



## 2018 PCA Grantees

### Arts & Culture

**Project Title:** Cemetery Restoration

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Comm.

**Grant Amount:** \$750

**Project Description:** The Poweshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission was founded to restore and preserve pioneer cemeteries within Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used for stone/base repairs, fencing repairs, and manicuring overgrown areas in the Forest Home Cemetery.

**Project Title:** Ceramics Equipment Update

**Organization:** Grinnell Area Arts Council

**Grant Amount:** \$1,410

**Project Description:** The Grinnell Area Arts council works to enrich the community by supporting local arts activities. Grant funding will be used to update the ceramics infrastructure of the Arts Council to accommodate for increased participation rates in the Beginning Ceramics class. This includes the purchase of a new pottery wheel and upgrades to current wheels.

### Community Development

**Project Title:** Beautify and Keep Our School Dry

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Heritage Park

**Grant Amount:** \$3,117

**Project Description:** The Poweshiek County Heritage Park maintains historical exhibits that preserve and celebrate Iowa history. These facilities are often used for community events and activities, such as weddings and concerts. Grant funds will be used to upgrade and maintain Heritage Park structures including the removal of the schoolhouse bell tower and the repair of the schoolhouse roof and exterior.

**Project Title:** Town Sign

**Organization:** Guernsey Improvement Committee

**Grant Amount:** \$4,000

**Project Description:** The Guernsey Improvement Committee (GIC) is planning to build a sign for the town of Guernsey. Grant funds will be used to cover the cost of project materials, which include concrete, coating, lighting, and a flag pole.

### Community/Public/Society Benefit

**Project Title:** Spanish Club's Spanish night for kids

**Organization:** Montezuma Community School District

**Grant Amount:** \$210

**Project Description:** The Montezuma Spanish Club is a group of students who enjoy learning the

language and culture of Spanish speaking countries. Grant funds will help offset the expenses of the event "Spanish Night for Kids," in which high school Spanish students hold mini sessions for elementary kids to learn about various Spanish concepts such as colors, animals, songs, reading, etc.

**Project Title:** Cook Shack Refrigerated Beverage Merchandiser

**Organization:** Grinnell Saddle Club

**Grant Amount:** \$ 679.99

**Project Description:** The Grinnell Saddle Club is a non-profit organization that fosters interest and skill in all aspects of horsemanship for club members and surrounding communities. Grant funds will be used to purchase a refrigerator for the concessions stand at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds. The concessions stand is utilized during horse shows, area cattle shows, the county fair, and other events hosted by the Fairground's patrons.

**Project Title:** Fire Helmet Replacement Project

**Organization:** Malcom Fire Department

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

**Project Description:** The Malcolm Fire Department is an all-volunteer department that provides suppression and education services in fire and non-fire emergencies for the town of Malcolm and surrounding communities. To ensure the safety and protection of fire fighters, grant funds will be used to purchase twenty-two new fire helmets.

**Project Title:** Courthouse Sign

**Organization:** City of Montezuma

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

**Project Description:** The Montezuma Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Commission (CLG) advocates for historic preservation in Montezuma, and has successfully collaborated with Montezuma Community Development and the Poweshiek County Historical and Genealogical Society to serve as a coordinating body of historic preservation activity within the city. Grant funds will be used to offset the cost of an informational sign that highlights monuments and historic places by including brief descriptions of each site as well as a small, numbered map for reference.

**Project Title:** Malcom Auditorium Table/Chairs Project

**Organization:** City of Malcom

**Grant Amount:** \$1,198

**Project Description:** The town of Malcolm is the mobile food pantry distribution site for all of Poweshiek County. The Malcolm auditorium is used by the Northeast Iowa mobile food bank to package and distribute food items. Grant funds will be used to replace damaged tables with "heavy duty" tables that will support the weight of the food items being distributed.

