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\$110,139 Granted to Fremont County Nonprofit Agencies

Grant Schaaf, Chair of the Fremont County Community Foundation, is pleased to announce today that grants totaling \$110,139.00 were awarded to Fremont County nonprofit agencies.

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

Organization	Project	Award
City of Riverton	City Park handicap accessible modern restrooms	\$5,000.00
Colonial Theatre	Stage expansion & refurbishing	\$5,000.00
Farragut Fire & Rescue	Power lift cot for rescue unit	\$10,000.00
Fremont County Fair Board	McElroy Building renovations	\$7,489.00
Fremont County Reserve Deputy Association	4WD utility vehicle	\$8,000.00
George C. Grape Community Hospital Foundation	Expand current analytical lab	\$10,000.00
Golden Key Club	Renovations	\$2,500.00
Hamburg Public Library	New refrigerator/freezer	\$850.00
Hamburg Home Town Pride	Park renovations & equipment repairs	\$3,000.00
Inter Church Council of Hamburg	Building repair, parking lot repair and appliances	\$4,000.00
Percival Hometown Pride Committee	Playground equipment	\$10,000.00
Riverton Betterment Club	Trash cans for City Park	\$2,000.00
Riverton Volunteer Fire & Rescue	Equipment	\$2,500.00
Sidney Community Schools	Replace cardiovascular equipment	\$10,000.00
Sidney Youth Sports	Bleachers	\$4,000.00
Southern Loess Hills Welcome Center	Table and chairs for groups meeting at the Center	\$1,000.00
Tabor Optimist Club	Concession stand equipment	\$4,000.00
Tabor Volunteer Fire & Rescue	Equipment	\$10,000.00
Waubonsie State Park/IA DNR	Renovations & equipment	\$10,000.00
West Central Community Action	Upright freezer	\$800.00

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

Fremont County agency representatives received their checks on April 7th. During brief check distribution activities, Schaaf commended the nonprofit agencies for their individual efforts to provide a better quality of life for the residents of Fremont County.

"Our Advisory Board is pleased to direct \$110,139.00 in grants to these important community efforts in Fremont County," Schaaf explained. "The Fremont County Community Foundation is one of nine counties that are collectively known as the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa and meets or exceeds the Standards for Community Foundations as established by the Council on Foundations in Washington DC."

The Fremont County Community Foundation 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 Fremont 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 Schaaf.

Board members of the Fremont County Community Foundation are: Chair, Grant Schaaf of Tabor; Vice Chair, Steve Lorimor of Farragut; Secretary/Treasurer, Erika Graham of Sidney; Kristin Blackburn of Tabor; Kent Claiborne of Hamburg; and Danielle Loewe of Sidney.

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