

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE FUND

Rising to meet growing needs created by the pandemic

Launched by the Omaha Community Foundation in April 2021, the Community Resilience Fund focuses on providing grants in the following areas: Arts & Culture, Housing, Learning Recovery, Mental Health, and Workforce.

To date, 25 nonprofits serving those disproportionately affected by COVID-19 have received a total of nearly \$362,000, thanks to generous community support from people like you.

There is still a lot of need, including \$2.5 million in unfunded requests from 93 nonprofits. As requests outpaced donations, the following applicants and initiatives did not receive a grant from the Community Resilience Fund.

This need is an opportunity for OCF fundholders to give and be a part of rebuilding a community that is more equitable, inclusive, and resilient.



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ARTS & CULTURE

Amplify Arts

\$20,000 for General Operating Support. The pandemic necessitated several changes to Amplify Arts' programs and operations in 2020 and moving forward. Funds were redirected from public programming to the Artist Grants program because artists were struggling. The Generator Space gallery was temporarily closed without interrupting programming. Temporarily, exhibitions and panel discussions were 100% virtual. Amplify Arts staff and exhibiting artists also modified exhibitions and performances so they were viewable through the large windows that span the front of the gallery. Amplify Arts is continuing to provide programming that is safe and accessible to residents and visitors alike.

Arts for All

\$10,000 for Stabilization, Recovery, and Re-Opening. Arts for All's programs provide enrichment, creativity, and culturally-enriched learning opportunities that are otherwise unavailable to many in our community, which supports a reversal of disparities created by the pandemic school closures. This request will aid in alleviating operational uncertainty and funding will enable Arts for All to re-open its programs safely and conscientiously, thus resuming and increasing earned revenue and its long history of serving the community.

Bemis Center For Contemporary Arts

\$15,000 for General Operating Support. Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, Bemis maintains its commitment to supporting artists and inspiring diverse communities through the arts. For 2021, Bemis's programming schedule is robust with expanded in-person gallery hours, virtual programs, and outdoor events, such as music and dance performances. Through this free programming, the organization balances its goals to keep its community healthy and safe, while keeping creative people paid and delivering programs that give meaning to the world around us.

BFF

\$20,000 for General Operating Support. BFF is dedicated to building community through arts engagement. While most organizations halted programming in 2020, BFF never stopped. In fact, BFF added two new programs: GenQ and the Green Team. Through these new programs, BFF paid over 60 LGBTQ+ artists and collected over 100 bags of trash and recycling from Benson streets in 2020, among other accomplishments.

Circle Theatre

\$10,000 for Interns and Disability Outreach Program. Circle Theatre provides theatre programming for differently-abled individuals within the Omaha community. Before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, they have conducted playwright workshops and intern opportunities both in person and online. The funding has run out, and Circle Theatre is looking for ways to continue to serve our community.

Freedomtainment

\$50,000 for Capacity Building and Programming. Freedomtainment's mission is to educate, empower, and entertain our community about North Omaha culture while bringing awareness to local, social, and business resources. It was established shortly before the pandemic. Programming and initiatives to achieve the organization's mission include the Omaha Freedom Festival, a Juneteenth Celebration, Critical Hits, Let Freedom Read, and North Side State of Mind.

Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development Area

\$5,925 for General Operating Support. The Southwest Iowa Art Tour is now in the planning stages for its eighth year of connecting southwest Iowa communities through art. Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development Area has been involved in some capacity since the event began and now fully coordinates the Art Tour with the guidance from a core group of involved artists. With COVID-19 precautions, last year's Art Tour was not only modified but intentionally scaled back. In 2020, there were 50 artists at nine stops in seven communities. Regional economic impact for the 2019 tour was estimated at over \$160,000, and artists' sales were estimated at \$21,800. This event is an important revenue source for the local artists, galleries, and other community businesses.

Great Plains Theatre Commons

\$187,921 for Managing Director. The Great Plains Theatre Commons (GPTC) was established as an independent arts nonprofit in 2020, soon after the pandemic began. Although GPTC has been serving our community with high-quality theatre programming for 16 years, like many other new nonprofits, GPTC has experienced a challenging inaugural year. GPTC requested support from the Community Resilience Fund to help build capacity and recover from the pandemic's impact on their ability to serve artists, reach audiences, and secure revenue for operations. Funding a full-time director, a critical missing piece of their small team, will help fulfill GPTC's mission to strengthen community by supporting the creation and sharing of diverse new stories.