**Project Title:** Local Foods on Local Plates

**Organization:** Local Foods Connection

**Grant Amount:** \$1,500

**Project Description:** Local Foods Connection is a nonprofit organization that works to enhance Grinnell's sustainable food system by increasing the opportunities for families and individuals with limited means to enjoy fresh, healthy food, connect with local farmers, and expand their skills and knowledge of cooking and nutrition. Grant funds will be used to support food preparation classes, client visits to local farms during growing season, and research to identify community members with the greatest need.

**Project Title:** Grinnell Outdoor Adventure Program

**Organization:** Grinnell Outdoor Adventure Program

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

**Project Description:** The Grinnell Outdoor Adventure Program encourages Grinnell High School students to appreciate the outdoors by offering educational and recreational activities that promote leadership skills, self-confidence, relationship-building and healthy lifestyle choices. Grant funds will be used to provide transportation costs, fees, food, equipment needs, and insurance for participating students.

**Project Title:** Miniature Golf Project

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Extension

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

**Project Description:** Poweshiek County Extension is focused on providing food, health services, and educational programs to promote a prosperous and thriving county. Grant funds will be used to cover the cost of materials needed to build a miniature golf course for the community. Volunteers from local organizations will help construct the course, which will be used for other events throughout the year.

**Project Title:** Porch Storm Windows for Brooklyn Museum

**Organization:** Brooklyn Historical Society

**Grant Amount:** \$2,375

**Project Description:** The Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) has worked to foster awareness and appreciation of local heritage; to preserve area history in the form of artifacts, photos, and documents; to develop a local history museum; and to restore the William Manatt House. The Manatt House serves as the Brooklyn Museum and includes historical collections, exhibits, and BHS offices. Grant funds will be used to purchase storm windows on the first and second floor porch windows for indoor climate control.

**Project Title:** Bear Bags

**Organization:** BGM Bear Bags

**Grant Amount:** \$2,500

**Project Description:** The BGM Bear Bags Program addresses the needs of underprivileged or special needs students in the Brooklyn-Guernsey-Malcolm K-12 School District by providing food and materials that would enhance school and home environments. Grant funds will supplement the cost of the items used in the Child In Need Program bags, Grief Program bags, and summer care packages.

**Project Title:** Additional Parking Lot Paving

**Organization:** City of Deep River

**Grant Amount:** \$3,470

**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 Club have organized various events and fundraisers. Grant funds will provide additional pavement around the building to accommodate for larger gatherings, improve safety, and enhance the appearance and cleanliness of the building.

**Project Title:** Beautifying our Community Center

**Organization:** Town of Searsboro

**Grant Amount:** \$3,500

**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. Grant funding will be used to install outside lettering for the front of the building, security lights and a camera, and Christmas ornaments for street light poles, as well as improve landscaping.

**Project Title:** Central Air Conditioning at Hartwick City Hall

**Organization:** City of Hartwick

**Grant Amount:** \$4,000

**Project Description:** The Hartwick City Hall/Hartwick Store is the main gathering place for the citizens of Hartwick and surrounding area residents. Grant funds will provide central air conditioning for the building, an energy-efficient and more accessible alternative to the current window air conditioners.

**Project Title:** Gear and Lighting Update

**Organization:** Hartwick Fire Department

**Grant Amount:** \$5,138

**Project Description:** The Hartwick Fire Department, currently run by up to 20 volunteers, provides fire protection in a safe and timely manner for the town of Hartwick and neighboring areas. To properly equip the growing department, grant funds will be used to purchase two full sets of bunker gear, nine helmet lights, three LED handheld flashlights for trucks, and five sets of gloves.

**Project Title:** Musical Instruments Playground Project

**Organization:** Montezuma Lions Club

**Grant Amount:** \$6,000

**Project Description:** The Montezuma Lions Club is leading a legacy project in recognition of the Lions International Centennial and the club's anniversary. This project, chosen by the community, will include installation of permanent outdoor musical instruments in the Montezuma Elementary School to make musical expression accessible to everyone in the community. Grant funds will support the purchase of the instruments.

