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JASPER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANT AWARDS IN JASPER COUNTY

NEWTON, IOWA — Dan Skokan, president of the Jasper Community Foundation, announced that 19 area non-profit organizations received grants this year through the state sponsored County Endowment Fund Program. A total of 38 proposals were received from non-profit, educational and municipal entities throughout Jasper County. Skokan stated, “I am pleased to announce that the Foundation awarded \$79,517 in grants this year! These grant funds will provide much needed financial support for a variety of important programs and services in Jasper County.” Skokan continued, “Each year we make an effort to fund a wide variety of programs that touch residents all over the county. This year we reviewed a record number of grant applications from organizations that represented, among others: human services, education, recreation, arts and culture and community betterment.”

The Foundation awarded grants that ranged from \$800 to \$11,500 to new or enhanced, innovative programs that address needs or issues within Jasper County.

All submitted grant proposals were reviewed by the Jasper Community Foundation Board. The 19 organizations receiving funding through this program are:

- City of Prairie City
- Friends of the Lynnville Public Library
- IMPACT Community Action Partnership
- Jasper County Conservation Board
- Jasper County Hometown Pride Program
- Kellogg Lions Club
- Kid Assist
- Lynnville Hometown Pride Committee
- Mercy Foundation (Skiff Medical Center)
- Monroe Public Library
- Monroe Recreation Park
- Newton Community Theater
- Newton Parks and Grounds
- Newton Police Department
- Newton Public Library
- Peck Child Development Center
- PCM Food Pantry
- Project Awake
- Sully Hometown Pride Committee

The funds for these grants were made possible by the Iowa General Assembly. Eleven years ago the Iowa legislature passed several bills to encourage community foundation building and philanthropy. Among these measures was H.F. 2032 which provided that non-gambling counties, initiating a county-wide community foundation would be eligible to receive annually, one half of one percent of the state's gross gambling tax receipts.

The Jasper Community Foundation was established in 1997 for the purpose of receiving tax deductible bequests and gifts in the form of cash or property from individuals, corporations and other organizations that have an interest in improving the quality of life for people residing in Jasper County. The Foundation assists arts and culture, economic development, education, environment and recreation, health and human services organizations, and other high-impact projects and programs throughout the county.



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