HALLINS Corporation

\$15,000 for Alternative Curriculum Program Arts Education Pilot. The main purpose of the HALLINS Corporation to inspire constructive change in underserved communities through art and music. Art museums, theaters, dance companies, and even musical performances in underserved communities are viewed as unequal or less than mainstream art. The North Omaha community is in need of an event that bridges the gap between what is viewed as mainstream art and the reality of amazing art generated by talented African Americans. This need is fulfilled by the HALLINS Corporation through the annual Love of Art and Music (LOVAM) Festival and the fundraiser.

Hot Shops Art Foundation

\$20,000 for General Operating Support. Hot Shops provides creative experiences and education through art classes, camps, lectures, and demonstrations led by a pool of creatives. They offer a unique collaborative, living artistic environment for the public to observe and interact with over 70 working artists who are willing to share their ideas and processes. They teach the creative process, help children and adults understand how to take an idea from sketchpad to marketplace, learn to hold focus, collaborate with others, and find their voice through art.



KANEKO

\$45,000 for Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. KANEKO encourages creative exploration with a dual interaction model through offering exhibits and associated programming to an estimated audience of 50,000 community members from the Omaha metro area. Exhibits display artist work that often ties in a social or environmental issue; these are meant to pave the way to individual inspiration. A major focus for the next year will be Diversity Equity and Inclusion in subject matters, educators, and our audience. This will be achieved through KANEKO's newly reconfigured programming, adapted delivery methods, and reinforced intentional community engagement.

Merrymakers Association

\$12,500 for Senior Music Project. Merrymakers Association provides professional musical entertainment to seniors in the Omaha metro area and many rural locations. Their musicians travel to nursing homes, assisted living centers, senior centers, veterans' homes, and hospice care, providing access to the arts for populations and locations that are otherwise hard to reach.

Nebraska Chinese Association

\$8,000 for Chinese Cultural Celebration. The Nebraska Chinese Culture Association is planning a series of online events in 2021 to not only celebrate the Chinese culture in our community but also to provide resources to prevent Asian Hate incidents from happening in Omaha. The association is partnering with the Omaha police to host a series of seminars on how to stop the violence against Asians and how to report if an incident happens.

Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition

\$25,000 for Tired Moccasins Elder Program. Before the pandemic, the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition had a solid program and attendees. With additional funding, it could be even better. With culture being our greatest protective factor for our youth and families, it is essential that we have programs like this and have the cultural knowledge and ability to provide these services. The program provides day trips, crafts, games, and special entertainment. It also has a horticulturist that teaches the elders the different varieties of native plants in the area. They also work with the youth through Native Indigenous Centered Education (NICE) at Omaha Public Schools once a year to share a meal, do crafts, and listen to storytelling.

Nebraska Wind Symphony

\$5,000 for General Operating Support. The pandemic presents a challenge for the Nebraska Wind Symphony and other musical ensembles to engage with audiences through live performances. The warmer months allow for some outdoor, small group performances. However, the ensemble has still lost concert revenue from canceling in-person performances in 2020 and early 2021. Funding from the Community Resilience Fund would help the symphony continue to make rent and staff payments during the absence of performance opportunities.

Omaha Chamber Music Society

\$10,000 for Summer Concert Series. The Omaha Chamber Music Society has been a staple of the Omaha arts community for over 20 years. Their programs range from performances to education and outreach, and they pride themselves on being a flexible organization that meets the artistic needs of our city. Due to COVID-19, they lost the ability to perform their flagship series, the Summer Concert Series, in 2020 and have had to greatly modify the format for 2021.

Omaha Chamber Music Society

\$8,700 for Fall 2021 Pop-Ups and Outdoor Programs. The Omaha Chamber Music Society wants to celebrate the return of live music with a series of pop-up and planned performances across the Omaha metro this fall. Venues would include the Highland Accelerator on N. 30th Street, Mulhall's, Sumtur Amphitheater, senior and assisted living centers, and more. Performances will be free, open to the public, and feature musicians from across the region.

Omaha Girls Rock!

\$15,000 for JAMborees. Omaha Girls Rock! has a mission is to empower youth to find their unique voice through music education, performance, and creativity. Their goal is to cultivate strong, contributing members of our community. Omaha Girls Rock! programs provide youth the safe spaces to express themselves and use their voice for positive change in themselves and their community. Their summer camps and afterschool programs encourage students to use their voice, feel empowered, build self-esteem, and develop leadership and collaboration skills.

