



2019 PCA Grantees

Arts & Culture

Project Title: I-80 Signage for John Wayne Historical Marker

Organization: Boyhood Home of John Wayne Historical Marker Committee

Grant Amount: \$447

Project Description: The Boyhood Home of John Wayne Historical Marker Committee was formed in 2014 for the purpose of commemorating the childhood home of actor John Wayne, an Iowa Native. Grant funds will be used to construct a 15 foot sign identifying Brooklyn as "John Wayne's Boyhood Home" above the existing Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce sign on I-80 East of Exit #197.

Project Title: Bosewell/Harper & Blue Point Cemeteries

Organization: Poweshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Comm.

Grant Amount: \$1,375

Project Description: The Poweshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission is dedicated to restoring and preserving historic pioneer cemeteries throughout Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to repair and fortify headstones in the Lisor/Beulah and Boswell/Harper cemeteries.

Project Title: Grinnell Herald Register Preservation Project

Organization: Grinnell Area Arts Council

Grant Amount: \$1,900

Project Description: The Grinnell Area Arts Council enriches the Grinnell community by supporting creative expression through arts programming available to all community members. They have partnered with the Grinnell Herald-Register Preservation Project to facilitate the preservation of the historic materials, documents, and printing facilities housed at the Grinnell-Herald Register. Grant funds will be used to purchase materials for the preservation project.

Project Title: Replacement of Basement Windows

Organization: Poweshiek Co. Historical & Genealogy Society

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Project Description: The Poweshiek County Historical and Genealogical Society represents the history of all of Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to replace three windows on the lower level of the Society building.

Community/Public/Society Benefit

Project Title: 20 Year Improvement Project

Organization: Brooklyn Public Library

Grant Amount: \$2,175

Project Description: The Brooklyn Public Library has served the residents of Brooklyn for almost 20 years and, in that time, little to no facilities improvements have been made. Grant funds will be used to replace cracked tile and old carpet with new plank flooring in the conference room.

Project Title: Table and Chairs at City Hall

Organization: City of Hartwick

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Project Description: The Hartwick City Hall functions as both a city hall and a community center which hosts many family gatherings as well as daily socialization for senior citizens. Grant funds will cover the costs of lightweight round tables and matching folding chairs to accommodate community members.

Project Title: Monte Pride Day

Organization: Montezuma Community Development

Grant Amount: \$ 1,300

Project Description: Monte Pride Day is an annual city-wide community service day, allowing Montezuma students to give back to the community for all their support throughout the year. Grant funds would be used to purchase flowers to beautify the city.

Project Title: Multi Gas Detector Purchase

Organization: Malcom Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$ 500

Project Description: The Malcolm Volunteer Fire Department is an all-volunteer department organized to service the town of Malcolm and surrounding areas in fire and non-fire emergencies. Grant funds will aid in the purchase of a multi-gas detector, used to monitor dangerous gases in an emergency situation and prevent situations from escalating and becoming potentially fatal for citizens and/or the firefighters.

Project Title: Clubhouse Fixer-Upper

Organization: Station Clubhouse

Grant Amount: \$ 10,000

Project Description: The Station Clubhouse is a community center for those with mental illness in the Poweshiek community, providing a daily gathering spot where members can receive structure and support and take part in important work, educational, and social activities. Grant funds will be used to update the heavily-used kitchen and dining areas, including replacing the flooring and reconfiguring the kitchen area with new cabinets and a handicap accessible food prep/service island.

Project Title: Painting, Painting!

Organization: Poweshiek County Heritage Park

Grant Amount: \$500

Project Description: The preserved historical structures of the Poweshiek County Heritage Park celebrate Iowan history and serve as facilities for the Poweshiek County Fair, civic organizations, and many other community groups and events. Grant funds will be used to paint the Heritage Park's country school house, shed, and reproduction outhouse.

Project Title: New Facility Update Shed Roof & Women's Restrooms

Organization: American Legion Morrison Schrader Post 296

Grant Amount: \$ 4,830

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 a shed roof to provide weather protected grill area and privacy stalls equipped with handicap grab bars in the women's restroom.

