



2024 PCA Grantees

Brooklyn

Project Title: BGM PIE Playground Accessibility Project

Organization: BGM Community School District

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Project Description: BGM Partners In Education, P.I.E., is a parent/teacher group that plans fundraising activities to help support our students and staff at BGM Elementary. Grant funds will support the playground resurfacing accessibility project, which will improve the safety and accessibility of the entire playground area to promote the interaction and inclusion of all students.

Project Title: Brooklyn Ruritan Club Parking

Organization: Brooklyn Ruritan Club

Grant Amount: \$4,200

Project Description: The Brooklyn Ruritan Club, established in 1977, works on projects to improve the community and lives of the rural and community residents. Grant funds will go toward adding additional parking and a connecting sidewalk to their building that serves as a meeting/event venue.

Project Title: Funding for Holiday Meats and Ground Beef

Organization: Brooklyn Community Food Bank

Grant Amount: \$2,717

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 expand the program's meal distribution to provide a ham or turkey for families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Project Title: Digitization Preservation Project

Organization: Brooklyn Public Library

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Project Description: The Brooklyn Public Library serves the Brooklyn, Iowa community, offering many community resources such as a book mobile, book club, and various programming opportunities. Grant funds will be used to support the library's Digitization of Archives project and improve access to the library's collection online.

Project Title: Bear's 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, ensuring that all students have equality in opportunities to feel included, have success in school, and receive basic needs.

Deep River

Project Title: Tanker/Brush Truck

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 a portable tank and necessary equipment to equip its new brush/tanker truck.

Project Title: Deep River Community Center Shelter House Construction

Organization: City of Deep River

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Project Description: The Deep River Community Center has been in existence for more than 50 years and is used for community events, city council meetings in the summertime, and as a rental for private events by citizens from the community and from the surrounding agricultural areas of Poweshiek County. Grant funds will allow the City of Deep River to construct a picnic shelter with a cement floor for public use and Deep River Fun Days.

Grinnell

Project Title: Grinnell Fire and EMS

Organization: Grinnell Fire Department

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Project Description: The Grinnell Fire Department provides fire protection, hazardous materials response, emergency medical services, advanced life support medical transport services, and rescue services to the city of Grinnell and the surrounding area. Grant funds will be used to purchase necessary items such as an IV pump, cardiac monitor, and mechanical CPR device for crews to be able to operate during emergencies.

Project Title: Ahrens Park Foundation Dog Park

Organization: Ahrens Park Foundation

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Project Description: Ahrens Park Foundation is a private foundation that owns and operates Ahrens Park, providing recreational and athletic facilities. Grant funds will be used to purchase fencing to create a community dog park at Ahrens/Paschall Memorial Park.

Project Title: Community Meal: Oven Replacement

Organization: Grinnell United Methodist Church

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Project Description: Grinnell United Methodist Church (GUMC) hosts the Grinnell Community Meal, a free weekly community meal that resulted from merging the Davis Community Meal and the Blessed Community Meal. The weekly meal serves as a food resource for food-insecure members of the community and a space for community engagement and fellowship. Grant funds will be used to replace a commercial oven in the church that is used to prepare the Grinnell Community Meal.

Project Title: Stew Makerspace Accessibility and Safety Upgrade

Organization: Grinnell Area Arts Council

Grant Amount: \$6,180

Project Description: The Stew Makerspace, a program of the Grinnell Area Arts Council (GAAC), is a space providing opportunities for the Grinnell area community to learn about and practice a variety of creative techniques, in addition to collaborating with community members of all ages and backgrounds. Grant funds will be used to install an ADA compliant automatic door with a more secure door lock system so the Stew Makerspace can be more accessible for all.

Project Title: Improving Software and Accounting for Local Food Security

Organization: Ahrens Park Foundation

Grant Amount: \$5,988

Project Description: Local Foods Connection (LFC) enhances sustainable food systems across Poweshiek County by making them more accessible to families and individuals with limited financial means. LFC serves the community by matching clients with farmers, who will provide a weekly box of fresh vegetables and any needed kitchen supplies. Grant funds will be used to update LFC's ordering software so it can continue meeting the needs of Poweshiek County's producers and consumers.

Project Title: Home for the Holidays, a culture sharing experience

Organization: Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce

Grant Amount: \$4,300

Project Description: The Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce supports businesses, facilitates connections, builds community, acts as a central information source, and is a catalyst for economic growth, making Grinnell a vibrant place to live, learn, work, and play. Grant funds will be used to purchase the materials for displays for the Chamber's upcoming "Home for the Holidays" culture sharing programming.

Project Title: UCC Community Preschool

Organization: UCC Community Preschool

Grant Amount: \$4,000

Project Description: UCC Community Preschool is committed to providing a safe and fun learning environment that encourages children's natural curiosity and supports them to take the risks that lead to new skill development. Grant funds will be used to purchase updated, age-appropriate classroom furniture for students.

Project Title: Childcare for Diversity

Organization: LINK Grinnell

Grant Amount: \$3,985

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 inclusive learning tools for neurodivergent participants in LINK programming.

Project Title: Prairie Pointe Pond Trail

Organization: Prairie Pointe Pond Association

Grant Amount: \$2,800

Project Description: The Prairie Pointe Pond Association is a homeowners association that works to maintain and improve the trails and pond in our development that connect to the trails at Ahrens Park. Grant funds will be used to repair the sidewalk around the pond to improve the trail's safety for community members.

Project Title: Read It/ See It/ Make It/ Eat It: Storytime Art in the Park

Organization: The Trustees of Grinnell College

Grant Amount: \$2,665

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 designed for children in Grinnell, including meals, plant seeds, instructors, support materials, and giveaway books.