**Project Title:** Traphouse Thrower

**Organization:** BGM Shotgunners

**Grant Amount:** \$6,000

**Project Description:** BGM Shotgunners is a trap shooting organization for youth from 7th to 12th grade. The team will use grant funds to purchase a double thrower machine for the Bear Creek Range. This purchase will eliminate travel time for the team and allow the Bear Creek Range to hold trap shooting competitions for local youth athletes.

**Project Title:** Sound System

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Fair Foundation

**Grant Amount:** \$6,500

**Project Description:** The Poweshiek County Fair Association sponsors the annual Poweshiek County Fair, an event that provides family oriented activities and entertainment, and oversees the day-to-day operations of maintaining the fairgrounds. Grant funds will be used to update the sound system in the covered show ring, which is used during livestock shows, talent shows, the Fair Queen Pageant, and kid's movie night.

**Project Title:** Park Shelter - Electrical Enhancement

**Organization:** City of Malcom

**Grant Amount:** \$6,600

**Project Description:** The Malcom Park Shelter was recently replaced with a new structure designed to safely accommodate the needs of citizens and travelers who use the space for family functions and town-wide celebrations. Grant funds will be used to install lighting fixtures, electrical outlets, a serving counter, and wheelchair access in the shelter.

**Project Title:** Ahrens Park Playground Improvement Project

**Organization:** Ahrens Park Foundation

**Grant Amount:** \$10,000

**Project Description:** The Ahrens Park Playground Improvement Project is a community-based initiative, led by the Ahrens Park Foundation, to purchase new playground equipment with safe surfacing (compliant with ADA standards) for the two playground areas located in Ahrens Park. Grant funds will be used to purchase this new equipment.

## Education

**Project Title:** Poverty Simulation Kit

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Extension

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

**Project Description:** The Poweshiek County Extension office focuses on feeding people, keeping them healthy, and helping their communities prosper and thrive by delivering programs that engage and educate community and family members. The grant funding will cover the costs of a Poverty Simulation kit for Poweshiek County. This simulation moves people to think and talk about the harsh realities of poverty, and to talk about how communities can address the problem.

**Project Title:** Interactive Smartboard/Leveled Library

**Organization:** BGM Community School District

**Grant Amount:** \$2,500

**Project Description:** Grant funds will be used to purchase an interactive whiteboard for the kindergarten classroom at BGM elementary school, to enhance literacy and technology use for students.

## Health

**Project Title:** Suicide Prevention for Poweshiek County

**Organization:** Crisis Center

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

**Project Description:** The Crisis Center is a volunteer-driven organization that provides immediate, non-judgmental support to people experiencing any type of crisis or emotional distress. The Suicide Prevention for Poweshiek County Program will increase awareness of the free and anonymous crisis intervention services for at-risk populations in the county by advertising through print and social media platforms, distributing educational/advertisement materials within the community, building stronger relationships with key service providers, and providing training sessions and volunteer opportunities for students seeking professional development.

## Human Services

**Project Title:** Moving to get Fit

**Organization:** Montezuma Community School District

**Grant Amount:** \$750

**Project Description:** The Montezuma School District Physical Education Department focuses on the body and mind development of all students by providing a variety of engaging activities. Grant funds will be used to purchase new equipment for the Moving to Get Fit! Project. This project utilizes a variety of fitness equipment to help incorporate more meaningful activity for students.

**Project Title:** Family Center Bathroom Update

**Organization:** First Presbyterian Evangelical Church

**Grant Amount:** \$1,400

**Project Description:** The Family Center, built by the First Presbyterian Evangelical Church, provides a safe meeting place for the community of Montezuma to participate in activities that expand the mind, the body, and the soul. The building includes a lounge, gym, racquetball court, small kitchen, multipurpose room, weight room, and men's and women's locker rooms. Grant funds will be used to replace the vanities, countertops, faucets, and shower doors in the men's and women's bathrooms.

