



## 2022 PCA Grantees

### Arts & Culture

**Project Title:** Drake Community Library StoryWalk at Arbor Lake

**Organization:** City of Grinnell

**Grant Amount:** \$5,100

**Project Description:** Drake Community Library allows patrons to access information, exchange ideas, and engage in lifelong learning and cultural enrichment. Grant funds will support the creation of a Story Walk at Arbor Lake, in which children and families can engage in literacy while also enjoying nature and exercise.

**Project Title:** Library Programs

**Organization:** City of Montezuma

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

**Project Description:** The Montezuma Public Library serves families and children in the Montezuma area with early literacy programs, community events, and a summer reading program with over a hundred participants. Grant funds will allow for the expansion of the library's current events and programming to include projects such as summer discovery days and adult art classes.

**Project Title:** Replacement of fence for Mill Grove/Stillwell Cemetery

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

**Grant Amount:** \$2,750

**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 restore damaged fencing around the Mill Grove/Stillwell Cemetery.

**Project Title:** Certified Local Government -- Poweshiek County Historical Plaques

**Organization:** City of Montezuma

**Grant Amount:** \$486

**Project Description:** The Montezuma Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Commission (CLG) was founded with the mission of advocating for historic preservation in Montezuma. Grant funds will be used to install signage at three public historical buildings: the 1859 Historic Courthouse, the Poweshiek County Historical & Genealogical Society, & the Poweshiek County Museum.

**Project Title:** Window Replacement and Tuckpointing of Entryway at Carnegie Research Library

**Organization:** Poweshiek Historical And Genealogical Society

**Grant Amount:** \$ 6,073.99

**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 windows and repairing damaged tuckpointing in the building's entryway.

**Project Title:** Brooklyn Opera House - Community Outreach

**Organization:** Brooklyn Community Development

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

**Project Description:** Restoration of the Brooklyn Opera House was completed in late spring 2020, and the Opera House is finally able to host large community programs. Grant funds will support a summer youth theater camp for up to 40 students, complete with acting classes, set design, costuming, sound/lights, auditioning and performing a final production at the end of the week.

## Education

**Project Title:** CICS Music Program

**Organization:** Central Iowa Christian School

**Grant Amount:** \$1,575

**Project Description:** Grant funds will be used to purchase percussion instruments and stands for the Central Iowa Christian School's newly established middle school band program.

**Project Title:** SMART Interactive Panel for BGM Elementary Library

**Organization:** BGM Community School District

**Grant Amount:** \$5,236

**Project Description:** Grant funds will be used to purchase a SMART Interactive Panel for use in the library of BGM Elementary. The technology will allow students greater access to and interaction with class content and will enable teachers to effortlessly switch between lessons and grade levels.

## Environment/Animals

**Project Title:** 1000Trees Grinnell – an Imagine Grinnell initiative

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

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

**Project Description:** Imagine Grinnell and the 1000 Trees project seek to regrow Grinnell's tree canopy after the damage from the 2020 derecho. They've embarked on an ambitious environmental and community development effort to replant over 1000 trees in 3 years, and grant funds will allow community members to purchase and plant these trees at subsidized prices.

**Project Title:** PALS A/C Replacement

**Organization:** Poweshiek Animal League Shelter

**Grant Amount:** \$6,708

**Project Description:** PALS is a not-for-profit no kill animal shelter providing housing, vet care, and adoption assistance for stray cats and dogs in Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to purchase a new, energy-efficient air conditioning unit to improve conditions for animals and volunteers alike.

## Health

**Project Title:** Medical Equipment – Safe Patient Handling

**Organization:** UnityPoint Health – Grinnell Regional Medical Center Foundation

**Grant Amount:** \$90,92.96

**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:** CSA Purchases from Compass Plant and Middle Way Farm

**Organization:** Local Foods Connection

**Grant Amount:** \$5,580

**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 support their Community Support Agriculture program, in which food is purchased directly from local farmers and delivered in boxes to clients for 21-22 weeks throughout the year.