Hartwick

Project Title: Culvert Repair

Organization: City of Hartwick

Grant Amount: \$4,400

Project Description: The City of Hartwick is a small, tight knit community in northeastern Poweshiek County who work to keep their town an attractive place to do business, live, and raise a family. Grant funds will be used to repair a culvert to improve road safety for community members and farm equipment moving through town.

Project Title: City Sign Landscaping

Organization: City of Hartwick

Grant Amount: \$2,500

Project Description: The City of Hartwick is a small, tight knit community in northeastern Poweshiek County that works to make their town an attractive place to do business, live, and raise a family. Grant funds will be used to beautify the city's welcome sign by planting perennial grasses, bushes, and flowers native to the State of Iowa around it.

Malcom

Project Title: Malcom Food Pantry

Organization: Malcom United Methodist Church

Grant Amount: \$10,000

Project Description: The Malcom Food Pantry, open since 2012, provides a welcoming space for individuals and families to shop from the shelves for their food and personal care item needs. Volunteers help pick up food/items and deliver them to families that are unable to make it to the Food Pantry. Grant funds will be used to purchase food and hygiene items for the pantry and meet the increased demand for food assistance.

Montezuma

Project Title: New Facility Blakely-Stevens American Legion Post 169

Organization: Blakely-Stevens Post 169 Department of Iowa American Legion

Grant Amount: \$10,000

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 heating, air conditioning and ventilation in the new kitchen.

Project Title: Montezuma Fire & EMS

Organization: Montezuma Volunteer Firefighters Fundraising Association

Grant Amount: \$9,876

Project Description: Montezuma Fire Department, established in 1892, cares for the community and surrounding areas, providing fire and emergency medical services, as well as visits to the school for Fire Prevention activities, the annual Sweetheart Breakfast, and appearances at the community events. Grant funds will be used to purchase a mobile water pump unit to extend their services and outfit new volunteer members with properly fitted gear.

Project Title: City of Montezuma Ambulance - Community CPR/AED/First-Aid Education

Organization: City of Montezuma

Grant Amount: \$9,840

Project Description: The Montezuma Ambulance service conducts CPR/AED/First-Aid training for the surrounding Fire Departments of Searsboro, Malcom, Deep River, Hartwick, Montezuma, in addition to offering the same training services to schools, daycares, and any other community member(s) who

requires or request the certification. Grant funds will be used to purchase new training materials to expand their educational programming and better accommodate for class requests they receive.

Project Title: Country School House Education/Museum Window Replacement

Organization: Poweshiek County Historical and Genealogical Society

Grant Amount: \$4,480

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 the museum's windows.

Project Title: Library Programs

Organization: City of Montezuma

Grant Amount: \$4,000

Project Description: The Montezuma Public Library has been a longstanding part of the community since 1918, promoting lifelong learning through services and resources in a comfortable environment. Grant funds will support the library's expansion of their program offerings so that community engagement opportunities can be brought to the library and not pose a financial barrier for families.

Project Title: City of Montezuma West Park Renovation

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: Montezuma Community Development

Grant Amount: \$1,560

Project Description: The Montezuma Community Development Corporation (MCD) improves the quality of life in Montezuma, focusing on housing development, boosting local businesses, fostering small town culture, and enhancing recreation within the community. Grant funds will support the purchase of new play structures and renovations for the existing playground equipment in Montezuma's West Park.

Multiple Rural Poweshiek Co. Communities

Project Title: Feeding Families

Organization: Northeast Iowa Food Bank

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Project Description: The Northeast Iowa Food Bank provides nutritious food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations and individuals in northeast Iowa and offers hunger education programs to the community and those in need. Grant funds will purchase food and grocery products to support efforts and continue meeting their goal of providing 259 meals missing in every food insecure individual's life in the food bank's service area.

Project Title: EMS Personal Protective Equipment

Organization: East Poweshiek Co. Ambulance Service

Grant Amount: \$4,271

Project Description: East Poweshiek Ambulance Service provides Emergency Medical Services for approximately 244 square miles of Poweshiek County. Grant funds will be used to equip responders with body armor (bullet proof vests) and extrication coats to protect them in the variety of calls they respond to.

Poweshiek County

Project Title: Delivering Our Future: Growing Obstetrics

Organization: Unity Point Health - Grinnell Regional Medical Center Foundation

Grant Amount: \$8,820

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 support the hospital's plans for expanding its labor and delivery unit to allow more mothers to deliver locally.

Project Title: Poweshiek County Extension PCA 2024

Organization: Poweshiek County Extension

Grant Amount: \$4,000

Project Description: The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for Poweshiek County provides research-based educational programs and other relevant needs-driven resources to help communities prosper and thrive into the future. Grant funds will be used to expand after school programming, school enrichment programs, and other educational opportunities for youth of Poweshiek County in grades K-12, all while keeping program costs low.

Project Title: For the Love of Reading!

Organization: Read 2 Lead

Grant Amount: \$3,600

Project Description: Read 2 Lead is an early literacy-focused non profit organization in Poweshiek County that supports language and literacy development of youth in our community through the provision of books, programs and other supports that foster an inquisitive mind and a love of reading. Grant funds will assist the organization's expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library literacy program across Poweshiek County.

Searsboro

Project Title: Bunker Gear and EMS Supplies

Organization: Searsboro Community Fire/EMS Association

Grant Amount: \$7,104

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 purchase properly fitting gear for the department's new members, two medical bags, and an oxygen bag for the department's developing EMS service.

Project Title: Community Center Improvements

Organization: City of Searsboro

Grant Amount: \$2,000

Project Description: The Community Center/City Hall, built over 30 years ago, is the hub of the City of Searsboro and is used for local organizations' meetings and as a food pantry organization/drop off site. Grant funds will provide the community center with new tables and chairs.

TOTAL: \$192,386