



Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa

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Grant Report

SPRING 2024



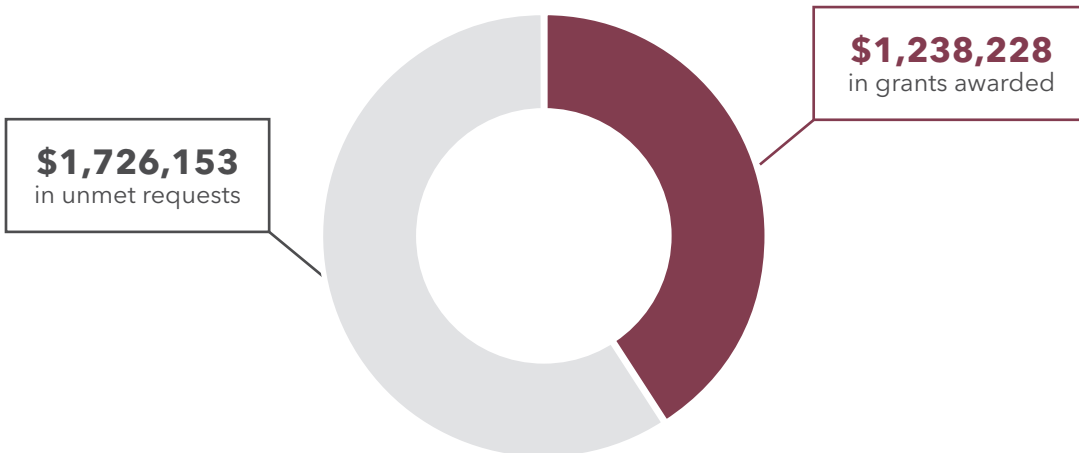
Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa

In the spring of 2024, the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa awarded **139 grants totaling \$1,238,228** to nonprofits and community programs in Audubon, Cass, Crawford, Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Montgomery, Page, and Shelby Counties.

These grants aim to improve each county's quality of life by supporting needs and opportunities in the areas of arts and culture, education, environment, health, human services, and historic preservation.

AT A GLANCE

Available grant funding met 42% of the requests.



This grant cycle was made possible through the State of Iowa County Endowment Fund Program and is funded by a percentage of the state's commercial gaming tax revenue, which is distributed annually to participating community foundations associated with counties without a state-issued gaming license.



Audubon County

Audubon County Conservation Board

Construct a 5-foot-wide, 450-foot-long handicap accessible sidewalk at Littlefield Recreation Area.

REQUESTED: \$21,450 **AWARDED:** \$10,000

Audubon Recreation Foundation

Add fitness and weightlifting area, repurposing old half-court basketball and batting cage area at Audubon Recreation Center.

REQUESTED: \$135,000 **AWARDED:** \$40,000

Brayton Community Club

Replace town hall siding, gutters, soffits, and exterior doors.

REQUESTED: \$29,500 **AWARDED:** \$15,000

City of Exira

Replace leaking 45-year-old roof on Exira Fire Department building.

REQUESTED: \$23,700 **AWARDED:** \$20,000

Exira-Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School District

Convert weight and storage facility into a community fitness center with upgraded equipment.

REQUESTED: \$116,000 **AWARDED:** \$40,000

Friendship Home

Upgrade spa rooms for residents with modern amenities.

REQUESTED: \$82,500 **AWARDED:** \$9,171

The Children’s Nest

Offset post-pandemic cost increases.

REQUESTED: \$20,000 **AWARDED:** \$9,171

\$462,650 requested from 9 organizations	\$143,342 in grants awarded to 7 organizations
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Cass County

American Legion Post 508

Construct two new gender-neutral restrooms, replacing existing restroom.

REQUESTED: \$30,000 AWARDED: \$5,000

Anita Health and Wellness Center

Purchase one treadmill.

REQUESTED: \$5,350 AWARDED: \$5,350

Anita Vol Fire Association

Purchase Stryker Cot for ambulance capable of handling oversized patients.

REQUESTED: \$15,000 AWARDED: \$15,000

Ann W. Wickman Child Development Center

Renovate building interior and playground to meet safety standards and replace broken equipment.

REQUESTED: \$20,800 AWARDED: \$10,000

Atlantic Rock Island Society Enterprise

Manufacture and install 20 custom-sized upper-level windows, replacing damaged and inefficient ones.

