavioral Healthcare serves children and adults with mental health and substance abuse related illnesses in Jasper and Poweshiek counties. In order to keep providing high quality services, Capstone Behavioral Healthcare will use grant funds to improve its outreach and public awareness efforts by purchasing a laptop, investing in advertising and improving the lobby at Station Clubhouse in Grinnell.

Human Services

Project Title: Back Pack Program

Organization: Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Project Description: The Northeast Iowa Food Pantry will use grant funds to support backpack programs in the Montezuma and BGM School Districts. Between the two districts 310 children will receive weekly packages on Fridays so they have food for the weekend and come to school on Monday ready to concentrate rather than hungry.

Project Title: Christmas Joy

Organization: Montezuma Ministerial Association

Grant Amount: \$1,700

Project Description: The Montezuma Ministerial Association is an alliance of five local churches in Montezuma working together as one "body of Christ" to support the community's spiritual, physical, and emotional needs. Christmas Joy is a program of the Ministerial Association and grant funds will be used to purchase presents for children whose parents are unable to provide ample food or gifts.

Project Title: Searsboro Manor Remodel

Organization: Financial Service Group, Inc.

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Project Description: Financial Services Group along with community volunteers will use grant funds to remodel two Searsboro Manor units, creating a more accommodating environment for their low-income residents.

Project Title: Cook Shack Picnic Tables

Organization: Grinnell Saddle Club

Grant Amount: \$300

Project Description: The Grinnell Saddle Club develops and promotes interest and skill in all aspects of horsemanship. Grant funds will provide a shady and relaxing area for all visitors to the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds by purchasing two picnic tables that will be placed next to the Cook Shack on a covered patio.

Project Title: MFD Helmet and Boot Replacement

Organization: Montezuma Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$5,012

Project Description: The Montezuma Fire Department, a 30 member group of volunteers, will use grant funds to replace 25 worn helmets and 10 pair of boots for their members. These items are crucial to the department's ability to protect the community and ensure the safety of its firefighters. This grant will allow the department to complete a 3-year project to bring all equipment up to standard.

Project Title: Baby Sitting Basics

Organization: Poweshiek County Extension

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Project Description: The Poweshiek County Extension offers a Babysitting Basics program for young people. Grant funding will enable more youth to participate and will fund staff attending CPR/First Aid training.

Project Title: Wrapped in Love Quilts

Organization: Crazy Cut Up Quilters

Grant Amount: \$1,009

Project Description: The Crazy Cut Ups are a group of retired woman with a passion for sewing and serving their community. These quilters will use grants funds to purchase materials and for sewing machine maintenance and repair so they can continue to make quilts for those in need.

Project Title: BGM Bear Bags Program

Organization: BGM Bear Bags

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Project Description: Grant funds will be used to support the BGM Bear Bags Program which strives to address "any" need that underprivileged or special needs students of the BGM District kindergarten-12 grades might experience. The program will provide for families in need during the holiday season, provide a summer care package to children in need, and support "all-welcome" sessions with family-related topics.

Project Title: Slow Cookers for the Poweshiek County Emergency Food Pantry

Organization: Mid Iowa Community Action, Inc.

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Project Description: Mid-Iowa Community Action provides early childhood, health, family development, housing services, and community enrichment programs to at risk families in Poweshiek County. In response to requests for stoves the organization is using grant funds to purchase crock pots for the families they serve along with meal preparation classes.

Project Title: I Am Responding

Organization: Malcom Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$900

Project Description: The Malcolm Fire Department will use grant funds to improve its communication system as well as coordination between the firefighters by implementing a new communication system.

Project Title: Mobile Food Pantry

Organization: Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Project Description: The Northeast Iowa Food Bank will use grant funds to set up Mobile Food Pantries that will go into Poweshiek County communities where residents are food insecure.

Project Title: Summer Street Playscape

Organization: Imagine Grinnell

Grant Amount: \$3,500

Project Description: Imagine Grinnell (IG), a quality of life organization for the Grinnell area will use grant funds to complete their Summer Street Park revitalization project. IG has provided \$15,000 and over 300 hours of work at the park site and will use grant funds to purchase a pump for the water feature at the playscape to complete the project.

Project Title: Power of Safety

Organization: Genesis Development

Grant Amount: \$3,884

Project Description: Genesis Development provides Supported Community Living Services (SCLS) to people with disabilities in Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to train clients with intellectual and physical disabilities to react appropriately to an accident, weather related hazard or a natural disaster. Genesis Development will also use funding to purchase first aid kits, survival kits, weather radios and a defibrillator to be placed in their Grinnell location.

Project Title: Malcom Food Pantry

Organization: Malcom United Methodist Church

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: The Malcom United Methodist Church in partnership with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Second Mile will use grant funds to stock a food pantry in the Malcom community serving approximately 40 families or 100 individuals monthly. The pantry also provides self-care items to those in need.

Project Title: Family Center Project

Organization: First Presbyterian Evangelical Church

Grant Amount: \$4,000

Project Description: The Presbyterian Evangelical Church will use grant funds to purchase new carpet and replace the gym floor of the Family Center. The Family Center has become a place where community members can relax, exercise, and socialize.

Project Title: Landes Park Rehab

Organization: Landes Ladies

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: The Landes Ladies organization was started in 2013 by 4 young mothers who wished to improve Brooklyn's city park. The group is in the final stages of repairing and rebuilding the park and this grant will help them complete their goal of installing a new park structure by the town's annual Flag Festival in June.

Project Title: Fire Equipment Fund Raiser

Organization: Deep River Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: The Deep River Fire Department will use grant fund to purchase a thermal imaging camera to locate individuals in low-visibility situations.

TOTAL: \$ 106900