**Project Title:** Christmas Joy Program

**Organization:** Montezuma Ministerial Association

**Grant Amount:** \$1,400

**Project Description:** Montezuma Ministerial Association (MMA) is a collection of local churches that oversee a variety of outreach and service opportunities including Clothes Closet, Community Needs Fund, Christmas Joy Program, and others. The Christmas Joy Program is a holiday project available for families struggling during the holidays to provide Christmas gifts for their children and sufficient food to eat. Grant funds will be used to purchase food for these families in need.

**Project Title:** Local Emergency Support AED

**Organization:** American Legion Morrison Schrader Post 296

**Grant Amount:** \$1,500

**Project Description:** The Morrison Schrader American Legion Post 296 maintains the Legion Home in downtown Deep River and participates in many civic projects, including Memorial Day ceremonies and the Deep River Fun Days parade. Grant funds will be used for the purchase and installation of an AED device to provide additional support for occupants in the New Post Home during various events and functions.

**Project Title:** Bag and tablet equipment replacement and addition

**Organization:** East Poweshiek Co. Ambulance Service

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

**Project Description:** East Poweshiek Ambulance Service is a nonprofit ambulance service that provides Emergency Medical Services for the eastern section of Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to replace equipment bags used by responders, as well as for the purchase of an iPad Pro for navigation purposes, accessing the report system, and collecting signatures.

**Project Title:** Quilting for Charity

**Organization:** Quilting for Charity

**Grant Amount:** \$2,331.01

**Project Description:** Quilting for Charity is a group of retired women that come together to share their knowledge, skills, new ideas, and resources to construct quality quilts for individuals and families in need in Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to purchase expendable supplies to complete the 50 to 70 quilts made each year.

**Project Title:** Malcom Mobile Food Pantry Program

**Organization:** Northeast Iowa Food bank

**Grant Amount:** \$3,000

**Project Description:** The Northeast Iowa Food Bank works to provide nutritious food and grocery products to non-profit organizations and individuals in northeast Iowa while offering hunger education programs to the area and those in need. Grant funds will be used to close the meal gap for the 2,170 food insecure individuals in Poweshiek County by providing and distributing a total of 388,800 meals to the community.

**Project Title:** Poweshiek County BackPack Program

**Organization:** Northeast Iowa Food bank

**Grant Amount:** \$3,000

**Project Description:** The BackPack Program, an extension of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, works to provide adequate and nutritious food and grocery products to children who rely on free and reduced meal programs at their schools. Grant funds will be used to provide food packages to these children to ensure their nutritional needs are met over the weekend and they will be able to focus better in school and have more energy to play and learn.

**Project Title:** Handicap Accessible Doors

**Organization:** Brooklyn Public Library

**Grant Amount:** \$4,000

**Project Description:** The Brooklyn Public Library is in need of handicap accessible doors for the residents of Brooklyn, Malcolm, and Guernsey. Grant funds will be used to cover the cost of the installation and electrician fees for syncing the existing library doors to a Wi-Fi system.

**Project Title:** School Playground Project Phase 2

**Organization:** HLV Parents Helping Teachers

**Grant Amount:** \$5,000

**Project Description:** The Parents Helping Teachers (PHT) group was created to support the ongoing education and development of youth attending schools in the HLV School District (Hartwick, Ladora, Victor). Grant funds will be used to support the HLV School Playground Project - Phase Two. This elementary school playground improvement project was created by the PHT to provide families with fun and cost-effective ways to spend time with their children.

**Project Title:** Enclosed Trailer

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Conservation

**Grant Amount:** \$7,800

**Project Description:** The Poweshiek County Conservation Board (PCCB) works to provide opportunities for children and adults to participate in environmental and conservation education programs. Grant funds will be used to purchase shooting sports and safety equipment for the growing archery and air rifle programs.

**TOTAL: \$ 112,629.00**