REQUESTED: \$25,000 AWARDED: \$15,000

Cass County 4-H Rabbit Department

Purchase metal tables to replace old wooden ones for rabbit cages at county fair.

REQUESTED: \$10,000 AWARDED: \$5,000

Cass County Drone Team

Purchase additional drones to deploy immediately for search and rescue operations.

REQUESTED: \$16,000 AWARDED: \$3,000

Cass County Historical Museum

Revise, repair, and furnish new museum bathroom; update flooring, lighting, and signage.

REQUESTED: \$15,000 AWARDED: \$5,000

Griswold Fire Department

Purchase portable ground monitor for fire suppression.

REQUESTED: \$4,855 AWARDED: \$4,855

Griswold Rescue

Purchase mounts to secure cardiac monitor in ambulance cabinet.

REQUESTED: \$3,800 AWARDED: \$2,800

Griswold Youth Sports Complex, Inc.

Expand parking lot, replace fence tiles, extend dugouts, and replace bulbs and bases.

REQUESTED: \$5,000 AWARDED: \$4,855

Healthy Cass County - Grow Another Row

Install three additional water hydrants at Mollett Park.

REQUESTED: \$9,400 AWARDED: \$3,000

Lewis Public Library

Purchase mobile shelving for adult section and update meeting room kitchen.

REQUESTED: \$4,500 AWARDED: \$4,500

Marne Fire and Rescue Association

Purchase new bunker gear for two new firefighters.

REQUESTED: \$8,700 AWARDED: \$8,700

Massena Childcare

Fund startup costs for childcare center, including equipment and payroll supplementation.

REQUESTED: \$41,256 AWARDED: \$11,318

Massena Public Library

Replace deteriorating barn quilt mural and improve curb area to reduce maintenance.

REQUESTED: \$3,500 AWARDED: \$3,000

Nishna Valley Family YMCA

Replace inoperable pool air handling unit to maintain indoor pool operations.

REQUESTED: \$50,000 **AWARDED:** \$15,000

SHIFT ATL

Fundraising for city-owned splash pad, with SHIFT ATL as fiscal sponsor.

REQUESTED: \$20,000 **AWARDED:** \$5,000

Trivium Life Services

Provide essential items for clients transitioning to supported living homes.

REQUESTED: \$5,000 **AWARDED:** \$2,000

Vision Atlantic

Fund architectural fees for new child development center.

REQUESTED: \$50,000 **AWARDED:** \$11,318

\$375,136

requested from
26 organizations

\$145,696

in grants awarded
to 21 organizations



Crawford County

Aspinwall Community Club

New flooring throughout the main room, restrooms, and kitchen.

REQUESTED: \$10,000 **AWARDED:** \$10,000

CCHappyCats, Inc.

Purchase 12 new live traps for humane cat trapping and 10-12 cat condos to improve shelter efficiency and comfort for cats and kittens.

REQUESTED: \$10,000 **AWARDED:** \$1,000

Charter Oak Fire Department

Purchase five SCBA air tanks to update inventory per OSHA regulations.

REQUESTED: \$5,500 **AWARDED:** \$5,500

Children’s Imagination Station

Paint and install new flooring in two additional classrooms of approximately 14,604 sq. ft. building.

REQUESTED: \$20,216 **AWARDED:** \$3,000

City of Buck Grove

Purchase and install a new playground climber to replace outdated equipment presenting safety concerns.

REQUESTED: \$15,000 **AWARDED:** \$5,000

City of Charter Oak

Repair leaks and replace concrete around the pool deck, and repair inoperable pool skimmers.

REQUESTED: \$10,000 **AWARDED:** \$10,000

City of Kiron

Update older swings and seesaw in the north park with newer, safer options.

REQUESTED: \$4,252 **AWARDED:** \$4,252

City of Ricketts

Repair cement sidewalks at the community center and install a new sign.

REQUESTED: \$6,292 **AWARDED:** \$6,292

Crawford County Shooting Sports

Purchase two 20-foot Conex’s for storage, and repair/replace broken concrete around trap houses and classroom.

REQUESTED: \$4,200 **AWARDED:** \$4,200

Crossroads of Crawford County

Renovate building for safety, effectiveness, and growth of programs, providing better space for staff and services.

