



2023 PCA Grantees

Arts & Culture

Project Title: Digitization Preservation Project

Organization: Brooklyn Public Library

Grant Amount: 3,500

Project Description: Grant funds will be used to update records and increase access to the library collection through the digitization of rolls of film that can no longer be viewed.

Project Title: Security System for 703 First Avenue, Grinnell Historical Museum

Organization: Grinnell Historical Museum Society

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: The Grinnell Historical Museum Society is dedicated to preserving and telling the stories of Grinnell through artifacts, while providing space for exhibits, workshops, concerts, and lectures. Grant funds will be used to purchase and install a security system as a part of the renovation of the new museum location.

Project Title: Grinnell College Museum of Art: Read It/See It/Make It/Eat it

Organization: Trustees of Grinnell College

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: Grinnell College Museum of Art promotes learning through artistic excellence and creative collaboration, hosting exhibitions of local, regional, national, and international art, providing a variety of learning opportunities primarily related to art to community members free of charge. Grant funds will be used to support Storytime Art in the Park, a summer art and literacy program targeted at children in Grinnell, including meals, plant seeds, instructors, support materials, and giveaway books.

Project Title: Building Preservation/ Window Replacement/ Safety First-Aid

Organization: Poweshiek County Historical and Genealogical Society

Grant Amount: \$6,311.18

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 preservation of the stairway and entryway of the research library, the replacement of the windows of the museum, and a defibrillator for emergency use.

Project Title: Replacement of fence around Beason Cemetery

Organization: Poweshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Comm.

Grant Amount: \$4,800

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 replace the damaged fence at Beason Cemetery.

Education

Project Title: Montezuma Public Library MakerSpace & Programs

Organization: City of Montezuma

Grant Amount: \$2,300

Project Description: Grant funds will be used to support a Beanstack mobile app to help library patrons track reading.

Project Title: Grinnell Community Early Learning Center Strollers

Organization: Grinnell Community Early Learning Center

Grant Amount: \$5,130

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 replace old strollers to ensure safer transportation of children and easier operations for staff when taking children outside.

Project Title: Poweshiek County Extension and Outreach Programs

Organization: Poweshiek County Extension

Grant Amount: \$5,981

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 maintain adult and youth programming under the influence of inflation.

Health

Project Title: Power Cot replacement

Organization: East Poweshiek Co. Ambulance Service

Grant Amount: \$7,000

Project Description: East Poweshiek Ambulance Service provides Emergency Medical Services for approximately 244 square miles of Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to replace one of the outdated cots used to transport patients to reduce injury risk to EMS providers and patients.

Project Title: Pediatric Patient Care Equipment

Organization: UnityPoint Health - Grinnell Regional Medical Center Foundation

Grant Amount: \$10,000

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 purchase of a pediatric crib to increase inpatient pediatric unit care in response to recent RSV outbreaks.

Human Services

Project Title: Music In The Outdoor Learning Environment

Organization: Ahrens Park Foundation

Grant Amount: \$1,570

Project Description: Ahrens Park Foundation is a private foundation that owns and operates Ahrens Park, providing recreational and athletic facilities. The foundation is currently working on creating a new natural learning environment, which will serve as an accessible space for community members to learn about nature and foster wellness. Grant funds will be used to purchase outdoor musical instruments for children to explore.

Project Title: Brooklyn Community Food Bank
Organization: Brooklyn Community Food Bank
Grant Amount: \$4,686

Project Description: The Brooklyn Community Food Bank works with local communities and donors to provide locally sourced food and personal hygiene products to families in need in Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to assist with increased operational costs and to maintain egg distributions.

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: Bear's Closet
Organization: BGM Community School District
Grant Amount: \$1,500

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: New Facility Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post 169
Organization: Blakely-Stevens Post 169 Department of Iowa American Legion
Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: The Montezuma American Legion Blakely-Stevens Post 169 is made up of veterans of the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, Gulf War, and the Global War on Terror, which provides military rites, such as annual supper, veteran breakfasts, and remembrance ceremonies, to veterans located in Poweshiek and Mahaska. Grant funds will be used to support the construction of a new facility to hold community events, specifically ADA compliant bathrooms in the facility.

Project Title: Brooklyn Fire and Rescue Safety Project
Organization: City of Brooklyn
Grant Amount: \$4,000

Project Description: Brooklyn Fire Department is a volunteer organization that serves eastern Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to purchase an SCBA fragmentation fill station, which allows better protection for firefighters when performing their jobs.

Project Title: New sidewalks and ADA mats at Hartwick City Park
Organization: City of Hartwick
Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: Grant funds will support the renewal of Hartwick City Park to be ADA compliant.

Project Title: Hartwick Fire Extrication Equipment Project
Organization: City of Hartwick - Hartwick Fire Dept.
Grant Amount: \$9,063.95

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 equipment needed to build a new multi-purpose vehicle for medical assistance, extrication operations, and brush fires.

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: Air packs (SCBA's)

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 purchase six air packs and twelve tanks to replace those that are no longer serviceable.

