

2010 Recipients

Name	Project Title	Granted
City of Everly	<p>This project is an extension of the current park path, bringing the total path length to near 1/4 of a mile. The creation of this additional path will give area residents a longer path on which to exercise, and also give more definition to the disc golf course located in the park. The project will include purchasing the base material and crushed rock, and equipment rental to dig and lay the path.</p>	\$4000
City of Gillette Grove	<p>The Gillette Grove project will restore the carved wooden sign depicting the early history of Gillette Grove. It was originally carved by John Feldhacker for the City's centennial in 1992. Weather damage has been repaired and a protective roof placed over the sign.</p>	\$1200
Spencer Family YMCA	<p>The award made for this project will be used to develop a portion of a new playground for children under the age of 4 in the child care facility. Equipment to be purchased includes a swingset, sand studio and two spring riders.</p>	\$4464
Seasons Center	<p>In an effort to recruit new psychiatric staff for the Center, funding will be used to update the space used by a new psychiatrist. With the community being in dire need of prescribing mental health physicians, it is essential to provide possible new doctors with comfortable, professional working spaces, including furniture covered with medical fabrics for ease in maintenance.</p>	\$10000
City of Greenville Park Committee	<p>With a three-year project, the Greenville Park Committee has as their goal to enhance the park and recreation area in the city. New park equipment has already been added,</p>	\$4000

	and funds from this award will go toward updating the Community Center.	
Spencer Area Arts Council	Gallery usage has evolved over past years to include hosting a variety of public events, including concerts and other performances. In order to provide safe and functional seating for patrons at these events, funds will be used to replace the current aging tables and chairs with new safe and comfortable ones, and to purchase moving and storage cards.	\$7434
RSVP Volunteer Program	The project serves a dual purpose of providing interesting, educational workshops on a wide range of topics in a series called "Lunch and Learn" and serving as a recruitment tool for RSVP by promoting volunteer opportunities and encouraging participants to volunteer. In addition to paying for expenses incurred for the workshop, funds will be used to purchase an update to current software, which is used to track volunteer hours and generate necessary reports.	\$1200
CCE After School Program	This program was developed to provide students in grades K-6 with structured, supervised time after the school day ends, enhancing learning through life-skills instruction, homework assistance and recreation. Funds will be used to purchase a Spanish curriculum, musical theatre plays, craft supplies, educational games, rhythm band instruments, cooking tools and books for the program.	\$7500
ISU Extension Clay County	"Sew inspired" Fashion Design Event. This project will fund a regional competition for high school students who will repurpose donated gowns into another garment and compete for awards in design, construction and teamwork. Funds will be used to fund materials, dress forms and sewing machines for this event and	\$2994

	future 4-H sewing events and workshops.	
NWI Youth Soccer Alliance	To date, the Northwest Iowa Youth Soccer Alliance has invested nearly \$500,000 to create a first class soccer facility in Spencer that is used by thousands of children and adults each year. This award will be used to enhance the safety of players and patrons at the complex by constructing 700 feet of fencing to better control vehicle traffic near play and practice areas.	\$5000
Clay County Citizen's Awareness Council of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect	For the past 20 years, this program has been working to provide respite child care service to families in Clay County, specifically for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years. This award will be used to provide vouchers for the parent Time Out program, giving parents a safe, nurturing environment for their children and so they may take a break from the stresses and pressures of parenting, helping to prevent child abuse and neglect.	\$3000
Siouxland Community Blood Bank	In July, 2009 the Blood Bank's mobile collection bus was destroyed in a fire as it returned to Sioux City from a blood drive held that day in Northwest Iowa. The bus and all of the supplies on board were a total loss. The Siouxland Community Blood Bank has been the sole provider of blood products to the Spencer Municipal Hospital since 2001, and Clay County has benefited greatly from that partnership. This award will go toward the \$135,000 needed to purchase a new bus, helping to keep vital blood donations at levels needed to save lives.	\$6000
City of Rossie	The sign announcing the City of Rossie was originally the project of Michelle Black, an art student and daughter of a local residents. Since its installation in 1980, the sign has	\$450

	<p>become worn, almost to the point of it being unreadable. The slogan "More than a one horse town" has become well-known, and this project will restore the sign to its original state.</p>	
Spencer Community Theatre	<p>As a result of the current expansion and renovation project underway at SCT, there will be more space available to pursue expanded programming, including informational programs, workshops, meetings, receptions and non-mainstage performances. These funds will purchase tables, chairs and storage racks to accommodate those gatherings, and a gridwall display system on which to hang costumes for programs or workshops.</p>	\$10000
Fostoria Fire & Rescue	<p>It is imperative that safety equipment for volunteer fire departments be replaced when worn or damaged. In order to safeguard their firefighters as they do their jobs, the Fostoria Fire and Rescue department will use these grant funds to purchase new structural firefighting boots, gloves and protective hoods.</p>	\$2010
Clay County Local Housing Trust Fund	<p>This organization works to provide funds for low and very low income homeowners in Clay County to make much needed repairs to their homes. Last year, the program targeted energy conservation issues, and this year grant funds will assist qualified homeowners to equip their homes for handicap accessibility.</p>	\$5000
Peterson Lion's Club	<p>The Lion's Club has done extensive work on the park's shelter house over the years, including work on the windows, interior, and making the building usable on a year-round basis. The grant awarded to this group will be used to replace the shingled roof on the shelter house, originally installed in the 1970's, and to replace the old wooded picnic</p>	\$4000

	tables and benches with modern steel coated pieces.	
Spencer Municipal Trust	This Trust, in conjunction with Spencer Public Library and the Iowa lakes Genealogical Society, seeks to preserve the area's history and archival newspapers through digitization. This grant will assist in digitizing Spencer newspaper archives through 1940 and include a set of searchable CDs and a website to be used by anyone seeking information on local stories and history.	\$2000
Royal Community Action	The community building in Royal is an important gathering place in the city, used by widely varying groups. These funds will be used as part of the final phase of a multi-year restoration project that has touched every aspect of the facility fro energy efficiency to restroom improvements. The final step, partially funded by this grant, will update and remodel the main meeting room.	\$4000
Clay County Council on Aging	In this newly developed facility, the Spencer Area Activity Center, grant funds will be used to install a new audio/visual system that is used for its chief revenue generating activity - bingo. The new equipment here at the Center will also be used by local groups and organizations making use of the facility.	\$5800
City of Peterson	The main entrance of the Peterson Community Center is in need of reconstruction in order to meet ADA requirements, as it will be used as a new polling site in the future. These grant funds will assist in constructing a new railed ramp at the entrance, along with installing new energy efficient doors.	\$5000