Project Title: PCA Mini Grant Program

Organization: PCA Mini Grant Interfund Grant/Transfer

Grant Amount: \$ 10,000

Project Description: The Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation (GPCF) serves Poweshiek County by assisting individuals with their giving objectives, connecting donors with organizations and causes, investing funds responsibly, giving back to the community through grants, and supporting nonprofits. Grant funds will be distributed through a new mini-grant program, giving improved access to accessible funding and allowing nonprofits within the community to apply for grants of up to \$1000 at any time during the year.

Project Title: Bleacher Replacement

Organization: Poweshiek County Fair Foundation

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: The Poweshiek County Fair Foundation is the sponsor of the annual Poweshiek County 4H/FFA fair, a source of community recreation and entertainment and an opportunity for youth to display their work. Grant funds will be used to replace the frequently used yet aging bleachers at the fairground with safer, ADA compliant bleachers.

Project Title: BGM Bear Bags

Organization: BGM Bear Bags

Grant Amount: \$ 3,600

Project Description: The BGM Bear Bags Program addresses the needs of underprivileged or special needs students in the Brooklyn-Guernsey-Malcom 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: 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.

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Project Title: Tiger Packs Program Voucher Project

Organization: Tiger Packs Program

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: The Tiger Packs program serves food insecure students in the Grinnell-Newburg School District by providing them with bags of filling, kid-friendly food on the weekends when they do not have access to the free and reduced meal program. Grant funds will help to implement a new voucher system allowing students and their families to receive additional healthy food each month.

Project Title: Local Foods Connection

Organization: Local Foods Connection

Grant Amount: \$2,200

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 purchase kitchen supplies and nutritious food provided by local farmers for at-risk students in the Grinnell-Newburg School District.

Project Title: Re-Imagine Recycling

Organization: Imagine Grinnell

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Project Description: Imagine Grinnell is an organization focused on improving quality of life, promoting a healthy environment and encouraging healthy lifestyles for people in the Grinnell area. Grant Funds will help to launch a one-year recycling initiative to investigate possible methods of reducing the waste produced by the Grinnell community and addressing the lack of recycling sorting facilities.

Project Title: Turnout Gear Replacement

Organization: City of Brooklyn-Brooklyn Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Project Description: Brooklyn Fire Department is a volunteer organization that provides fire/rescue protection for approximately 80 square miles of eastern Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to purchase 25 sets of fitted structural Personal Protective Equipment for the department, thus increasing firefighter safety and preventing injury or death.

Project Title: Engine Bay Door

Organization: City of Hartwick - Hartwick Fire Dept.

Grant Amount: \$10,000

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. Grant funds will be used to remove two of the station's bay doors and replace them with one large door able to accommodate the size of the tanker truck and pumper, as well as to replace sunken concrete walkways around the station.

Project Title: HWY 63 Speed Solar Radar Signs

Organization: City of Malcom

Grant Amount: \$5,200

Project Description: Grant funds would be used to purchase and install two solar powered radar signs at the Malcom city limits, ensuring speed limits are obeyed and citizens are protected from accident.

Project Title: Sidewalk Project

Organization: Guernsey Improvement Committee

Grant Amount: \$5,300

Project Description: The Guernsey Improvement Committee is dedicated to the enhancement of the town of Guernsey, in recent years installing playground equipment, benches, and paved walking trails in the town park. Grant funds would be used to install the final portion of this paved sidewalk in the park.

Project Title: Basketball & Tennis Renovation Project

Organization: Ahrens Park Foundation

Grant Amount: \$3,500

Project Description: The Ahrens Park Foundation provides first class recreational and athletic facilities while collaborating with wellness, educational, and recreational programs and organizations for the greater good of the community of Grinnell. Grant funds will be used to resurface and install six new basketball hoop systems for the the outdoor tennis and basketball courts, used by many youth and adult programs in the spring, summer and fall.