Project Title: Program Support for Poweshiek County Youth in Foster Care

Organization: Families Helping Families of Iowa

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Project Description: Families Helping Families of Iowa (FHF) is a non-profit organization aiming to support children in foster care in the state through programming, which includes Clothing Closet, Senior Celebration, Shoe Vouchers, Spread Your Wings, and Soaring Towards Success Programs. Grant funds will be used to support programs serving children and teens in Poweshiek County.

Project Title: LINK Grinnell Music Pilot Program

Organization: LINK Grinnell

Grant Amount: \$2,250

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 support a summer Music Pilot Program aiming to provide a range of music lessons to students from different backgrounds.

Project Title: Operating Costs for Local Foods Connection Expansion

Organization: Local Foods Connection

Grant Amount: \$5,280

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, providing families with local, healthy snacks and monthly food packages and to continue to pay farmers for deliveries to the MICA food pantry. Grant funds will be used to support the increased staff and insurance costs that follows expanding operations in 2023.

Project Title: Malcom Food Pantry

Organization: Malcom United Methodist Church

Grant Amount: \$9,000

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: Community Safety Outreach

Organization: Malcom Volunteer Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Project Description: Grant funds will be used to support the safety outreach program, which will provide smoke detectors and fire extinguishers to families that can't afford fire safety equipment.

Project Title: Montezuma Fire PPE

Organization: Montezuma Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$8,562

Project Description: Grant funds will be used to purchase new face masks, fire side lighting kits, and heads up displays that provide LED light feedback in low light situations to increase user safety.

Project Title: Feeding Communities

Organization: Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: The 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: Poweshiek County Hazardous Materials Response Team Equipment

Organization: Poweshiek County Emergency Management Agency

Grant Amount: \$7,500

Project Description: Poweshiek County Emergency Management Agency helps communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. Grant funds will support the replacement of outdated hazmat suits.

Project Title: Roots of Home

Organization: Roots of Home

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: Roots of Home works on preventing children entering foster care by connecting families with community resources, providing space and resources to families for visitations, as well as transitional programs to prevent generational cycles of children entering foster systems. Grant funds will be used to support building a transitional home which will assist teens as they transition from foster families to entering college or the workplace.

Project Title: Firefighting Foam Equipment

Organization: Searsboro Community Fire/EMS Association

Grant Amount: \$1,800

Project Description: The Searsboro Community Fire/EMS agency works with local departments to provide fire and EMS assistance to residents of Searsboro and surrounding areas. Grant funds will be used to replace old specialty foam systems which are no longer functioning.

Project Title: Waterworks Park Renovation

Organization: Waterworks Park Renovation

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Project Description: The Waterworks Park Committee was established to update the old city park in Victor in 2019, and continues to serve the community through maintaining facilities of the park and improve user experience. Grant funds will be used to support the renovation of the Waterworks Park, including additional groundwork, cement for equipment footing, mulch, and tree removal.

Public/Society Benefit

Project Title: Michael J Manatt Community Center Floor

Organization: Brooklyn Community Development

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Project Description: Grant funds will be used to preserve and polish the floor of the Michael J Manatt Community Center that hosts community events in Brooklyn.

Project Title: Deep River Community Center Painting

Organization: City of Deep River

Grant Amount: \$2,625

Project Description: Grant funds will be used to repaint the exterior of the Deep River Community Center to provide the community a more attractive venue for holding events.

Project Title: Malcom Solar Street Lights and New Handrails

Organization: City of Malcom

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: Grant funds will be used to purchase streetlights and planters for the main street of Malcom for the purpose of safety and beautification of the community.

Project Title: Montezuma Community Development East Park Bathroom Upgrade

Organization: Montezuma Community Development

Grant Amount: \$3,300

Project Description: Grant funds will be used on the remodeling of the bathrooms of East Park, which is used by many local residents and people from surrounding communities.

Project Title: Insulated Heated Holding Cabinets for Rotary's Annual Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser

Organization: Rotary Club of Grinnell

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: The Rotary Club of Grinnell is a service club that has served the Grinnell community through numerous projects, contributing funds to other organizations, and actively participating in community endeavors. Rotary's projects are mainly funded by its annual chicken barbecue fundraiser, and grant funds will support the purchase of insulated, heated holding cabinets to make operations easier and ensure food safety.

Project Title: Tree Replacement

Organization: Town of Guernsey

Grant Amount: \$5,200

Project Description: Grant funds will be used to support the volunteer work of replanting of trees in Guernsey Town Park, including costs of the grinding of the stumps and trees.

Other

Project Title: Brooklyn Flag Festival

Organization: Brooklyn Community Development

Grant Amount: \$1,500

Project Description: The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is supported by local businesses and community members, which hosts several events each year, including movies in the park, flag festival, trick or treat, and Christmas traditions. Grant funds will be used to support the inclusion of new activities targeted at teens/tweens at the Brooklyn Flag Festival, including a mobile room splatter neon night club, Gelly ball shooting gallery, and the inflatable obstacle course.

TOTAL: \$166,939.11