Nonprofit Needs Report 4th Quarter 2015

Our mission is to connect donor interests with community needs

We invite you to review grant applications received by FACF during the final quarter of 2015. If you would like additional information or wish to support any of these projects through your Donor-Advised Fund, please contact Melissa Diers at (402) 721-4252 or <u>mdiers@facfoundation.org</u>. Happy Holidays!





Boy Scouts / Mid-America Council Project: Fremont Area Scoutreach Program Total Project Cost: \$5,500 Amount Requested: \$2,500 Amount Awarded: \$2,500

"Scoutreach" is the Boy Scouts of America commitment to ensure that all young people have the opportunity to experience scouting regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood or ethnic background. The program accomplishes this goal by adjusting the traditional Scouting program to meet the characteristics and needs of individual situations and communities. The first local Scoutreach afterschool program began last year at Fremont's Washington Elementary School. This grant will expand Scoutreach to Linden and Milliken Park Elementary students during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Wishing Wheels Fund

Project: Holiday Bicycle Giveaway Total Project Goal: \$14,000 Amount Requested: \$2,500

Wishing Wheels is an annual holiday bicycle giveaway for underprivileged children that is sponsored by the Fremont Cycling Group. Fremont area children ages 4 to 16 are eligible for the drawing and winners are selected by random drawing. Each holiday season, more than 500 children register for the drawing at the Low Income Ministry. Each winner receives a bike, helmet and a lock, and has his/her bike registered with the Fremont Police Department. The Fremont Cycling Group has established the Wishing Wheels Fund with the Fremont Area Community Foundation for the giveaway program. This project has received FACF grant funding in years past.

Radio Talking Book Service (RTBS)

Project: Eliminating the Inability to Read Print as a Disabling Condition
Total Project Cost: \$292,400
Amount Requested: \$40,000
Amount Awarded: \$7,500

Radio Talking Book Service provides audio and information services to eliminate "the inability to read print" as a disabling condition. The goals of this project include increasing listenership in the Fremont area by providing closed-circuit radios for at-home listeners and utilizing Barix box technology to bring the service to area facilities such as nursing homes.

Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity

Project: Rehab of Homes and Lot Demolition Total Project Cost: \$20,000 Amount Requested: \$20,000

Three existing Habitat homes have come back to the organization that require some refurbishment before they can be offered to a new Habitat family. In addition, the organization has purchased a lot where a home had an extensive fire. The home must be demolished to make room for a new Habitat home next year or in the near future. All of these unanticipated expenses are above and beyond Habitat's budget for 2016. The organization would appreciate assistance in taking advantage of these unique opportunities.

Joseph's Coat

Project: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
Program (SNAP)
Total Project Cost: \$23,328
Amount Requested: \$9,000
Amount Awarded: \$9,000

Joseph's Coat is now partnering with the Food Bank of the Heartland to deliver the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly referred to as "food stamps") to eligible clients. This new service will help clients determine whether or not they qualify for assistance through the SNAP program and enhances the organization's ongoing efforts to help families living at or below the federally defined level for poverty.

Good Samaritan Society Scribner

Project: New three quarter ton truck with blade Total Project Cost: \$43,585 Amount Requested: \$21,792.50

The Good Samaritan campus, which includes the assisted living facility Elkhorn Valley Villa, needs a new truck to clear snow so residents can safely go out to doctors' appointments and other off-site activities.

Educational Service Unit #2

Project: All Minds Matter - Featuring Dr. Temple Grandin Total Project Cost: \$25,740 Amount Requested: \$10,000 Amount Awarded: \$10,000

ESU #2 and Midland University are partnering to develop and deliver a full day educational and community event focusing on the theme "All Minds Matter." This workshop event will feature Dr. Temple Grandin as the keynote, a nationally renowned speaker and the inspiration for the 2010 HBO movie "Temple Grandin" starring Claire Danes. Dr. Grandin lives with autism.

Nebraska English/Language Arts Council

Project: The "Guide to Nebraska Authors," Volume 2 Total Project Cost: \$13,000 Amount Requested: \$500 Amount Awarded: \$500

The Nebraska English/Language Arts Council (NELAC) is seeking funds to publish a second edition of the "Guide to Nebraska Authors," a compilation of short biographies of more than 700 Nebraska writers including those from the Fremont area. Since the original edition in 1998, many writers have added to their bodies of work and many new authors have been published. The second edition will be published in 2017 to coincide with Nebraska's sesquicentennial.