

Clay County Community Foundation 2008 Community Betterment Grants

Royal Community Action - \$5,000

The Royal Community Center kitchen will be remodeled to provide a more pleasing and accessible facility for current users, and with the hope of drawing more users.

City of Dickens - \$5,000

Funds will be used to purchase playground equipment for the city park, to include a jungle gym, climbing equipment, swings and a slide.

Clay County RSVP Volunteer Program - \$1,500

RSVP will use the CCCF grant funds to purchase technology equipment including a digital camera, laptop computer and projector for PowerPoint presentations, as well as a mobile TV/DVD player for showing promotional DVDs when speaking to community groups, service clubs and potential funders.

Spencer Area Concert Association - \$5,000

Funds will be used to help pay the expenses of bringing a world famous ensemble to Spencer for a special public performance during the 2008-09 concert season.

Clay County Citizen's Awareness Council - \$1,500

Funds will be used to increase the visibility of the "Parent Time Out" child abuse prevention program to reach more families, enhance the parent meetings with activities and speakers, and to expand the program throughout the summer months.

Iowa Lakes Resource Conservation and Development - \$5,000

Funds will be used to conduct a survey of Clay County's historic resources, which will then be put together in a database. From this database a website will be developed based on the specific resources (churches, cemeteries, schools, etc). This information will be shared with local, county and state agencies. The website will serve to provide a better understanding of Clay County for residents and visitors.

Peterson Brooke Memorial Association - \$1,000

The Peterson Brooke Memorial Association will upgrade its summer athletic complex by replacing outdated lighting fixtures for the baseball field.

Peterson Lion's Club - \$5,000

Funds will be used for improvements to the Peterson Lions Swimming Pool Park Shelter House, including concrete, gravel, shingles, picnic tables, fencing and a heating and cooling system.

Alzheimer's Association, Big Sioux Chapter - \$1,250

Educational sessions will be held in each Clay County community to provide participants with a guide to local resources available to meet lifestyle recommendations promoting brain health.

Everly Lion's Club - \$3,500

Funds will be used to rehab the Sunny Brooke schoolhouse, including repairing the columns and bell tower, exterior painting, and planting and landscaping.

Garden of Peace and Hope Committee - \$2,000

Funds will be used to purchase the materials for the construction of the Garden in Everly, including an arbor, benches, gazebo, engraved paving stones, and garden accessories.

Parker Historical Society of Clay County - \$3,000

Two traveling exhibits will be created to increase the public's knowledge about Clay County history topics and increase awareness of Spencer and Clay County throughout the state.

Iowa Great Lakes Chapter-American Red Cross - \$500

Funds will be used to purchase safety vests for volunteers responding to emergencies, as well as shelter cots, disaster-related clean-up kits, shelter blankets and pillows.

Upper Des Moines Opportunity - \$7,000

Provision of up to \$200 per student will be provided to cover expenses associated with participation in extra-curricular or co-curricular school or community activities to create "connectivity" with their community and achieve academic success.

Royal Summer Youth Recreation Committee - \$2,000

A movie projector and sound system will be purchased to bring back the Summer Outdoor Movie Night for families in and around the community of Royal. The equipment will also be available to many other community organizations for their use.

Logan Township - \$1,000

Funds will be used to hire a local excavating company with a large back hoe to dig out and bury a grove of dead trees and then seed the area with grass in the Logan Township Cemetery.

People for Pets - \$1,675

Funds will be used for materials and labor to blow 59 bags of fiberglass insulation into the ceiling and stuff the soffit cavities with 6 inches of fiberglass.

Northwest Iowa Youth Soccer Alliance - \$3,000

A new Grasshopper Mower Model 722D with Power Deck will be purchased to replace the old finish mower, which has worn out.

Positively Spencer Youth, Inc. - \$1,550

"Dance Dance Revolution", "Guitar Hero" a Wii system and two portable screens and projectors will be purchased to provide fun, safe, and healthy activities for youth by enhancing existing organizations, businesses and youth-centered groups.

Spencer Community Theatre - \$5,000

New computers and selected software will be purchased to replace outdated equipment currently being used in all facets of the operation.

Total Grants Awarded \$60,475