

Clay County Community Foundation 2007 Community Betterment Grants

Positively Spencer Youth - \$1,000:

The Seven Project will conduct two county-wide assemblies for Spencer and Clay Central Middle and High School students on abstinence, anti-violence, character choices, dreams, peer pressure, scholastic achievement, self-esteem, substance abuse, bullying and suicide.

Spencer Community Theatre - \$4,291:

Funds will be used to update theatre equipment with the purchase of a sewing machine and 16 lighting instruments.

Spencer Area Arts Council/Arts on Grand - \$2,700:

The Rural Arts Outreach project expands Arts on Grand's "School's Out" programming through collaborative arts programs with area libraries, schools, and the Clay County Fair Board.

Dickens Public Library - \$750

Funds will be used for the purchase of a camera and printer as well as to supplement staffing for after-school and library programs.

Northwest Iowa Youth Soccer Alliance - \$7,000

The Spencer Soccerplex is doubling in size with the addition of 16 acres of grass. Funds will be used to purchase mowing equipment.

Spencer Area Concert Association (SACA) - \$2,000

This project will allow the SACA to bring performing artists from the Iowa Regents universities to Spencer for free or low-cost public concerts.

Centers Against Abuse and Sexual Assault (CAASA) - \$5,000

Technology improvements will enable staff to communicate with satellite offices, partake in online meetings and training, and keep updated on the eradication of family and sexual violence.

Clay County Agricultural Extension District/4-H Shooting Sports - \$2,000

The 4-H Shooting Sports expansion program will involve more Clay County youth in the program through the addition of a third discipline, archery.

Kirchner-French Memorial Library - \$1,000

This project will improve the energy efficiency of the library through building repairs and the installation of a new furnace and air conditioner.

Royal Youth Recreation Committee - \$3,500

The Royal Summer Recreation Program will provide cultural and recreational opportunities for area youth during their summer break from school.

Parker Historical Society of Clay County - \$1,505

The Hands on History will increase learning opportunities available through Parker Museum by providing a staff member dedicated to developing and implementing programming and supporting resources.

Spencer Park and Recreation Department/Positively Spencer - \$2,500

Phase II of the “Playgrounds for Neighborhoods” project will enhance playgrounds at three Spencer parks through the purchase of complementary amenities for playgrounds.

Alzheimer’s Association, Big Sioux Chapter - \$5,000?

Funds will be used toward the establishment of an Association branch office in Spencer, which will provide programming and services to families and long-term care professionals in the surrounding area.

Northwest Aging Association – \$2,500

Project Lifesaver – Iowa is a tracking and locating program for individuals with the propensity to wander or become lost. The program is targeted toward individuals with differing dementias, autism, Down syndrome and other disorders.

Clay County Cemetery Signage Project - \$2,000

The grant will be used to purchase and install signage giving the name, direction, and mileage to county cemeteries.

Clay County Citizen’s Awareness Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect - \$2,000

Parent Time Out is a respite care program for children available to all families in Clay County. The project will allow children to be cared for in safe, nurturing environments and allow parents to increase their parenting skills.

Clay County Emergency Management Division of Special Needs - \$2,800

This project will distribute and collect Communication Center data sheets and prepare personal information sheets to improve individual preparedness for emergencies.

Spencer Family YMCA - \$1,000

The Functional Play Project will purchase educational games and equipment to meet the standards of ever-changing Kindergarten readiness skills.

Sunshine Services, Inc. - \$1,900

Funds will be used to enhance accessibility and reduce architectural barriers in the main building.

Total Grants awarded \$50,466