REQUESTED: \$35,000 **AWARDED:** \$10,000

Dow City Community Club

Add two ADA aluminum picnic tables, five standard picnic tables, and four benches to the outside addition.

REQUESTED: \$15,300 **AWARDED:** \$10,000

Eventide Foundation

Install a mechanical stair lift to assist with accessibility in case of elevator inaccessibility.

REQUESTED: \$15,700 **AWARDED:** \$5,000

Friends of Yellow Smoke Inc.

Provide incubators, fertile eggs, curriculum, and equipment for 11 classrooms to hatch chickens.

REQUESTED: \$3,575 **AWARDED:** \$3,575

Hospital Foundation of Crawford County

Replace all existing HVAC units and repair/replace roof where units are located.

REQUESTED: \$10,000 **AWARDED:** \$5,000

Kiron Community Club

Organize events and activities for the town’s 125th celebration weekend.

REQUESTED: \$10,000 **AWARDED:** \$1,808

Little Hawks Childcare Center

Equip a room with an enclosed toilet area including a sink, and install a mop sink.

REQUESTED: \$11,200 **AWARDED:** \$11,200

Manilla Fire Department

Replace four sets of bunker gear to comply with NFPA standards.

REQUESTED: \$14,604 **AWARDED:** \$6,000

Manilla Wellness Center

Purchase new volleyball poles and replace ceiling lights, emergency lights, and lighting covers.

REQUESTED: \$6,000 **AWARDED:** \$6,000

Schleswig Community Club

Fund banners, a new tent, tables, seating, entertainment, and activities for the town's 125th celebration.

REQUESTED: \$25,000 **AWARDED:** \$1,808

Schleswig Enterprise

Replace tables and chairs on the upstairs level with Lifetime plastic furniture.

REQUESTED: \$19,826 **AWARDED:** \$10,000

Share My Smile

Retain County Ambassador to serve foster and adoptive families and raise awareness of the need for more foster families.

REQUESTED: \$5,000 **AWARDED:** \$2,500

Under The Sun Childcare, Crawida Regional Child Care

Purchase curriculum kits, toys, art supplies, outdoor items, tables, and a bench for classroom enhancements.

REQUESTED: \$9,675 **AWARDED:** \$3,000

Westside American Legion Auxiliary - Crawford County

Cover utility expenses for the Legion Auxiliary hall used for town activities.

REQUESTED: \$3,500 **AWARDED:** \$3,500

Westside Fire & Rescue

Fund Emergency Medical Technician education for four volunteer members.

REQUESTED: \$9,400 **AWARDED:** \$9,400

Westside Public Library

Restock children's book collection and replace existing bookcases in the children's section.

REQUESTED: \$3,500 **AWARDED:** \$3,500

\$417,341

requested from
28 organizations

\$141,535

in grants awarded
to 26 organizations

Fremont County

Farragut Fire and Rescue

Purchase and modify two Conex shipping containers for live fire training operations.

REQUESTED: \$10,000 **AWARDED:** \$10,000

Fremont County Disaster Coalition

Provide training for a second round of volunteers in disaster response skills, focusing on high school youth.

REQUESTED: \$4,165 **AWARDED:** \$2,800

Fremont County Historical Society

Construct a building to connect museum and storage building for additional exhibit space.

REQUESTED: \$9,738 **AWARDED:** \$9,738

Hamburg Community School Fiscal Sponsor of Hamburg Hometown Pride

Create three art sculptures of the state of Iowa depicting historical and cultural aspects of the community.

REQUESTED: \$8,400 **AWARDED:** \$8,400

Hamburg Inter Church Council

Replace ceiling tiles, light fixtures, and patch holes in plaster walls and ceiling.

REQUESTED: \$8,053 **AWARDED:** \$8,053

Hamburg Public Library

Update projector, television, and add compatible laptop computer, speakers, microphone, cases, stands, and window treatments for meeting room.

REQUESTED: \$5,099 **AWARDED:** \$5,099

Percival Hometown Pride

Purchase playground equipment, grill, portable sign, and signage for park improvements.

REQUESTED: \$5,000 **AWARDED:** \$5,000

Tabor Hometown Pride

Construct a 12 x 20 shelter with concrete base and double hip roofline for Main Street Pocket Park.

