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Community Foundation for Western Iowa Awards Record \$68,870 in Latest-and-Largest Impact Grants Funding Cycle

(Council Bluffs, IA) – In its latest and largest Impact Grants funding cycle to-date, the Community Foundation for Western Iowa, formerly Pottawattamie County Community Foundation, is pleased to announce its 2022 Community Impact Grants award recipients. After a thorough evaluation process, the Community Impact Grants Committee – a group of county residents and board members – elected to award 40 Community Impact Grants totaling \$68,870 to Pottawattamie County nonprofit and city organizations, a 15% increase in grant dollars from the 2021 grant cycle.

The Community Foundation received 64 grant proposals totaling \$226,921.63 in project requests, with total project budgets combined at an impressive \$1.9 Million dollars, signifying the incredible work that is being done in Pottawattamie County.

Individual grant awards for this year's funding cycle ranged from \$500 to \$5,000 to benefit innovative and meaningful projects that align with the Foundation's mission to improve the lives of all county residents. Annually, Community Impact Grants funding is eligible to any tax-exempt, nonprofit organization or governmental entity for creative or impactful projects that meet a clear, identifiable need in Pottawattamie County. Grants are allocated to projects in a variety of focus areas, such as: Arts & Culture, Community Betterment, Community Engagement, Education, Environment, Health, Human Services, and Youth.

"This record-breaking cycle for our Community Impact Grants truly illustrates the amazing and impactful work being done throughout our county by nonprofit organizations and community groups," said Donna Dostal, president and CEO of the Community Foundation. "Our entire team here at the Community Foundation is committed to supporting these important projects and programs, not only with funding, but also through communication and sharing their stories of impact. We are honored to be able to assist in their work."

The majority of the Community Foundation's grant making is directed by donors who have funds created to purposefully impact charities located within our community and throughout Western Iowa. Dostal added that individuals and businesses can create their own fund through the Community

Foundation to “give back” and contributions can receive major tax benefits. New endowment funds and future contributions will receive an additional 10% contribution from Community Foundation for Western Iowa, and an Endow Iowa tax credit of 25% may also be available. In 2021, donors at the Community Foundation provided 269 grants totaling an astounding \$1.9 million dollars to a variety of nonprofit organizations. For information on creating a fund, please call 712-256-7007 or visit www.givewesterniowa.org for more details. Community Foundation for Western Iowa is nationally accredited by the Council on Foundations (www.cfstandards.org).

About Community Foundation for Western Iowa

Community Foundation for Western Iowa, formerly Pottawattamie County Community Foundation, is a tax-exempt public charity, 501(c)(3), that serves thousands of people who share a common interest in improving the quality of life in Western Iowa.

Through the Community Foundation, individuals, families, businesses and organizations can create permanent charitable funds that help their communities meet the challenges of changing times. The foundation invests and administers these charitable funds. The Community Foundation is overseen by a volunteer board of leading citizens and run by professionals with expertise in identifying the needs of their community.

The Community Foundation for Western Iowa celebrated the announcement of their new name and brand at a ribbon cutting and dedication in May. The new name and brand represent the Community Foundation’s roots and future, and better reflects its mission to build community through giving while being a leader in donor-centric philanthropy.

Mission: Community Foundation for Western Iowa is a partnership of rural and urban citizens dedicated to improving the lives of all residents by supporting and stimulating donor-driven philanthropy. “Give Where We Live” at www.givewesterniowa.org.

2022 Community Grants Award Recipients

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Award</u>
American Midwest Ballet	Season 13 Education & Community Engagement	\$1,000
Carson Community Rodeo	Carson Rodeo Skybox Seating	\$3,750
Carter Lake City Hall	Carter Lake Village Winter Festival	\$750
Charles E. Lakin Human Services Campus	Lakin Campus 15th Annual Back to School Extravaganza	\$2,000
CHI Health Mercy Council Bluffs	Basic Health Needs Assistance Program (BHNAP)	\$1,500
City of Avoca - Market & Longest Table	Entertainment, Education, and Customer Engagement on Avoca Main Street	\$1,400
City of Avoca - Ho Ho Hoedown	Avoca's Holidays on Main - 2022 Santa's Ho Ho Hoedown	\$1,000
City of Carson	Gateway to Carson Mural	\$2,000
Council Bluffs Schools Foundation	Rotary 5th Grade Career Fair	\$1,000

Council Bluffs Soccer Club	CBSC "Soccer for All" Scholarship Program	\$1,000
Dexter's Dream Foundation	Sensory Santa	\$2,000
Family Crisis Centers	Outreach Supplies for Family Crisis Centers	\$1,500
First Responders Foundation	Peer Support Training for First Responders and Veterans	\$1,000
Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa	Pottawattamie County Girl Scouts - Space Science Exploration!	\$1,325
Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa - Troop 40341	American Girl Dolls at the Council Bluffs Public Library	\$500
Heartland Family Service	Psychiatric Services	\$1,500
Historic General Dodge House, Inc.	2022 Independence Day - Free Community Celebration	\$1,000
Historical Society of Pottawattamie County	Chicago and Northwestern Dining Car Painting	\$1,000
Impact Hill	Family Entertainment	\$2,000
Inter-Faith Response, Inc.	Program Fund for Rent and Utilities	\$2,500
Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital Foundation	Medi-Van Patient Transport	\$1,500
Justice For Our Neighbors	Pottawattamie County Immigration Legal Services	\$1,000
League of Human Dignity	Equipment Loan and Rental Program	\$1,500
Minden Community Club	Minden Community Club New Entry Doors	\$3,000
Minden Little League	Minden Little League Improvements	\$1,145
New Visions Homeless Services	Food Stability Program	\$1,500
Omaha Bridges Out of Poverty, Inc.	Southwest Iowa Poverty Alleviation Initiative	\$2,500
Omaha Symphony	2022-23 Mission Imagination at Iowa Western	\$3,000
Pottawattamie Arts Culture & Entertainment (PACE)	2022 PACE Music in the Park Series	\$2,000
Preserve Council Bluffs	"These Walls CAN Talk" Short Informational Videos	\$1,500
Saving Grace Perishable Food Rescue	Expansion of Logistics and Distribution Operations in Council Bluffs	\$5,000
Share A Fare Inc	"On the Go" in Pottawattamie County	\$1,000
Share My Smile	Program Growth and Development	\$3,500
Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc.	Supplies and Materials for 13 Fully Furnished Twin Beds for Children in Need	\$3,500
TeamMates of Lewis Central	Senior Scholarships and Event Funding	\$1,000
The 712 Initiative	100 Block Holiday Lights	\$1,500
Nebraska Diaper Bank, formerly The Life House	Pottawattamie County Diaper Distribution	\$1,000
Treynor Parks & Trail Board	Park Flag & Entry Signs	\$1,500
Walnut Community Center Foundation	Walnut Community Center - Volleyball	\$1,500
Wings of Hope Cancer Support Center	The Hope Program	\$1,000