Omaha Summer Arts Festival

\$13,500 for Las Cafeteras Outreach and Headliner Performance at the 2022 Festival. The Omaha Summer Arts Festival is committed to presenting accessible, engaging, and diverse educational opportunities and performances. The festival booked the electric East Los Angeles group Las Cafeteras for a youth outreach residency program and headliner performance in 2020. The event had to be canceled and rebooked for 2022. Noted for combining music with history, humor, critical thought, and audience participation, this will be Las Cafeteras first performance in Nebraska.

Omaha Symphony Association

\$50,000 for Omaha Symphony 2021-22 Season General Support. Established in 1921, the Omaha Symphony is committed to artistic excellence, innovative programming, education, and collaboration. Educational programming and community engagement are a cornerstone of the Omaha Symphony's operations and represent one-third of the orchestra's activities. Through participating in Omaha Symphony education programs, students are introduced to age-appropriate musical concepts, skills and repertoire, and teachers receive classroom education materials to prepare students for their symphony experience and engage them after their visit.

Papillion La Vista Arts Network

\$2,663 for Arts Camp Scholarships. The Papillion La Vista Arts Network provides a theater and a musical theater experience for elementary and middle school students. Last year was Papillion's 150th anniversary, and the network had a play written based on Papillion's history. They postponed this production to their 2021 Arts Camp with reduced numbers of students. Without a whole camp of 50 to 55 students, it will be challenging to make their budget with complete teaching staff and offer scholarships to students who would benefit from programming but cannot afford this experience. Grant support would ensure that they can offer scholarships to students.

Partners for Livable Omaha

\$40,000 for Start Up Support. Funds will provide general operating support to Partners for Livable Omaha, including fabricators who build bespoke elements of the mobile stage design; visual artists who participate in the stage design, create our branding and promotion; performing acts who play the stage; musical artists whose "COVID compositions" will be featured in between live acts; and sound engineers, security personnel, and stage crew who make the live performance industry go.

Phoenix Academy Day School

\$3,000 for Summer Arts Camp. This program allows for children to experience an outdoors summer arts camp experience that they do not have the opportunity to be in during the school year.

Pottawattamie Arts, Culture & Entertainment

\$30,000 for PACE COVID-19 Resilience Support. Pottawattamie Arts, Culture & Entertainment (PACE) opened the new Hoff Family Arts & Culture Center in February 2020. Following recommendations of local health departments regarding COVID-19, they closed to the public March 15 to June 4. Revenue loss in 2020 surpassed \$300,000 due to cancellation of productions, rentals, and special events. They anticipated another \$200,000 in revenue loss in 2021. Looking at 2021 goals and objectives, it is with the reality that COVID-19 will continue to impact operations and programming, and PACE and Partners will continue to be resilient and creative to modify programming to provide quality artistic content for our community.

Resonance, Inc.

\$5,000 for General Operating Support. Resonance, Inc. is a live entertainment, performing arts organization with a focus in the vocal/choral arts. Due to all the challenges related to live performance, especially for singers, their presence in the community and subsequent funding has been drastically diminished.

River City Ringers

\$2,000 for Spring Concert Series. This request for funds will help underwrite the costs of the spring concert series, which will be a virtual event. Because of the pandemic they aren't able to do live concerts. The concert will be livestreamed and posted on their YouTube channel.

Union for Contemporary Art

\$50,000 for General Operating Support. The Union's request for support is fully in line with the Community Resilience Fund's aim to support equitable, long-term recovery for Arts & Culture organizations, particularly within communities being disproportionately affected by COVID-19. During this time of uncertainty, illness, and loss, they have witnessed the power of art to connect and strengthen our community, over and over again. They praise the resilience, strength, and grace they have witnessed through their work with the creative community and with neighbors throughout the crisis. And recognize that art and artists will be a powerful connecting force to aid our community as we heal and rebuild.





HOUSING

Bethany Lutheran Home

\$50,000 for Resident Housing Support. Bethany Heights is an assisted living community located in Council Bluffs. They specialize in the care of seniors over the age of 55 who can no longer live safely on their own. Due to COVID-19, they have not been able to sustain the funds needed. This means that anyone who comes to live at Bethany Heights and suffers a hardship or change of circumstances would have to move. These funds would allow Bethany Heights to be able to continue to help residents and also invite new residents to live safely and comfortably.