REQUESTED: \$14,500 **AWARDED:** \$14,500

Thurman Fire Department

Repair brakes on pumper truck and purchase new gear for three firefighters.

REQUESTED: \$19,792 **AWARDED:** \$14,991

Thurman Hometown Pride

Replace deteriorating Veteran's memorial with a new structure.

REQUESTED: \$10,000 **AWARDED:** \$10,000

Town of Thurman

Replace malfunctioning heat pumps.

REQUESTED: \$18,385 **AWARDED:** \$9,192

\$117,315

requested from
12 organizations

\$97,773

in grants awarded
to 11 organizations



Harrison County

City of Logan

Funding for new emergency siren to improve town coverage.

REQUESTED: \$12,000 AWARDED: \$12,000

City of Missouri Valley

New ambulance cot to enhance patient safety and reduce injury risk.

REQUESTED: \$10,706 AWARDED: \$10,706

City of Mondamin

Upgrade to City Park's energy grid with an additional 200 amp service.

REQUESTED: \$7,500 AWARDED: \$7,500

City of Persia

Lead abatement for city water tower maintenance.

REQUESTED: \$10,000 AWARDED: \$10,000

Dunlap Betterment Group

Enhance railroad heritage site with safety features and educational panels.

REQUESTED: \$11,700 AWARDED: \$9,311

Dunlap Vol Fire and Rescue

Pulse oximeters for infants and SCBA unit for firefighter safety.

REQUESTED: \$10,860 AWARDED: \$10,860

Harrison County Conservation Board

Acquisition of a 40-acre property for public recreation.

REQUESTED: \$15,000 AWARDED: \$15,000

Harrison County Sheriff's Office

Equipment for a second K-9 unit, including temperature monitoring for safety.

REQUESTED: \$8,177 AWARDED: \$8,177

MV Youth Baseball

Field safety improvements with new aggregate, irrigation, and leveling.

REQUESTED: \$31,065 AWARDED: \$23,400

MV Youth Softball Organization

Safety equipment for player development across eight softball teams.

REQUESTED: \$8,840 AWARDED: \$4,420

Pisgah Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Replacement of outdated bunker gear for growing fire department.

REQUESTED: \$10,465 AWARDED: \$10,465

West Central Community Action

Expand food pantry with additional shelving and a convertible freezer.

REQUESTED: \$3,500 AWARDED: \$3,500

Woodbine Carnegie Public Library

Repair of the Little Lady Liberty statue base at the library front lawn.

REQUESTED: \$7,974 AWARDED: \$7,975

Woodbine Little League Softball

Infield renovation to address drainage and improve playability.

REQUESTED: \$10,000 AWARDED: \$10,000

\$369,195

requested from
25 organizations

\$143,314

in grants awarded
to 14 organizations

Mills County

City of Emerson

Upgrade to ADA-compliant entrance, sidewalk, parking, and automatic door.

REQUESTED: \$25,000 AWARDED: \$25,000

Davies Amphitheater

Additional and improved lighting for patron safety and facility access.

REQUESTED: \$15,500 AWARDED: \$15,500

East Mills Area Youth Sports

Update football equipment to ensure safety and accommodate various sizes.

REQUESTED: \$5,000 AWARDED: \$5,000

East Mills Child Care Solutions

Renovation of former nursing home into a child care center with a new playground.

REQUESTED: \$30,000 AWARDED: \$20,768

East Mills Wolverines PTO

Tricycles and basketball hoops for elementary playground.

REQUESTED: \$6,576 AWARDED: \$3,500

Glenwood Beautification and Betterment Committee

Construction of a large, lighted welcome sign.

REQUESTED: \$15,400 AWARDED: \$10,000

Glenwood Fire Department

Purchase of ElevatedCPR device to assist with cardiac arrest responses.

REQUESTED: \$8,500 AWARDED: \$8,500

Glenwood Public Library Foundation

New adjustable, mobile circulation desks for library services.

REQUESTED: \$6,500 AWARDED: \$3,000

Hastings Fire and First Responders

Additional air bottles for SCBA units for firefighter safety.

REQUESTED: \$7,376 AWARDED: \$7,376

Malvern Volunteer Fire Department

Upgrading primary hose lines and nozzles for fire department.

REQUESTED: \$10,869 AWARDED: \$10,869

Mills County Historical Museum

Replacement of porch decking and upgrade of support structure.

