



## 2021 PCA Grantees

### Animal Related

**Project Title:** PALS Community Spay/Neuter

**Organization:** Poweshiek Animal League Shelter (PALS)

**Grant Amount:** \$1,875

**Project Description:** PALS is a licensed shelter dedicated to housing, providing medical care for, and seeking families for homeless animals in Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to provide spay/neuter clinics at little or no cost to individuals otherwise unable to afford veterinary services, thereby decreasing accidental breeding and the abundance of stray animals.

**Project Title:** Search Dog Seminars and Certifications

**Organization:** Iowa Sar K9 Fund

**Grant Amount:** \$2,034

**Project Description:** Iowa Sar K9Fund offers financial support and training to a coalition of volunteer police dog handlers who provide law enforcement agencies with free, specially trained K9's to assist in the event of a missing person incident. Grant funds will cover the costs of training seminars and certifications in multiple search situations and strategies for handlers and dogs in the coalition.

**Project Title:** SNIP 2021

**Organization:** In My Back Yard, Inc.

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

**Project Description:** In My Back Yard is an animal rescue and advocacy organization founded in 2019 to humanely address Grinnell's cat overpopulation problem by providing trap, neuter, and return services to individuals with outdoor cats. Grant funds will allow IMBY's Spay Neuter Impact Program (SNIP) to transport 350 community cats and 350 pet cats to spay/neuter appointments at Iowa Humane Alliance (IHA) in Cedar Rapids and provide them with a rabies vaccination.

### Arts & Culture

**Project Title:** Grinnell College Museum of Art Summer Outreach

**Organization:** Grinnell College Museum of Art

**Grant Amount:** \$2,215

**Project Description:** The Grinnell College Museum of Art promotes learning, creative collaboration, and community building by providing free exhibitions and events for adults and children alike. In place of their normal, in-person summer programming for youth, GCMoA will focus this summer on continuing their current distribution of arts and literacy activity bags, and grant funds will be used to purchase supplies, tools, and print materials for the activity bags.

## Community/Public/Society Benefit

**Project Title:** Bleacher Replacement Continuation

**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 continue efforts to replace the frequently used yet aging bleachers at the fairground with safer, ADA compliant bleachers.

**Project Title:** Brooklyn Opera House

**Organization:** Brooklyn Community Development

**Grant Amount:** \$9,245

**Project Description:** Restoration of the Brooklyn Opera House was completed in late spring 2020, and, due to limitations on gathering sizes, has shown movies as its sole source of income. Grant funds will provide a proper exhausting system for the projector in the projection room, replacing their temporary solution and ensuring that the projector does not overheat and require an expensive replacement.

**Project Title:** City of Montezuma Memorial Hall Improvements

**Organization:** City of Montezuma

**Grant Amount:** \$5,741.90

**Project Description:** Grant funds will be used to purchase materials to repair and update the Montezuma Memorial Hall kitchen, including replacing cabinetry, countertops, and flooring and repainting the walls.

**Project Title:** Extrication Tool Purchase

**Organization:** Deep River Fire Department

**Grant Amount:** \$7,000

**Project Description:** The Deep River Fire Department is a volunteer department offering fire and EMS services to Deep River, Guernsey, and the five surrounding townships. Grant funds will be used to replace the department's outdated and inoperable emergency extrication equipment (commonly known as "jaws of life") with a new battery-powered combination extrication tool.

**Project Title:** New Welcome to Hartwick sign

**Organization:** City of Hartwick

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

**Project Description:** Grant funds will be used to erect a large cement sign welcoming people to the City of Hartwick, after the city's wooden welcome sign was destroyed in the August Derecho.

**Project Title:** Montezuma Development Corp AKA Sunny View Square - Windows

**Organization:** Montezuma Development Corp

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

**Project Description:** Sunny View Square, AKA Montezuma Development Corp, is a 32-unit apartment complex in Montezuma, Iowa that provides housing to low income, elderly, and disabled residents. Previously unrentable units have undergone substantial repairs since being taken over by McNaull Real Estate this past year, however, the complex windows are all still original from the 70's and in desperate need of replacement. Grant funds will be used to replace the windows and thereby cut down on utilities.

