



Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa

MILLS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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More than \$142,000 Granted to Mills County Community Projects

The Mills County Community Foundation awarded \$142,726 to Mills County nonprofit organizations and community projects during its Spring 2026 Grant Cycle.

The following organizations are Spring 2026 Grant Recipients:

Organization Name	Project Name	Grant Amount
East Mills Childcare Solutions	The Lakin Foundation Child Development Center of East Mills	\$ 15,462.00
Emerson Volunteer Fire Rescue Association	SCBA air pack carbon cylinders & SCBA mask bags	\$ 8,773.00
Silver City Ambulance	Lifepak 15 Cardiac Monitor & Defibrillator	\$ 7,100.00
Malvern Public Library	Library Computer Updates/Meeting Room Insulation	\$ 15,950.00
The Malvern Volunteer Fire Department	Upgrade Fire Hose and Nozzles II	\$ 14,101.00
Glenwood Fire Department	Technology Grant	\$ 3,727.00
Mills County Conservation	Water bottle filling station	\$ 1,500.00
City of Emerson	Emerson American Flag Display	\$ 4,400.00
Mills County Storehouse & Food Pantry	Mills County Storehouse & Food Pantry	\$ 10,000.00
Malvern Historical Society, INC.	Malvern Museum Phase 1 Building Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 11,456.00
City of Henderson	All-Inclusive Playground	\$ 25,000.00
Foster SQUAD	Operation Santa 2026	\$ 1,000.00
Emerson Improvement Organization	Emerson Sport Court Project	\$ 13,957.00
City of Hastings	Foam Nozzles	\$ 3,500.00
Oak Township Fire and Rescue	Mobile Data Terminal for Fire Engine	\$ 6,800.00

All grantees met the criteria as Mills County nonprofit agencies or organizations with charitable missions supporting community needs in the areas of civic engagement, culture, health, education, and social services. Only organizations providing services in Mills County were eligible to apply.

The Mills County Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Omaha Community Foundation, which meets National Standards for Community Foundations, and is one of nine county members of the Community Foundations of

Southwest Iowa. It receives funds annually from the State of Iowa County Endowment Fund Program for endowment building and grantmaking throughout the county. This cycle of grants was made possible through the 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.

The Mills County Community Foundation works with individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to create permanent and expendable funds that address changing, vital community needs and interests. To inquire about donating to the Mills County Community Foundation, please contact the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa staff or any board member listed below. Gifts to permanently endowed funds through the Mills County Community Foundation may be eligible to receive a 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit.

Advisory board members of the Mills County Community Foundation are Kate McGann, Mary Bolton, Jim Schoening, Brent VonEssen, Andy Young, Curtis Frazee, and Larry Lauridsen.

For information about donating or establishing an individual foundation/fund, please contact Sarah Beth Ray, Iowa Foundations Advisor, at 800-794-3458 or sarahbeth@omahafoundation.org.

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