REQUESTED: \$3,800 AWARDED: \$3,800

Mills County YMCA

New training and safety equipment for YMCA pool facilities.

REQUESTED: \$8,321 AWARDED: \$2,000

Mills Masquers Community Theater

Updates to theater bathroom facilities.

REQUESTED: \$20,000 AWARDED: \$5,000

Oak Township Fire and Rescue

Traffic safety warning devices for fire engines.

REQUESTED: \$4,200 AWARDED: \$4,200

Silver City Ambulance

Upgrade to Lifepak 15 cardiac monitor defibrillator for emergency response.

REQUESTED: \$7,000 AWARDED: \$7,000

Silver City Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

Replace emergency light bar with LED strobe lighting on fire engine.

REQUESTED: \$3,800 AWARDED: \$3,800

Wabash Trace Nature Trail

Finish interior of maintenance building, multi-purpose area, and visitor space.

REQUESTED: \$17,500 **AWARDED:** \$8,000

\$329,054

requested from
26 organizations

\$143,313

in grants awarded
to 16 organizations

Montgomery County

City of Red Oak Park and Tree Board

Installation of new irrigation around Freedom Rock and the new stage to enhance park beauty.

REQUESTED: \$4,000 AWARDED: \$4,000

Elliott Public Library

Upgrade library computers for patron use and modernize interior with historical displays.

REQUESTED: \$3,940 AWARDED: \$3,940

Feed the Pack-West

Construction of a shelter house for outdoor eating area at Valley East Apartments.

REQUESTED: \$5,450 AWARDED: \$5,450

Montgomery County Agricultural Society

Replace lights in the fair building and add new outdoor lights for better night visibility.

REQUESTED: \$4,500 AWARDED: \$4,500

Montgomery County Child Development Association

Shade installation, mulch replenishment, storage shed for outdoor items, and laptops for staff.

REQUESTED: \$35,840 AWARDED: \$30,000

Montgomery County Conservation Foundation, Inc.

Add stand-up inflatable paddleboards to water recreation equipment.

REQUESTED: \$5,000 AWARDED: \$2,500

Nishna Productions, Inc.

Purchase of essential appliances for a new residential site.

REQUESTED: \$6,513 AWARDED: \$5,000

Project Porchlight

Supply backpacks and school supplies for students.

REQUESTED: \$6,000 AWARDED: \$6,000

Red Oak Arts Destination (ROAD)

Commission a professional muralist to paint a large mural as a visitor destination.

REQUESTED: \$17,000 AWARDED: \$10,000

Red Oak Grand Theatre, Inc.

Tuckpointing for building maintenance to prevent water damage.

REQUESTED: \$30,000 AWARDED: \$20,000

Restored Burlington Northern Depot and WWII Memorial Museum

Repair and update exterior areas for safety and historic preservation.

REQUESTED: \$10,000 AWARDED: \$5,000

Southwest Valley Schools - Villisca Campus

Updates to the wellness center and new chairs for school events.

REQUESTED: \$26,500 AWARDED: \$10,000

Stanton Historical Society

Install new concrete sidewalk for property safety and aesthetics.

REQUESTED: \$3,500 AWARDED: \$3,500

Stanton Viking Center

Develop a new youth baseball/softball field and upgrade existing facilities.

REQUESTED: \$25,000 AWARDED: \$25,000

Villisca EMS Association Inc

Update and purchase new emergency medical equipment for EMS service.

REQUESTED: \$3,500 **AWARDED:** \$2,500

Villisca Public Library

Install gutter guards to prevent water damage and repair squirrel damage.

REQUESTED: \$7,000 **AWARDED:** \$4,947

<p>\$328,121 requested from 20 organizations</p>	<p>\$138,390 in grants awarded to 16 organizations</p>
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Page County

City of Clarinda, IA, Parks and Recreation Department

Replace 29-year-old gym floor with a composite flooring for enhanced safety.

REQUESTED: \$75,000 AWARDED: \$36,356

City of Essex

Add ADA-compliant picnic tables and solar lanterns for park safety and accessibility.

REQUESTED: \$9,777 AWARDED: \$9,777

Clarinda Chamber of Commerce

Remodel with modern tech, furniture, and a meeting table by the high school trades class.