**Project Title:** Montezuma Public Library Technology & Program Updates

**Organization:** City of Montezuma

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

**Project Description:** Grant funds would fund updated internet security technology, two work computers, and a printer/scanner/copier at the Montezuma Public Library, allowing the library to meet the current greater demand for secure internet and technology services. Funds would also support pandemic-friendly programming for children and adults, such as take-home activity bags and books, contests and prizes, and other community events.

**Project Title:** Poweshiek County VITA

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Extension and Outreach

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

**Project Description:** Poweshiek County VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program was implemented in 2017 and provides free tax preparation assistance to qualifying clients. Grant funds will be used to purchase a document scanner that will allow clients to drop-off materials to be scanned and prepared virtually by volunteers, in light of current limits on face-to-face tax preparation.

**Project Title:** Project-Can You Hear Me Now?

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Emergency Management Agency

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

**Project Description:** Poweshiek County EMA is responsible for preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters or large-scale emergencies in the community. Grant funds will be used to purchase two portable multi-band radios that are compatible with both the county's current antiquated radio system and the new digital platform used in other counties and which is currently being set up in Poweshiek County.

**Project Title:** Searsboro Community Center Renovations- Building and Grounds

**Organization:** City of Searsboro

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

**Project Description:** Grant funds will be used to remove dead trees from the Community Center property, update landscaping, and replace carpeting within the Community Center building.

## Education

**Project Title:** 4-H & Clover Kids Programs

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Extension and Outreach

**Grant Amount:** \$4,300

**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 provide supplies for several youth programs, including supplies and ingredients for youth learning food safety and nutrition in the Kid & The Kitchen program and technology equipment and software for youth involved in robotics and STEAM activities.

**Project Title:** LINKing Children to Technology

**Organization:** LINK Grinnell

**Grant Amount:** \$3,850

**Project Description:** LINK was founded in 2019 to provide high quality, developmentally appropriate education, enrichment, and after-school care for children and youth within Grinnell. Grant funds will be used to purchase iPads, headphones, and other technological tools to ensure that all students are able to access tutoring, virtual clubs and extracurriculars, and individualized learning resources while at the LINK after-school program, both during the pandemic and in the future.

**Project Title:** LINK One on One Mentoring

**Organization:** LINK Grinnell

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

**Project Description:** LINK was founded in 2019 to provide high quality, developmentally appropriate education, enrichment, and after-school care for children and youth within Grinnell. Funding will allow LINK to continue and expand the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentorship Program that it recently absorbed.

**Project Title:** Microfilm and Window replacement

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Historical and Genealogical Society

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

**Project Description:** The Poweshiek County Historical and Genealogical Society exists to promote interest in County and local history and to preserve and present materials illustrating the history of Poweshiek County. Grant funds will allow for the replacement of two windows as well as the purchase of more document microfilm.

**Project Title:** Read 2 Lead

**Organization:** Read 2 Lead

**Grant Amount:** \$6,645

**Project Description:** Read 2 Lead is a Poweshiek County nonprofit which provides developmentally appropriate and exciting books to young children and promotes shared reading experiences for children and their caregivers. Grant money will fund a library of books for MICA and the families they serve, as well as Literacy Care Packages (books, blanket, and a toy) for infants and children associated with local family support programs, such as Head Start and the Central Iowa Pregnancy Center.

## Environmental

**Project Title:** Brooklyn Housing Inc

**Organization:** Brooklyn Housing Inc

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

**Project Description:** Brooklyn Housing, Inc. is a 35-unit apartment complex for elderly and disabled residents in Brooklyn. Grant funds will be used to replant elm trees to beautify the complex after it was necessary to cut down ten trees in 2020.

**Project Title:** Guernsey Improvement Committee - Maintenance Building / Ash tree removal

**Organization:** Town of Guernsey

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

**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 will be used remove the many ash trees in the park that have been killed by ash borer insects, as well as to upgrade the park maintenance building after damage from the derecho.