Education

Project Title: Summer Learning is Cool for Kids(SLICK)

Organization: Grinnell Newburg Community School District

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Project Description: The Grinnell-Newburg School District is a public school district serving 1751 students in grades k-12 in Grinnell, Iowa. Grant funds will help provide materials for the SLICK program, a summer reading program designed to serve students in grades K-4 identified as at-risk readers and maintain their potential in the area of reading when school is not in session.

Project Title: CICS School Bus

Organization: Central Iowa Christian School

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: Central Iowa Christian School is an accredited K-8 school serving students in the Grinnell/Poweshiek County area. Grant funds will be used to replace CICS's sole school bus, currently in disrepair, and purchase a used school bus to safely transport students.

Project Title: Grinnell Middle School Sensory Room

Organization: Grinnell Middle School

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: The Grinnell Middle School serves approximately 540 students in grades 5-8, several of which have unique behavioral and learning needs, developmental delays, and sensory impairments. Grant funds will be used to create a sensory room, designed to provide a safe environment for these students to develop and engage with their senses, develop their visual processing and fine and gross motor skills, and improve their relaxation, de-escalation, focus and social skills.

Project Title: Grinnell Children's Choir Organizational Capacity Building

Organization: Grinnell Children's Choir

Grant Amount: \$1,350

Project Description: The Grinnell Children's Choir provides accessible, extracurricular music education for children in Grinnell. Grant funds will be used to purchase music supplies and provide scholarships to students who may not be able to pay the tuition.

Project Title: Hall of Pride

Organization: Bear Backers Booster Club

Grant Amount: \$700

Project Description: This grant will provide continued support for the BGM School District Hall of Pride, a display honoring BGM students past and present who have excelled in athletics, academics, and other activities. The Hall of Pride increases goal-setting, positive behavior, sportsmanship, and citizenship, generating respect for the history and tradition of Brooklyn, Guernsey, and Malcolm.

Project Title: Poweshiek County Goldie Box

Organization: Girl Scouts of Greater IA

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Project Description: Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa serves girls in 67 counties in Iowa, empowering them with the opportunities and knowledge to be girls of courage, confidence and character that make the world a better place. In response to the low percentage of women in the STEM workforce, grant funds would be used to purchase Goldie Blox mechanical engineering kits for girl scout troops in Poweshiek county, fostering a confidence in STEM fields that girls will carry with them through adolescence and making engineering a more accessible topic for both girl scouts and the adult volunteers.

Health

Project Title: Client Assistance Safe Housing

Organization: Family Crisis Center

Grant Amount: \$ 4,295.66

Project Description: The Family Crisis Center provides safe shelter and services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in southcentral Iowa as well as Jasper and Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to maintain a safe house in Poweshiek County, where victims of abuse can find shelter without having to be uprooted from their community, jobs, and schools.

Project Title: Suicide Prevention for Poweshiek County

Organization: Crisis Center

Grant Amount: \$3,500

Project Description: The Crisis Center is a nationally-recognized non-profit based out of Iowa City providing free crisis intervention to anyone in need regardless of their health insurance status, gender identity, age, race, religion, or geographical location. Grant funds will be used to train providers and stakeholders in Poweshiek County in evidence-based methods for de-escalating emotional crisis that might otherwise lead to suicide.

Human Services

Project Title: Equality for County Food Program

Organization: Montezuma Food Pantry

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Project Description: The Montezuma Food Pantry serves approximately 233 Poweshiek county households each month, providing quality shelf-stable groceries, hygiene items, meat, dairy products, and produce. Grant funds will be used to ensure that the Montezuma Food Pantry can continue to distribute food equally throughout the county, with households outside of the Montezuma school district receiving just as much food as those within the district.

Project Title: 4H & FFA Youth Entertainment

Organization: Poweshiek County Extension

Grant Amount: \$530

Project Description: The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for Poweshiek County is focused on feeding people, keeping them healthy, helping their communities prosper, and turning the world over to the next generation better than we found it. Grant funds will be used to purchase supplies for activities for youth of all ages who attend the Poweshiek County Fair in July.

