

Nonprofit Needs Report

1st Quarter 2016



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We invite you to review grant applications received by FAF during the first quarter of 2016. 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 mdiers@facfoundation.org.



Midland University

Project: Technology for Teacher Education Program

Total Project Goal: \$90,080

Amount Requested: \$40,000

Amount Awarded: \$30,000

Education is the second largest program of study at Midland University. Its Teacher Education Program model serves with an intention to prepare candidates to become builders of learning communities. Technology has emerged as the area of greatest need for the Education Department. The goal of this project is to provide updated technology—SMARTBoards and computer notebooks—for the Midland University Education Department and Teacher Education Program. The university believes its students need to enter the education workforce with knowledge and experience using the technology that they will likely find in classrooms across the region.

Saunders County

Project: Improving Emergency Communications in Rural Nebraska

Total Project Cost: \$50,000

Amount Requested: \$50,000

The goal of this project is to make three counties in Nebraska safer for all residents, visitors and businesses. Funds will be used to purchase collaborative, secure video conferencing technology, enabling Emergency Management communities in Dodge, Colfax and Saunders counties—including city, county, state and volunteer organizations—to collaborate without the exorbitant cost of travel. The equipment will be used for disaster preparedness strategy mapping, for communication during disasters, in post-disaster follow-ups, and in on-going training and capacity building measures for years to come.

Rebuilding Together, Platte Valley East

(formerly Rebuilding Together; Greater Fremont Area)

Project: Home Accessibility Ramp Program

Total Project Cost: \$65,467.49

Amount Requested: \$39,731.72

Amount Awarded: \$20,000 matching grant

Funding will be used to construct 12 home accessibility ramps that can be installed at the homes of low-income elderly/disabled individuals or families with young children. These ramps are designed to be installed, removed when no longer needed, and then reused at another site. Rebuilding Together is partnering with the Fremont High School's industrial technology class and the North Bend Central School's *SkillsUSA* student group to design, construct and assist with installation of the ramps—providing students with hands-on experience in the construction trades as well as a meaningful community service opportunity.

Fremont Family YMCA

Project: Sid and Hazel Dillon Family Aquatic Center

Total Project Cost: approximately \$14,000,000

This project was awarded an FAF grant of \$100,000 in the first quarter of 2014. Fundraising is still underway.

The Fremont Family YMCA is seeking funds to help construct the Sid and Hazel Dillon Aquatic Center. This indoor natatorium will include a competition pool with six 50-meter lanes and twelve 25-yard lanes, seating for 300-400 spectators, a family area and new locker rooms. The pool will be used by competitive swim teams, lap swimmers and diving teams as well as those taking swimming lessons or enjoying open swim time. The family area will feature a zero-depth entry pool with interactive water features and a space for swim lessons and water fitness classes.

Uniquely Yours Stability Support

Project: Financial Support Services Program

Total Project Cost: \$74,959

Amount Requested: \$30,000

Amount Awarded: \$6,500

Founded in 2007, Uniquely Yours Stability Support enhances what existing area organizations are doing to prevent homelessness. It reaches out to agencies to help with the obstacles their clients are facing and connect them to service link partners. The organization's *Financial Support Services Program* is designed to reduce the occurrence and duration of homelessness in Dodge County and the surrounding

areas. Funds for this program will help UYSS provide financial assistance to remove a unique housing hardship and individualized case management to address the underlying causes of the need, for up to 200 individuals and families who are struggling with the dynamics of homelessness and moving toward achieving long-term housing stability.

Dodge County Historical Society

Project: May Museum "Restore the Top" Roofline Balustrade Project

Total Project Cost: \$200,000

Amount Requested: \$50,000

Amount Awarded: \$50,000

The May Museum "Restore the Top" roofline balustrade project will return the building's exterior to its original 1902 appearance. The original railing was removed in the 1940's due to its deteriorated condition. A simple wooden railing added in the 1970's attempted to simulate the original but when the wood rotted, it was also removed in 2006. Once completed, this project—using rot-resistant materials—will ensure the May Museum remains a source of beauty and historical significance for future generations. A second phase of this major project will replace the east and south porch railings (a safety concern) using matching materials. Phase II construction will begin at the completion of the roofline and as funds are available.



The May Museum, with its current roofline.



The Roofline Balustrade Project would restore the museum's roofline to its original appearance, as shown here.