New Visions Homeless Services

\$15,000 for Homeowner Repair Program. The mission of New Visions Homeless Services is to provide help, hope, and opportunities to those who are experiencing homelessness and hunger in the Omaha-Council Bluffs area. The agency has a vision of moving homeless individuals and families off the street and into permanent living environments that are safe, healthy, and lasting while addressing the root causes of hunger and homelessness.

Notre Dame Housing

\$30,000 for Service-Enriched Housing. Notre Dame Housing aims to build consistent opportunities for seniors to engage, learn, or receive a much-needed service. Isolation is always a concern when working with senior citizens, but the pandemic intensified the problem. Their goal is to enhance programming, extend the food pantry to more people, and get the word out in North Omaha about what is available so more people can be served.

Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance

\$35,000 for Championing Healthy Energy Efficient Rehab. Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance (OHKA) seeks to create and promote equitable housing solutions to improve health outcomes for children and families in our community. Healthy Kids improves access to safe and affordable housing through construction interventions, supplies, and tailored education to families on the health of their home based on OHKA's inspection. Recovery from COVID-19 and solutions to the community's affordable housing crisis must include ensuring that the current affordable housing stock is both healthy and safe. By providing housing resources directly to community members in the parts of Omaha most impacted by COVID-19, OHKA's programs are suited to aid community recovery.

Women's Center for Advancement

\$50,000 for Emergency Assistance and Housing Program. During the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, the Women's Center for Advancement (WCA) partnered with the City of Omaha to launch a Rapid Rehousing Program. There was an incredible and critical need to increase community housing options and resources for individuals experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault. During 2020, WCA met 236 requests for emergency hotels, motels, or other temporary shelter – an 89% increase over 2019. The program gave WCA clients the physical security of a home before beginning the healing process.





LEARNING RECOVERY

DIBS for Kids

\$15,000 for General Operating Support. DIBS for Kids provides a school-based, student-driven, engaging program that helps K-3 students at Omaha Public Schools establish a home reading habit and develop a lifelong love of reading. While DIBS' technology is a powerful teacher support tool, this School Support model is an absolutely essential part of what helps DIBS thrive in schools.

Emerging Ladies Academy

\$9,000 for SHE CODE. While the country was on lockdown and students learned remotely, this style of learning slowed down the progress of the educational pathway for some of our youth. The SHE CODE approach is aimed to foster more curiosity in STEM that can translate into a more focused interest in the school environment.

GOALS Center

\$45,000 for Full-Time Family Navigator. The GOALS Center focuses on addressing the root cause of absenteeism. Chronic absenteeism is associated with greater learning gaps and lower graduation rates. During the pandemic, GOALS worked with 52% more students than the year prior. Through all of this, they learned that GOALS is positioned to offer a community navigator service that will look a lot like their outreach program in addition to being a connector to other community partners.

International Council for Refugees and Immigrants

\$45,000 for Afterschool Tutoring Program. COVID-19 has widened the learning gap for the students they serve. Data shows that school closures due to COVID-19 led to an estimated overall learning loss of 6.8 months for all students. However, students of color were about three to five months behind in learning while white students were about one to three months behind. If this is left unaddressed, this could lead to wider gaps in future opportunities for these students, including refugee and immigrant youth in our community.



Life Launch Academy

\$15,000 for Afterschool Curriculum. COVID-19 has had a profound negative impact on children's mental health. Life Launch Academy was built on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and has developed relevant and professional materials to deliver to schools and organizations. Their materials provide the teacher a quick 20-minute lesson plan complete with support activities, many of which include the home, and reflection techniques to implement in the classroom.

Our Light, Inc.

\$15,000 for General Operating Support. Our Light, Inc. works with young women to help them build their self esteem through targeted programming, learning activities, mentoring, and friendships with the other young women in the program. All of these activities and special programs are designed to reduce gaps that grew even greater because of remote learning and other consistent educational disruptions.



MENTAL HEALTH

Center for Holistic Development, Inc.

\$24,500 for Technology/Professional Development Support. The Center for Holistic Development, Inc. is a community-based behavioral health organization with a mission to “serve a diverse community by providing holistic behavioral healthcare services and education programs to individuals, families, and groups.” While performing the full spectrum of programs and services, they’ve encountered a need for enhanced technology and professional development support that would assist in capacity building.