**Project Title:** Imagine Grinnell- Plate to Plant Community Composting Project

**Organization:** Claude W. & Dolly Ahrens Foundation

**Grant Amount:** \$3,240

**Project Description:** Plate to Plant is a new, weekly compost collection service serving the Grinnell area and founded as a program of Imagine Grinnell. The program aims to create affordable and accessible infrastructure to divert organic materials from landfills and into valuable compost soil. Grant funds will be used to offset the costs of labor and materials for hauling, cleaning, and processing, allowing Plate to Plant to reduce its weekly fee and remove barriers to participation.

## Food/Nutrition

**Project Title:** BGM Bear Bags

**Organization:** BGM Bear Bags

**Grant Amount:** \$4,500

**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 be used to support and further expand the food products offered to students on a monthly basis through the Coupon Program and to meet the increased need created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Project Title:** Feeding Communities of Poweshiek County

**Organization:** Northeast Iowa Food Bank

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

**Project Description:** Feeding Communities, an extension of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank, works to close the meal gap of 402, 800 meals in Poweshiek County through member food banks, the Mobile Food Pantry in Malcom, their Elderly Nutrition Program and the Backpack Program. Grant funds will be used to meet the needs of food-insecure individuals and families in the county, a need projected to increase significantly in the coming year.

**Project Title:** Iowa Double Up Food Bucks - Poweshiek County

**Organization:** Iowa Healthiest State Initiative

**Grant Amount:** \$5,718.45

**Project Description:** The Healthiest State Initiative is dedicated to creating sustainable changes that the support well-being of Iowa communities. Grant funds will support the increased need for and utilization of the Double Up Food Bucks program, in which a customer receives an additional \$1 to spend on fruits and vegetables for every dollar in food assistance (SNAP) benefits spent on fresh fruits and vegetables.

**Project Title:** Local Food for Head Start and MICA Food Pantry

**Organization:** Local Foods Connection

**Grant Amount:** \$4,700

**Project Description:** Local Foods Connection aims to enhance Grinnell's sustainable food system and make it more accessible to families and individuals with limited means. Grant funds will allow Local Foods Connection to provide the Head Start classroom and families with local, healthy snacks and monthly food packages and to continue to pay farmers for deliveries to the MICA food pantry.

**Project Title:** Malcom Food Pantry

**Organization:** Malcom United Methodist Church

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

**Project Description:** The Malcom Food Pantry meets the food needs of residents of Malcom and surrounding areas in poverty, crisis, and temporary need, currently operating their food pantry as a drive-through. Grant funds will be used directly to purchase food and hygiene items for the pantry and meet the increased demand for food assistance.

**Project Title:** MICA Backpack Food Program

**Organization:** Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.

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

**Project Description:** For over 50 years, MICA has served children and families affected by the conditions of poverty through early childhood, health, family development and housing services as well as community enrichment programs. Grant funds will cover the costs of food packages for families participating in MICA's Early Head Start and Head Start programs in Poweshiek county, alleviating food insecurity worsened by the ongoing pandemic.

**Project Title:** Tiger Packs

**Organization:** Claude W. & Dolly Ahrens Foundation

**Grant Amount:** \$3,157

**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 be used to purchase reusable coolers which middle and elementary school students can fill with food for the weekend. The use of coolers will cut down on single-use plastic, allow students to take home fresh fruit, and build autonomy and responsibility.

## Fixtures, Furniture & Equipment

**Project Title:** Maintenance

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission

**Grant Amount:** \$600

**Project Description:** The Poweshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission was founded in 1997 and is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of pioneer cemeteries within Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to purchase cleaning solution for headstones as well as maintenance materials for the Mill Gove/Stillwell Cemetery.

**Project Title:** Pancake Griddle

**Organization:** City of Hartwick - Hartwick Fire Dept.

**Grant Amount:** \$2,300

**Project Description:** The Hartwick Volunteer Fire Department is a volunteer fire department serving the City of Hartwick and surrounding districts. Grant funds will be used to purchase a pancake griddle for their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser.