REQUESTED: \$7,138 AWARDED: \$3,170

Clarinda Community Trail Committee

Extend the community trail to connect downtown to City Park.

REQUESTED: \$25,000 AWARDED: \$15,000

Clarinda Fire Department

Purchase protective gear and a multi-gas monitor for firefighter and public safety.

REQUESTED: \$5,325 AWARDED: \$5,325

Essex Child Center

Upgrade play equipment and educational toys for child safety and development.

REQUESTED: \$10,784 AWARDED: \$10,784

Essex Community School District

Revamp the FCS kitchen with commercial-grade furniture and appliances.

REQUESTED: \$4,502 AWARDED: \$2,250

Essex Fire Rescue

Install an air conditioner to maintain medication temperature in EMS vehicles.

REQUESTED: \$3,500 AWARDED: \$3,500

Grandma's House Daycare

New cribs and various furniture for different age group classrooms and activities.

REQUESTED: \$5,984 AWARDED: \$5,984

Nishna Productions, Inc.

Furnish a new residential site with essential appliances.

REQUESTED: \$6,513 AWARDED: \$6,513

Page County Conservation Board

Develop a new campground with access to the Nodaway River.

REQUESTED: \$7,176 AWARDED: \$7,176

Shenandoah Fire Department

Replace SCBA units for firefighter safety and compliance.

REQUESTED: \$10,499 AWARDED: \$10,499

Shenandoah Pregnancy and Resource Center

Equip new building with technology for services and educational classes.

REQUESTED: \$5,336 AWARDED: \$3,500

Southwest Iowa Families Inc

Complete finishing of a new mental health facility and install a privacy fence.

REQUESTED: \$17,500 AWARDED: \$3,500

Wabash Trace Nature Trail

Connect trails, improve safety, and create better community accessibility.

REQUESTED: \$20,000 AWARDED: \$20,000

\$334,742
requested from
22 organizations

\$143,334
in grants awarded
to 15 organizations

Shelby County

City of Shelby - Shelby Fire & Rescue

Purchase turnout gear sets for new fire department members to ensure safety.

REQUESTED: \$11,365 **AWARDED:** \$11,365

Danish Windmill

Replace a small concession stand with a larger, insulated shed for events and storage.

REQUESTED: \$8,000 **AWARDED:** \$8,000

Dream Playground Reimagined

Demolish old playground and construct an all-inclusive playground with improved facilities.

REQUESTED: \$80,000 **AWARDED:** \$30,000

Earling Fire & Rescue Department

Equip new volunteers with protective gear and replace outdated fire hoses and equipment.

REQUESTED: \$15,500 **AWARDED:** \$15,500

Irwin Fire and Rescue Association

Buy two full sets of bunker gear and a four gas monitor for volunteer firefighters.

REQUESTED: \$13,300 **AWARDED:** \$13,300

Kids in the Village

Enhance classrooms with dividers, play equipment, and a new dishwasher for efficiency.

REQUESTED: \$14,485 **AWARDED:** \$14,485

Little Cyclones Baseball

Finish constructing an indoor facility for youth baseball and softball training.

REQUESTED: \$20,000 **AWARDED:** \$10,000

Shelby County Conservation Board

Update hawk and eagle enclosures and nature center habitats to meet federal guidelines.

REQUESTED: \$3,500 **AWARDED:** \$3,500

Shelby County Fair Corporation

Purchase AEDs for medical emergencies and add security cameras for patron safety.

REQUESTED: \$5,000 **AWARDED:** \$5,000

Shelby County Historical Museum

Develop new educational field trips and purchase supplies to enhance learning experiences.

REQUESTED: \$3,752 **AWARDED:** \$3,752

Shelby County Trails Board

Extend a multi-use trail for community connectivity and outdoor activities.

REQUESTED: \$20,240 **AWARDED:** \$20,240

Westphalia Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Complete purchase of rescue equipment for potential grain bin entrapment situations.

REQUESTED: \$6,389 **AWARDED:** \$6,389

\$230,827

requested from
15 organizations

\$141,531

in grants awarded
to 12 organizations



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The Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa serve to benefit its nine communities and the people who live within them, with support for arts and culture, education, environment, health, human services, and historic preservation.

As affiliates of the Omaha Community Foundation, the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa receive funds annually from the State of Iowa County Endowment Fund Program for endowment building and grantmaking.

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