Completely KIDS

\$66,376 for a Bilingual Provisional Licensed Provisional Licensed Mental Health Practitioner. In response to the growing need, for 2021, Completely KIDS planned to scale up Children’s Mental Health Services with the addition of a bilingual provisionally licensed mental health practitioner (PLMHP). The program is seeking grant support of this expansion to meet needs as well as address systemic improvements to increase access.

Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy

\$14,124 for HETRA Mental Health Services. Between April and May of 2021, 32% of Nebraska adults reported symptoms of anxiety and/or depression. Of these adults, 20% said they had an unmet need for counseling or therapy. Grant support would help the Heartland Equine Therapeutic Riding Academy ensure that these individuals receive the financial and emotional support they need.

Heartland Family Service

\$50,000 for Behavioral Health Programs. Heartland Family Service helps individuals and families heal from trauma by affecting behavioral, emotional, and/or attitudinal changes in the client, family and/or social environment. Services address the multiple needs and strengths of individuals and families, and consider social contexts impacting the family, to provide clients with the best resources to achieve successful outcomes. Many clients are experiencing increased levels of depression and anxiety as a result of the pandemic, and they have been impacted financially by job loss or are struggling to care for children and family members.

Omaha Home for Boys

\$25,000 for Clinical Services and Crisis Stabilization Programs. These programs address the increased need for mental and behavioral health services among Omaha’s most vulnerable youth and families while also working to improve the overall mental health system. The program provides numerous opportunities to safely and therapeutically stabilize the family unit while engaging clients in the following services: individual, family, and group therapy; additional family work; family support; and psycho-educational groups.



The Collective for Hope: Griefs' Journey, HEALing Embrace, Ted E. Bear Hollow

\$22,381 for Adapted Free Grief and Survivorship Support. Increased rates of hardship and death — whether due to Covid-19, suicide, homicide, or various natural causes — underscore the need to provide free and culturally adaptive grief support to those living in poverty, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+ individuals. This support would help the agency resume safer in-person programming and sustain the provision of remote support for those who need it or are better served by it.

Wellbeing Partners

\$50,000 for Mental Health Stigma Campaign. This request connects Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawatomie County residents to mental health resources, anti-stigma resources, and training on mental health first aid within a campaign that aims to reduce the stigma of mental health.

Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center

\$13,000 for The Healing Garden Online Mental Health Program. The Healing Garden Online Mental Health Program is designed to provide cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers with mental health services utilizing a virtual platform. In 2020, Wings of Hope began offering online mental health services for cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers in response to the added challenges they face during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the pandemic, mental health care is, now more than ever, a critical tool to cancer care.

Youth Care & Beyond

\$20,500 for Best Friends and Opportunities Programs. Both of these programs serve individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Youth Care & Beyond programs are a vital support to the mental health and wellbeing of their clients. They are seeing individuals suffering from isolation and loneliness. Others are experiencing social anxiety as they begin to re-engage with the community and are struggling with being around other people.

Youth Frontiers

\$10,000 for Support for Omaha Educators. Youth Frontiers supports schools in building positive learning communities where young people thrive. Educators play a crucial role in students' academic success and their social and emotional well-being. However, their profession can be stressful as they manage classroom dynamics and workload. The pandemic made it especially stressful as they adapted to remote teaching. Now more than ever, teachers need support as they create healthy learning environments. In response, Youth Frontiers redesigned programs to be more flexible and responsive to student, educator, and community needs. They are committed to helping Omaha educators thrive; however, they cannot provide these programs without community support.



WORKFORCE

Autism Action Partnership

\$10,000 for Prosper Workforce Service. This is a comprehensive workforce development program for adults on the autism spectrum and the local business sector. Autism Action Partnership works with job seekers to determine their skills, interests and abilities, offers services and guidance to maximize their employability, and seeks to place them in a position and with an employer where they will thrive.

City Sprouts

\$52,100 for the Urban Farming Internship. The expanded City Sprouts Urban Farming Internship program would allow City Sprouts to hire an additional 15 interns and four Intern Team Leads from May through August. The work they are doing provides a strong sense of accomplishment and connection to the community by producing fresh fruits and vegetables for those facing insecurity due to job loss and financial stress caused by the pandemic.

Clarkson College

\$14,738.75 for their Accelerated Tech Training Program. The Omaha metro area is experiencing a shortage of over 250 Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) in facilities like hospitals, rehabilitation centers, assisted living facilities, medical offices, and home health care. CNAs are essential members of the health care team providing patients with simple care and aiding with their daily living activities.

