



# Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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

The Montgomery County Community Foundation awarded \$142,221 to Montgomery 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
Red Oak Grand Theatre, Inc.	Upgrade Computers in Theatre 1 and Theatre 2	\$ 2,467.00
Red Oak Music Boosters	Auditorium Upgrades	\$ 15,000.00
MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY	Gold Fair Bldg Kitchen Update	\$ 10,000.00
Southwest Valley Early Childhood-Villisca	SWV ECEC From Play to Purpose Project	\$ 4,600.00
Villisca Lions Club	Lions KidSight Camera	\$ 6,500.00
City of Red Oak Park and Tree Board	Red Oak Sports complex building update	\$ 6,000.00
Save Our Depot, Inc - The Restored Burlington Northern Depot & WWII Museum	Restore and Repair Building Exterior Masonry (Brick) Surfaces - Tuckpointing, Power Washing and Waterproofing	\$ 10,000.00
MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAMILY YMCA	PHASE TWO OF WELLNESS CENTER EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION PROJECT	\$ 15,000.00
Elliot Fire Department	Dual-Certified Wild-land Firefighting/Technical Rescue Personal Protective Equipment	\$ 6,356.00
Montgomery County Child Development Association (DBA: Red Oak Child Development Center)	Drop In 3YO PK and Mentorship Program	\$ 10,690.00
Behind the Shields	Guardian Translator	\$ 1,250.00
Stanton Public Library	Library Computers	\$ 1,300.00
Villisca Community Betterment Association	Free Community Outdoor Movie Theater	\$ 3,250.00
Stanton Historical Society	windows & a-v equipment	\$ 3,800.00
Montgomery County History Center	Building Restoration and Improvement	\$ 6,000.00

Stanton Community Foundation	Downtown Sound System-Montgomery County	\$ 20,000.00
Wilson Performing Arts Center	Children's Community Theatre Expansion: Puppet Theatre Development	\$ 5,000.00
City of Villisca	City of Villisca Pool Stairs	\$ 5,000.00
Villisca Community Garden	Villisca Community Garden renovation	\$ 1,008.00
Villisca Youth Sports	Villisca Youth Sports West Bleachers - Montgomery County	\$ 5,000.00
Villisca Public Library	Basement Window Replacement Project	\$ 4,000.00

All grantees met the criteria as Montgomery 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 Montgomery County were eligible to apply.

The Montgomery 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 Montgomery 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 Montgomery 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 Montgomery County Community Foundation may be eligible to receive a 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit.

Advisory board members of the Montgomery County Community Foundation are Brian LeRette, Marty Barnett, Dennis Bloom, Christine Johnson, Jenna Ramsey, Alex Burton, Jason Orme, Allen Pohren, and John Tischer.

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](mailto:sarahbeth@omahafoundation.org).

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