

Clay County Community Foundation 2009 Community Betterment Grants

City of Fostoria - \$3,750

To replace current tables and chairs for the city hall and fire station.

City of Webb - \$8,000

Funds will be used to help the City with costs to heat, insulate, and light the Fire Station Annex building.

Clay County Conservation Board - \$7,000

To purchase 650' of polypropylene lake rope and 228 5'x9' floats to outline swimming area and to purchase, haul, and place 1,500 tons of sand on Scharnberg Park Beach.

Clay County Council on Aging - \$15,000

Project focuses on the relocation of the Spencer Area Activity Center from its current location to the first floor of the former Spencer Middle School building. Funding for construction of ADA accessible restrooms necessary for regulation compliance.

Clay County Extension - \$1,500

Funding for copies and assembling a 40-page document of resources for Clay County families, distributing materials to referral sources, and making materials available online.

Clay County Local Housing Trust Fund, Inc. - \$10,000

Grant funds will be used to help pay for a needs assessment survey that will collect information for the Housing Trust Fund (regarding the number of people in Clay County requiring this type of assistance), the Clay County Community Foundation and the City of Spencer.

Fostoria Fire Department - \$4,400

To pay for half of the cost of a Thermal Imager to increase fire fighter safety.

Greenville Park Committee - \$5,500

Committee is working to renovate the Greenville City Park as the first step in a three-year project to enhance recreational areas. To purchase new park equipment and supplies.

Northwest Iowa Youth Soccer Alliance - \$10,000

Funding for lighting equipment and contractor fees to light two soccer fields at the Spencer Soccerplex.

People for Pets - \$1,000

Project will fund spay/neuter of unaltered cats and dogs of low-income pet owners. Will also assist lower income individuals who wish to keep a stray they have found with spay/neuter assistance as opposed to bringing the animal and surrendering it to the shelter.

Positively Spencer Youth, INC - \$500

To expand the mobile youth center concept with fun, safe, and healthy activities by enhancing existing electronic equipment to reach additional youth. To purchase a projector, Guitar Hero World Tour, Mario Kart Wii, and Wii Play.

Royal Clay Lincoln Fire Agency - \$5,000

The funds will be used to help pay for a Pumper/Tanker Truck to replace old one.

Royal Community Action - \$3,500

To update and remodel 20 year old restrooms in community center. Will purchase new toilets, sinks, faucets, counter tops, exhaust fans, door hardware, new flooring, hand blow-dryers, etc. to make handicap accessible.

South Clay Community School - \$950

Author and Illustrator School Visit-Betsy and Giulio Maestro will present to students and faculty on the importance of reading, writing, research, and editing. Funding for author and illustrator fees (mileage, meals, motel, and presentation fees) and Maestro authored and illustrated books.

Spencer Chamber of Commerce - \$3,000

Fiscal Sponsor is the City of Spencer. Funds will be used to pay for the design, layout and printing of marketing brochures to be sent across Iowa and neighboring states to entice group travel (i.e. bus tours, group parties, corporate or business day trips, etc.) to visit and spend time and money in Clay County.

Spencer Community Theatre - \$10,000

Funds will be used to purchase new light and sound equipment. Funds requested are a portion of anticipated expenditures for the overall project of constructing and furnishing the new performance space to improve the quality of SCT productions.

Spencer Municipal Band - \$1,000

New York singer, John Michael Moore, to perform with the Spencer Municipal Band during their 2009 season. Funds to cover the cost of renting the music performed and rental of sound equipment needed for a soloist with a band. Funds will also cover transportation fees and a small stipend for Mr. Moore.

YMCA - Dvergsten Child Care Center - \$10,000

To help purchase a magnetic card scan security system and equipment to provide a secure and safe environment for the families utilizing new center.

YMCA - Preschool - \$1,000

This project will provide funds to meet two major objectives: update the preschool's resources (furniture, storage, books, etc.) and allow for ethnic, cultural and racial correctness within the curriculum.

Total Grants Awarded \$101,100