

Gifts near \$410,540 total

County Foundation grants \$49,600 to 16 worthy county projects

From its 11 granting cycles in six years, the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) has awarded a total \$410,540 through 156 grants to non-profit groups across the county.

In recent ceremonies held in the Community Center in Dows, 16 groups received a total of \$49,600 in grant awards. The grant making committee, as well as the Youth Leadership committee, composed of six high school juniors and seniors from across Wright County, reviewed the grant applications; \$44,000 was awarded by the grant committee with the youth adding \$5,600 from their review. All grants were approved by the full WCCF board of directors.

The WCCF receives a portion of the gaming funds which come to the state coffers from gambling annually, as do another 84 counties. None of those counties have gaming within their borders. Each county foundation is required to give 75% of the monies they receive in the form of grants; the 25% balance is retained as a permanent county endowment.

Grant recipients include:

Belmond Historical Society

Replace balance of windows, front/back doors; Youth, \$400; Adult, \$1,300

Heartland Museum

Siding on the building; Youth, \$300; Adult, \$2,000

Clarion-Goldfield Boy Scout Troop #1047

Trailer for equipment; Youth, \$300; Adult, \$3,500

Wright Wranglers 4-H Club

Vinyl rails at Wright County Fair Grounds;

Youth, \$400, Adult, \$2,100

Eagle Grove EMS

Update obsolete equipment on ambulances; Youth, \$400; Adult, \$2,000

Rowan Volunteer Fire Department

Turnout gear; Youth, \$400, Adult, \$3,600

American Legion, Harvey McPeak Post #289

Replace plaque, repair weather-damaged memorial; Youth, \$400; Adult, \$4,200

Clarion Depot Foundation

Tuck pointing and replace door;

Youth, \$300; Adult, \$2,500

Dows Rural Fire Association

Purchase new cutter for jaws of life; Youth, \$300; Adult, \$3,500

Sencar, Inc. Belmond

Dish machine to meet guidelines; Youth, \$400; Adult, \$2,000

ISU Extension - Wright County Extension

3rd grade Safety Day Camp; Youth, \$300; Adult, \$2,000

Wright County Visitors Bureau

Business Directory; Youth, \$300; Adult, \$1,800

Eagle Grove Sports Boosters

Restroom & Concession Stand – Ballpark; Youth, \$500; Adult, \$6,000

Belmond Area Arts Council

Modernize camp facilities; Youth, \$300; Adult, \$3,000

Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce

Planters, banners – Main Street; Youth, \$300; Adult, \$3,000

Dows Commercial Club

Banners & planters – Main Street; Youth, \$300; Adult, \$1,500

According to Wright County Economic Development Director Dennis Bowman, “Requests continue to come from across the county,” he said. “We are pleased with the quality of the projects and the difference the foundation money can make to projects from a wide variety of needs and areas.” Each grant applicant is required to match a portion of the funds necessary to complete the project; volunteer labor hours can also be added to the funds/hours needed to complete each project.

The 2011 fall grant cycle will begin on September 15 (no applications will be received prior to this date) with the final date to receive completed grants on October 15. Grant applications can be obtained at the Wright County Economic Development Offices, lower level of the courthouse or on line at the county’s web site: HYPERLINK "http://www.wrightcounty.org" www.wrightcounty.org .



Connie Wilson, WCCF Board Member, Marcus Spangler, EMS, Karla Thompson, Interim EMS Director, Rachelle Pille & Kaylee Russell, WCCF Youth Leaders.

Eagle Grove Emergency Medical Service - \$2,400 to update equipment in ambulances



Kaylee Russell, WCCF Youth Leader, Steve McClintock & Caye Chelesvig, WCCF Board members receiving check on behalf of the Belmond Historical Society.

\$1,700 to replace windows and doors on Museum



George Boyington, Heartland Museum Board, Rachelle Pille, WCCF Youth Leader, Karen Weld & Duane Asbe, WCCF Charitable Foundation

Heartland Museum - \$2,300 to replace siding



Duane Asbe & Karen Weld, WCCF Board Members, Tyler Marker & Scott Wiezorek, Clarion-Goldfield Cub Scouts, Kaylee Russell, WCCF Youth Leader, LeRoy Jensen and Jim Schipull, WCCF Board Members

\$3,800 for new trailer to haul equipment



Connie Wilson, WCCF Board Member, Rachel & Diane Martens, Matt Magee, all from Wright Wranglers 4-H Club, Rachelle Pille, WCCF Youth Leader

Wright Wranglers 4-H Club

\$2,500 vinyl rails at Wright County Fair Grounds



Berne Ketchum, WCCF Board member, Sean Fogarty, Rowan Fire Dept., Kaylee Russell, WCCF Youth Leader, Tom Groom & Lee Aldrich, WCCF Board members

\$4,000 - Turnout gear to the Rowan Volunteer Fire Department



Jim Schipull, WCCF Board member, Wayne Rapp, Walter Martin, Chuck Nerum, Everett Kraft, JoAnn Hunt, Vivian Markman, Maxine McPeak, all members of the American Legion Harvey McPeak Post 289 Committee and Rachelle Pille, WCCF Youth Leaders

\$4,600 to replace a monument at the memorial that cracked



Karen Weld, WCCF Board Member, Katy Leichsenring & Steve Burkheimer, Clarion Depot Foundation, Kaylee Russell, WCCF Youth Leader and Duane Asbe, WCCF Board Member

\$2,800 for tuck pointing and replace door at depot



Dennis Peterson & Jeanne Russell, WCCF Board members, Luke Wharton, Dows Fire Department & Rachelle Pille, WCCF Youth Leader

Dows Fire Department -- \$3,800 - Purchase new cutter for jaws of life



Lillian Dippel, Frieda Jergens, Patty LaRue, Elaine Wessels, Kim Thayer, Carmen Johnson, Kaylee Russell, WCCF Youth Leader, Caye Chelesvig, WCCF Board member

Sencar, Inc. - \$2,400 - New dish machine to meet guidelines



Duane Asbe, WCCF Board Member, Jessica Norman, Wright County Extension-ISU Extension, Rachelle Pille, WCCF Youth Leader and Lenny Watts, Wright County Farm Bureau

ISU Extension/Farm Bureau -- \$2,300 - Safety Day Camp for Wright County 3rd Graders



Rachel Kingery, George Boyington, Deb Oelman, Wright County Visitors Bureau, Karen Weld, WCCF Board Member & Wright County Visitors Bureau and Kaylee Russell, WCCF Youth Leader

Wright County Visitors Bureau - \$2,100 Business Directory



Connie Wilson, WCCF Board Member, Tony Axtell & Mike Harrington, EG Sports Boosters, Rachelle Pille & Kaylee Russell, Youth Leaders

Eagle Grove Sports Boosters - \$6,500 --- Restroom & Concession Stand - Ballpark



Caye Chelesvig, WCCF Board Member, Dave & Sue Nelson, Belmond Area Arts Council, Kaylee Russell, WCCF Youth Leader, Steve McClintock, WCCF Board member

Belmond Area Arts Council - \$3,300 - modernizing camp facilities



Connie Wilson, WCCF Board Member, Dick Cahalan & Rachel Kingery, EG Chamber, Kaylee Russell & Rachelle Pille, WCCF Youth Leaders

Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce - \$3,300 - Downtown improvements



Dennis Peterson & Jeanne Russell, WCCF Board Members, Linda Dow & Deb Oelmann, Dows Commercial Club and Kaylee Russell, WCCF Youth Leader

Dows Commercial Club - new banners & Planters --- downtown - \$1,800