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\$29,000 Granted to Cass County Nonprofit Agencies

Nicholas Hunt, Chair of the Cass County Community Foundation, is pleased to announce that \$29,000 was awarded to Cass County nonprofit agencies. With these grants, the Cass County Community Foundation has distributed more than \$1.6 million in grants and scholarships over the last 19 years.

The following nonprofit organizations, which submitted applications to the Cass County Community Foundation by the September 1st deadline, were awarded grants by the Cass County Board of Directors:

Organization	Project	Grant
Anita Child Care Center	Sun Shade	\$1,500.00
Anita Public Library	Maker Space & STEM Center	\$1,000.00
Ann W. Wickman Child Development Center	Freezer, replace toys	\$5,000.00
Atlantic Youth Sports Organization	Restroom updates	\$3,000.00
Cass County Historical Society	Tuckpointing	\$1,900.00
Friends of the Griswold Public Library	Maker Space Expansion	\$1,000.00
Griswold FFA	Build a greenhouse for use by FFA members and horticulture students	\$800.00
Griswold Rescue Department	Two Pediatric Emergency Medical Kits	\$2,800.00
Hitchcock House Advisory Board	Handicap Parking Pad & Sidewalk	\$2,000.00
Lewis First Responders	Replace/upgrade defibrillator equipment	\$2,000.00
Massena Historical Society	Heritage Park repairs	\$1,500.00
Massena Public Library	Awning for library	\$1,500.00
Nishna Valley Family YMCA	Upgrade pool features	\$5,000.00

The amount available included \$2,500 from the Griswold Community Development Endowed Fund and \$500 from the Triumph Endowed Fund for Cass County.

All grantees met the criteria as Cass County nonprofit agencies or organizations with charitable missions in the areas of civic, cultural, health, education and social services. Only organizations providing services in Cass County were eligible.

Cass County agency representatives received their checks on November 3rd. During brief check distribution activities, Hunt commended the nonprofit agencies for their individual efforts to provide a better quality of life for the residents of Cass County.

The Cass County Community Foundation was established in 1998 and works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create permanent funds that address the changing, vital community needs and interests. Donating to a permanently endowed fund helps your neighbors today AND you help build a stronger community tomorrow. Not only that, you'll be eligible to receive a 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit for each donation, in addition to any Federal tax benefits for which you may qualify.

The Cass County Community Foundation invests and administers these funds and distributes grants to deserving, qualified nonprofit organizations. "This has grown from an annual event to twice a year, with one grant cycle in the spring and another in the fall," said Hunt.

Board members of the Cass County Community Foundation are: Chair, Nicholas Hunt of Atlantic; Vice Chair, Gary Maas of Anita; Secretary/Treasurer, Roland K. Landsness, Esq. of Atlantic; Royal Bierbaum of Griswold; John Curry of Massena; and Mark D. Kyhnn, CPA of Atlantic.

For information about donating or establishing an individual foundation/fund, please contact any of the Board Members, or call Dennis Nissen, Iowa Foundations Director, at 800-794-3458.



Nonprofit representatives receiving grant awards 1st row, left to right: Sara Young, Anita Public Library; Shiona Putnam and Lila Hoogeveen, Cass County Historical Museum; Sue Petersen, Griswold Public Library; Linda Eilts, Massena Public Library; Earlene Krauth, Massena Historical Society. 2nd row: Brad Amos, Griswold Rescue; Sandy Fairbairn, Hitchcock House; Wendy Wittrock, Anita Child Care; Tim Pope, Lewis First

Responders & Firefighters Association; Sara Wood, Atlantic Youth Sports Organization.
Back row: Mark D. Kyhnn, Cass County Community Foundation; Dianna Williams, Ann
W. Wickman Child Development Center.

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