**Project Title:** Capstone Behavioral Healthcare – Grinnell

**Organization:** Capstone Behavioral Healthcare

**Grant Amount:** \$4,707.72

**Project Description:** Capstone Behavioral Healthcare has been providing quality services in mental health, chemical dependency counseling, residential and community-based care since 1968, with a satellite office in Grinnell since 2016. Grant funds will purchase needed office equipment and technology to support the satellite office to increase capacity of services.

**Project Title:** BGM Bear Bags

**Organization:** BGM Bear Bags

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

**Project Description:** BGM Bear Bags serves students in the Brooklyn Guernsey Malcolm 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 support their weekly food bag programs, ensuring families have regular access to commodities such as milk, eggs, cheese, bread and meat.

**Project Title:** Grinnell Municipal EMS

**Organization:** City of Grinnell

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

**Project Description:** Grant funds will be used to establish a municipal EMS system and improve emergency responses and medical resources in the tri-county area. This municipal EMS system would provide coverage for approximately 12,000 residents and respond to approximately 1,000 service calls annually.

**Project Title:** Food Recovery Network Assistance

**Organization:** First Presbyterian Church

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

**Project Description:** Food Recovery Network is a national organization reducing food waste by collecting food which has been prepared, but not sold or served, and distributing it to hungry people. Food Recovery Network is partnered with the First Presbyterian Church of Grinnell and distributes food to over 70 individuals three times a week. Grant funds will assist with the expenses of containers and bags for the food, gloves, and gas for deliveries.

**Project Title:** Read 2 Lead: Books and Literacy Care Packages for MICA

**Organization:** Read 2 Lead

**Grant Amount:** \$5,015

**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 funds will support the Books & Literacy Care Packages program at MICA, providing children in MICA's programs with a book bag, handmade quilt, 3-4 children's books, stuffed animal, bookmark and literacy resource information.

**Project Title:** LINK STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Storage Solutions

**Organization:** LINK Grinnell

**Grant Amount:** \$1,350

**Project Description:** LINK was founded in 2019 to provide high quality, developmentally appropriate education, enrichment, mentoring, and after-school care for children and youth within Grinnell. Grant funds will be used to purchase an industrial cart for easy storage and organization of art supplies and STEM activity equipment.

**Project Title:** Montezuma Fire Volunteer Service

**Organization:** City of Montezuma

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

**Project Description:** The Montezuma Fire Volunteer Service provides fire rescue, EMS, water rescue, and other services to residents of Montezuma and surrounding communities. Grant funds will be used to purchase new nozzles, fire hoses, and one set of fire gear to replace aged and damaged equipment.

**Project Title:** 4-H, Clover Kids and Youth Outreach program

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Extension

**Grant Amount:** \$1,200

**Project Description:** The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for Poweshiek County is dedicated to keeping residents, prosperous, and educated, and over 1,000 Poweshiek county youth participate in their 4-H and Clover Kids programs annually. Grant funds will be used to purchase various tools enhancing the opportunities available in these clubs, such as a Cricut maker, a 3D-Printing Pen, and the tattoo equipment required for 4-H livestock entries.

**Project Title:** Vital Technology Advancement

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Emergency Management Agency

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

**Project Description:** Poweshiek County Emergency Management Agency helps communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. Grant funds will be used to purchase an updated rugged field laptop compatible with today's technology, for use in the emergency response vehicle.

**Project Title:** Iowa SAR K9 Fund

**Organization:** Iowa SAR K9 Fund

**Grant Amount:** \$2,200

**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 individualized training by an expert on the proper use of K9s to detect clandestine gravesites.

**Project Title:** Bears Closet

**Organization:** BGM Community School District

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

**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.

**Project Title:** Rapid Response Vehicle

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

**Grant Amount:** \$9,263.22

**Project Description:** East Poweshiek Ambulance Service provides Emergency Medical Services for approximately 244 square miles of Poweshiek County. In 2020, a change in providers forced EPAS to change from a paramedic level service to an EMT level service. Grant funds will be used to purchase a rapid response vehicle allowing EPAS to once again provide paramedic-level assistance within the county when needed.

**Project Title:** Feeding Communities

**Organization:** Northeast Iowa Food Bank

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

Northeast Iowa Food Bank partners with 168 agencies to address food insecurity in 16 counties, with the goal of closing the meal gap by 2025. Grant funds will support their Backpack program, which provides children with nutritious meals and snacks every weekend.