Compassion In Action

\$35,000 for General Operating Support. Compassion In Action works with a diverse, inclusive population confined in state prison. They prepare program participants to enter and navigate a new society with services in pre-release preparation, reentry, transition, housing, attaining gainful employment, life coaching, family reunification, and community reestablishment.



Do Space

\$16,100 for Do Space Workforce Development Program. Do Space has pivoted to help ensure that those who lost their jobs during the pandemic are getting the help and resources needed to be competitive in the job market. Their computer lab is in a constant state of improvement, and many of their members use the computer lab to apply for jobs and learn new skills. Through these initiatives, Do Space advances its mission to make Omaha a destination for technology talent and cultivation.

Friends of the Nebraska Association of Service Providers

\$25,000 for Direct Service Provider Talent Acquisition Project. People with developmental disabilities continue to suffer from the impact of the pandemic in relation to receiving the services they need. The pandemic has decimated home and community based services in Omaha and across the country due to loss of critical care staff such as direct support professionals. They are requesting assistance to raise awareness, recruit talented applicants and connect them with high-quality employers in order to continue providing critical services to our communities' most vulnerable residents.

Heart Ministry Center

\$25,000 for Fresh Start. Generational poverty is a major issue in the community where the Heart Ministry Center is located. Fresh Start is a program designed to address the underlying issues that perpetuate the cycle of poverty, specifically the lack of job opportunities and financial stability. The overall goal of the program is to provide program participants a way forward out of poverty through intensive individualized job training and placement.

International Council for Refugees and Immigrants

\$75,000 for Refugee Workforce Development. This initiative will assist clients with workforce development. By providing case management, job coaching, on-the-job support, and leveraging of community resources, refugees will have greater potential for advancement in the Omaha job market.

Latino Center of the Midlands

\$50,000 for Adult Education Programming. In the wake of COVID-19, the Latino Center of the Midlands sees both challenges and opportunities in South Omaha. South Omaha and the Latino community were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Now, they are building resilience in the local workforce. With workers of all ages seeking new employment, they anticipate a surge in enrollment in literacy, digital literacy, GED, ESL, and citizenship classes. These educational opportunities will open new doors for struggling workers in South Omaha.

Nebraska Children's Home Society

\$21,680 for Self-Sufficiency. As the economic fallout of COVID-19 caused thousands of Nebraskans to lose jobs or take pay cuts, Nebraska Children's Home Society is expanding their self-sufficiency program to incorporate a new evidence-based Mobility Mentoring® model that breaks down silos using a comprehensive approach to upward economic mobility. Whatever the goal, participants and mentors work side-by-side to solve problems and expand opportunities.

New Life Family Alliance

\$20,000 for Employment and Training Specialist. The Omaha Department of Labor has referred many clients who do not have computer skills to New Life Family Alliance to help them reapply for unemployment compensation and make new job applications. New Life Family Alliance has responded positively to these requests, assisting many refugees with these processes. They have also linked with some private employment providers to assist refugees.

SOCCC, Inc.

\$25,000 for Careers in Tech Boot Camp. The South Omaha Community Care Council (SOCCC) recognizes the rising demand for skills in technology. SOCCC will partner with AIM Institute to provide our community members access to AIM's Careers in Tech bootcamp. Participants will be taught coding based on an accredited, industry-validated curriculum qualifying them for an entry-level programming internship or an entry-level tech position.

Table Grace Ministries

\$9,000 for 10-Day Job Experience. For over 10 years, Table Grace Café has offered a different approach. Table Grace set out to change not just the way well-meaning people can assist those experiencing poverty and homelessness but also offer an alternative to the person or family in poverty. Participants of the Job Experience program are primarily equipped for entry-level or low-skilled labor, often with a history of drug abuse, low education and literacy, felony convictions, incarceration, and homelessness. Table Grace offers a new path.

Young Entrepreneurs of the Future

\$5,000 for Hair Braiding Entrepreneur Program. With afterschool programs still not having in-person programming, Young Entrepreneurs of the Future created a mobile safe place to continue educating our youth. They hired a licensed cosmetologist to teach kids about braiding hair and the business side of it to give them an opportunity to learn a new skill that they could take and start making money. The youth can now offer these services in a safe place with adult supervision away from their home.



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