Project Title: Pick A Better Snack Program

Organization: Poweshiek County Extension

Grant Amount: \$ 1,025.95

Project Description: The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for Poweshiek County is focused on feeding people, keeping them healthy, helping their communities prosper, and turning the world over to the next generation better than we found it. Grant funds will cover the costs of lessons for Montezuma Community School first graders about healthy eating, cooking, and gardening.

Project Title: Student Needs Pantry Program

Organization: BGM Elementary

Grant Amount: \$ 759.74

Project Description: Grant funds will be used to initiate a safe and private pantry program for at-risk students within the BGM school district, providing them with basic-need supplies such as shampoo, conditioner, and laundry detergent. Without having to worry about their basic needs being met, students would be able to focus more on their academics and feel confident in daily life.

Project Title: New City Park Kids Playground

Organization: Town of Searsboro

Grant Amount: \$ 360.41

Project Description: Grant funds will be used towards the park project in downtown Searsboro and begin beautification and landscaping efforts in order to provide a new playground for kids and beautify the downtown area.

Project Title: BGM Pool Safety Equipment

Organization: BGM Community School District

Grant Amount: \$ 1,821.45

Project Description: Since 1997, the BGM Swimming Pool has served as a center of recreation, fitness, and education for all ages within the Brooklyn community. Grant funds would be used to purchase updated safety equipment, including a new backboard, a new rescue tube, two CPR masks, and an AED.

Project Title: First Aid Kits / Meeting Room Improvements

Organization: East Poweshiek Co. Ambulance Service

Grant Amount: \$3,100

Project Description: EPAS is a non-profit ambulance service that provides emergency medical services for 218 square miles of eastern Poweshiek County. Grant funds would provide potentially life-saving first aid materials to the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Department Deputies as well as covering the cost of upgrades to the Public Safety Building meeting room, such as whiteboards, easels, power cords, and a computer for AV setup.

Project Title: Malcom Food Pantry

Organization: Malcom United Methodist Church

Grant Amount: \$3,500

Project Description: The Malcom United Methodist Church, in partnership with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Second Mile, stocks a food pantry in the Malcom community, serving approximately 40 families or 100 individuals monthly. Grant funds will be used to reinstate the distribution of non-food items such as toothpaste and detergent, which the Malcom Food Pantry has had to stop offering as the number of families served has grown.

Project Title: Malcom-Sheridan Youth & After School Program

Organization: Malcom United Methodist Church

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Project Description: Once a week, the Malcom-Sheridan Youth After School Program offers a place for 25-35 students from Malcom, Brooklyn, Grinnell, and Montezuma to eat and engage in activities, crafts, and service projects. Grant funds will be used to purchase craft supplies as well as supplies with which students will construct raised community garden beds.

Project Title: Powered Speaker System

Organization: First Presbyterian Evangelical Church

Grant Amount: \$600

Project Description: The First Presbyterian Evangelical Church Family Center is a site of relaxation, exercise, and socialization for the Montezuma community. Grant funds will allow the current 29 year old amplifier system to be replaced with two new amplifying speakers and carrying cases.

Project Title: Malcom Mobile Food Pantry

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 2,070 food insecure individuals in Poweshiek County by providing and distributing a total of 353, 700 meals to the community.

Project Title: Poweshiek County Emergency Food Pantry

Organization: Mid Iowa Community Action, Inc.

Grant Amount: \$3,000

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. The funds from this grant will be used to stock their Emergency Food Pantry, which helps limited-income families and individuals in urgent need by providing them with a 3-5 day supply of food.

Project Title: Brooklyn Food Bank Improvements

Organization: Brooklyn Community Food Bank

Grant Amount: \$3,815

Project Description: The Brooklyn Community Food Bank serves 55-65 local food insecure families each month, providing access to nutritious food. It is currently in the process of relocation, and grant funds would be used to purchase equipment for this new location, including a freezer, refrigerator, tables, and stacking chairs, as well as to increase produce purchasing and distribution.

Project Title: Poweshiek County Back Pack Program

Organization: Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: The Backpack Program, an extension of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, works to provide adequate and nutritious food and grocery products to the 570 food insecure children in Poweshiek County 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.

TOTAL: \$ 134,685.21