**Project Title:** Montezuma Ambulance Service

**Organization:** City of Montezuma

**Grant Amount:** \$1,079.98

**Project Description:** Montezuma Fire & Ambulance Service responds to calls in Montezuma, Lake Ponderosa, and 11 additional rural cities and townships within a 300 square mile radius. Grant funds will be used to purchase two laptop computers allowing EMTs to chart patient information and maintain direct communication with hospitals during ambulance calls.

**Project Title:** Updating turnout gear

**Organization:** Deep River Fire Department

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

**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 five sets of turnout gear past their safety lifetime.

**Project Title:** Malcom Food Pantry

**Organization:** Malcom United Methodist Church

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

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

**Project Title:** City of Malcom – Malcom Fire Department

**Organization:** City of Malcom

**Grant Amount:** \$1,800

**Project Description:** Malcom Volunteer Fire Department is comprised of 15 active volunteer fire persons serving Malcom and the surrounding area of Sheridan township. Grant funds will be used to purchase two new fire hose nozzles to accompany upgrades to firetruck equipment.

**Project Title:** Hartwick Volunteer Fire Department EMR Program

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

**Grant Amount:** \$1,971.94

**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 medical supplies needed in the Department's development of an Emergency Medical Responders Service.

## **Public/Society Benefit**

**Project Title:** Montezuma Memorial Hall Bathrooms

**Organization:** City of Montezuma

**Grant Amount:** \$7,755.47

**Project Description:** Grant funds will be used to renovate and repair the original bathrooms in the Montezuma Memorial Hall.

**Project Title:** Montezuma Community Development West Park Bathroom Upgrade

**Organization:** Montezuma Community Development

**Grant Amount:** \$5,761.97

**Project Description:** Grant funds will allow for renovation of the dated and damaged bathrooms at Montezuma's West Park.

**Project Title:** Montezuma Pride Day 2022

**Organization:** Montezuma Community Development

**Grant Amount:** \$1,250

**Project Description:** Each year Montezuma Community Development and Montezuma Community Schools host Montezuma Pride Day, during which youth, business, and volunteers engage in beautification projects throughout the city. Grant funds will be used to purchase supplies to support this year's Montezuma Pride Day such as trash can lids and flowers.

**Project Title:** Bleacher Replacement Continuation

**Organization:** Poweshiek County Fair Foundation

**Grant Amount:** \$9,500

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 Ruritan Club Building Expansion

**Organization:** Brooklyn Ruritan Club

**Grant Amount:** \$5,886

**Project Description:** The Brooklyn Ruritan Club was chartered in 1977 and is comprised of volunteer residents working together to build a better community through goodwill and community service. Grant funds will support improving the current Club building with a handicap accessible restroom.

**Project Title:** Speed Solar Radar Signs

**Organization:** City of Brooklyn

**Grant Amount:** \$5,800

**Project Description:** The City of Brooklyn will use grant funds to purchase three solar radar speed signs to be placed near their school and bus drop offs to ensure pedestrian safety.

**Project Title:** Brooklyn Public Library Shelving Project

**Organization:** Brooklyn Public Library

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

**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.

**Project Title:** Malcom American Legion Davis-Story Post #733

**Organization:** Malcom American Legion Davis-Story Post #733

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

**Project Description:** The Malcom American Legion Davis-Story Post #733 is home to a community of public-spirited veterans and provides an event space for those who cannot afford the high prices of other venues. Grant funds will support ongoing efforts to improve the safety of the building via the replacement of exterior doors.

**Project Title:** New Welcome to Hartwick sign (2nd installment)

**Organization:** City of Hartwick

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

**Project Description:** Grant funds will be the second and final installment in the purchase of a new Welcome to Hartwick sign, replacing that which was destroyed by the 2020 derecho.

**Project Title:** Fire and Security

**Organization:** Town of Guernsey

**Grant Amount:** \$6,448

**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 to support two initiatives improving community safety, including the installation of security cameras at the bus stop and park and upgrades to the current water storage system for fire response.

**TOTAL: \$188,591.25**