**Project Title:** Technology Replacement

**Organization:** East Poweshiek Ambulance Service

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

**Project Description:** EPAS is a non-profit ambulance service that provides emergency medical services for 218 square miles of eastern Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to replace the existing computer and tablets with updated technology critical to patient care, administration, and training.

## Health

**Project Title:** Grinnell Area Mental Health Consortium-JPK Fund

**Organization:** Claude W. & Dolly Ahrens Foundation

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

**Project Description:** The Grinnell Area Mental Health Consortium- JPK Fund serves those in the Poweshiek County area with mental health needs by providing financial assistance, advocacy, and mental health education. Grant funds would support a marketing campaign to increase local awareness of the JPK fund and reduce stigma surrounding seeking help for mental health, thereby increasing use of the fund and access to mental health resources for community members.

**Project Title:** Medical equipment - Safe patient handling

**Organization:** Grinnell Regional Medical Center Foundation

**Grant Amount:** \$8,747.07

**Project Description:** Grinnell Regional Medical Center (GRMC) is a private, nonprofit and non-tax supported medical center, serving more than 47,000 residents in Poweshiek, Jasper, Iowa, Mahaska, Tama, and southern Marshall Counties. Grant funds will allow for the replacement of old and damaged wheelchairs with new transport chairs that are safer, easier to clean, and more comfortable for patients.

**Project Title:** Montezuma Fire and Ambulance Volunteer Service

**Organization:** City of Montezuma

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

**Project Description:** The Montezuma Fire and Ambulance Service is comprised of 30 volunteer members and provides fire rescue, EMS, water rescue, and other services to residents of Montezuma and surrounding communities. Grant funds will be used to hire a contract employee to provide EMS coverage two weekends per month, in order to address an existing shortage of EMTs during weekend shifts.

## Human Services

**Project Title:** Bear's Closet

**Organization:** BGM School District

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

**Project Description:** BGM Bear's Closet supports students and families in need in the BGM School District by anonymously providing groceries, sporting apparel, extra-curricular items, seasonal clothing, and personal hygiene items. Grant funds will allow Bear's Closet to continue operating and to meet the increased need of students and families.

## Housing & Shelter

**Project Title:** Malcom Manor Senior Apartments

**Organization:** McNaul Real Estate Inc.

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

**Project Description:** The Malcom Manor Apartments provide housing to low-income, senior, and disabled residents. Grant funds will be used to repair the severely cracked and damaged parking lot and driveway area, making them safer and more accessible for residents.

## Literacy

**Project Title:** Efficient Library Shelving

**Organization:** Brooklyn Public Library

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

**Project Description:** Grant funds will allow the Brooklyn Public Library to update their outdated shelving with durable and accessible shelves, increasing their book capacity by approximately 4,500 and accommodating the many titles that have recently been gifted to the library.

## Parks & Recreation

**Project Title:** BGM Youth Basketball Cabinet and Scoreboard

**Organization:** BGM Youth Basketball

**Grant Amount:** \$1,516

**Project Description:** The Grinnell Community Early Learning Center serves children age 6 weeks to 10 years and offers sliding-scale tuition. Grant funds will be used to construct an outdoor Nature Playground in the space between the Center and the Ahrens Park Playgrounds, incorporating the existing landscape and natural materials into an interactive play area, and enhancing children's cognitive development through essential time spent in nature.

**Project Title:** Deep River Handicap Access Playground

**Organization:** City of Deep River

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

**Project Description:** The Deep River Community Center Playground was largely destroyed by fallen trees in the August Derecho. Grant funds will be used to create concrete access points and sidewalks that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act as the park is rebuilt.

**Project Title:** Nature Playground

**Organization:** Grinnell Community Early Learning Center

**Grant Amount:** \$2,980

**Project Description:** The Grinnell Community Early Learning Center serves children age 6 weeks to 10 years and offers sliding-scale tuition. Grant funds will be used to construct an outdoor Nature Playground in the space between the Center and the Ahrens Park Playgrounds, incorporating the existing landscape and natural materials into an interactive play area, and enhancing children's cognitive development through essential time spent in nature.

**TOTAL: \$167,864.42**