

\$3.7 Million in Grants Awarded for Second Quarter

GRANTS FOR ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHT ROUND

The Iowa West Foundation has announced \$3.7 million in grants for the second quarter of 2012. The grants will be used to assist 42 non-profit organizations and governmental entities with funding for area projects.

Several grants were related to economic and community development efforts, including \$200,000 to the City of Council Bluffs for implementation of the "2020 Initiative."

The initiative is a community collaborative to stimulate economic growth.

Pete Tulipana, President and CEO of the Iowa West Foundation, also highlighted a \$320,000 grant to Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs as an example of human service programs which play a role in economic development. The grant will support the construction of 12 new homes and complete 30 light-rehabilitation housing projects. "Housing is a critical need in growing communities and partners such as Habitat for Humanity are vital in meeting this need," Tulipana explained.

"The Foundation's vision is to create communities where families choose to live and businesses choose to locate," said Tulipana. "We believe these grants will help do that."

Tulipana cited other examples of economic and community development grants in Pottawattamie County:

- City of Minden—\$24,750 for improvements and new equipment at its city park;
- Main Street Council Bluffs—\$300,000 for start-up of a collaborative organization for downtown;
- Neola Community Center—\$8,612 for improvements to meet the needs of its growing membership; and,
- A total of \$145,000 for three workforce assistance grants—Iowa Western Community College (\$120,000), Heartland Workers Center (\$17,000), and Heartland Workforce Solutions (\$8,000).

For more information regarding grant applications and deadlines, visit www.iowawestfoundation.org, where funding guidelines and procedures can be accessed, or call 712-309-3000.

The Iowa West Foundation, which is headquartered in Council Bluffs, receives its funding for grants from investment income and also from the Iowa West Racing Association. The Association receives contracted fees from casino operators—Ameristar and Harrah's.

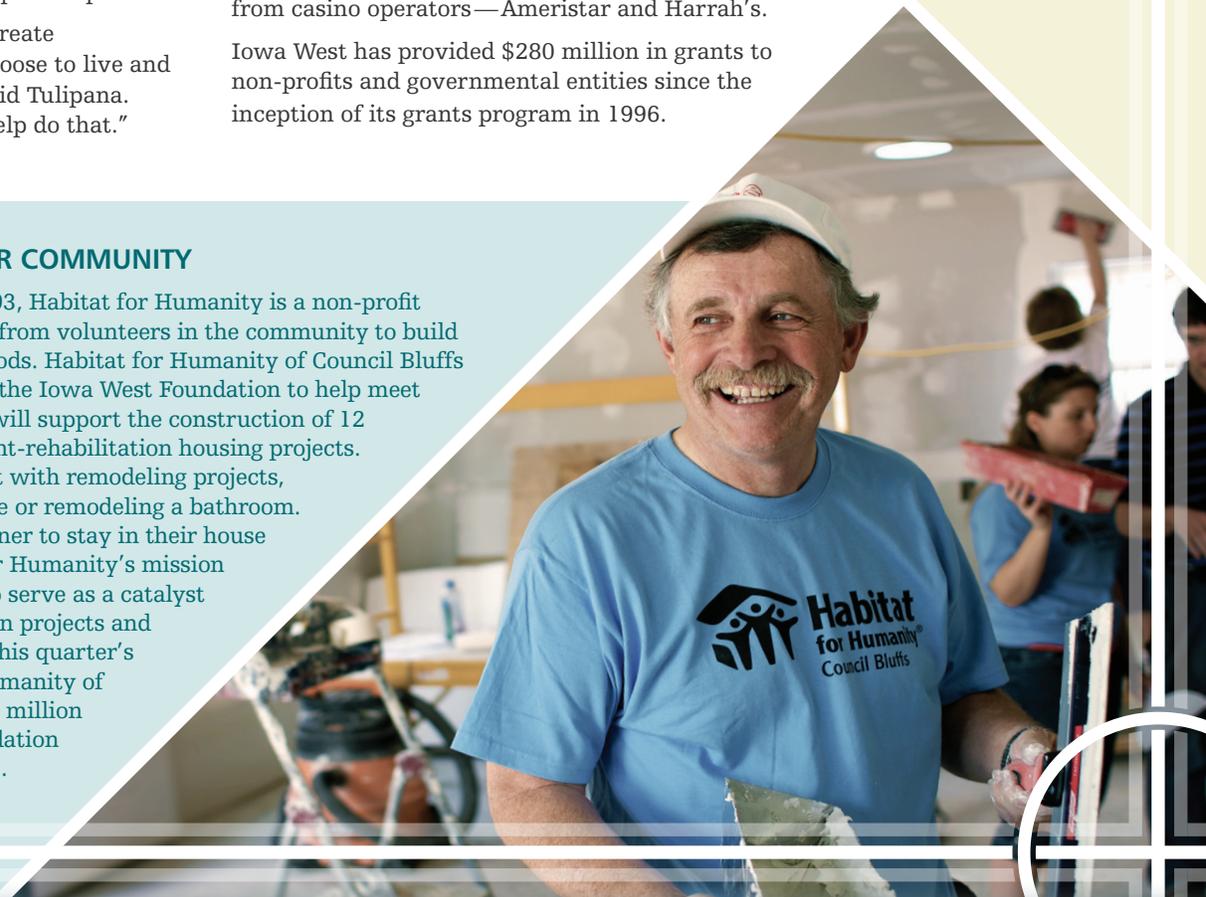
Iowa West has provided \$280 million in grants to non-profits and governmental entities since the inception of its grants program in 1996.

BUILDING FUTURES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Serving Council Bluffs since 1993, Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that relies on help from volunteers in the community to build homes and improve neighborhoods. Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs received a \$320,000 grant from the Iowa West Foundation to help meet local housing needs. The grant will support the construction of 12 new homes and complete 30 light-rehabilitation housing projects. The grant money will also assist with remodeling projects, such as adding a ramp to a home or remodeling a bathroom. This often will allow a homeowner to stay in their house another 10-15 years. Habitat for Humanity's mission fits into the Foundation's goal to serve as a catalyst for non-profits to effectively plan projects and manage their operations. With this quarter's \$320,000 award, Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs has received \$2.9 million from Iowa West since the Foundation began its grant program in 1996.

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2012 Second Quarter Grant Recipients

100 Black Men of Omaha, Inc.

Saturday leadership academies for youth

African American Heritage Foundation

Cultural museum outreach into Council Bluffs area

American Red Cross Loess Hills Chapter

General operating support for southwest Iowa programs

Audubon County Conservation Club

Trap thrower for law enforcement training, youth education and recreation

Ballet Nebraska

Local performances in Council Bluffs and Omaha

Bluffs Arts Council

Concert and film series in downtown Bayliss Park

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands

General operating support for core Council Bluffs program

Chanticleer, Inc.

Children's workshop/production at Council Bluffs community theatre

Children's Square U.S.A.

Security improvements on Council Bluffs campus

Children's Square U.S.A.

Campus expansion in Council Bluffs for additional programs

Children's Square U.S.A.

Implementation of neighborhood initiative in Council Bluffs

City of Council Bluffs

Support to implement "2020 initiative" – an economic development plan

City of Council Bluffs

West Broadway redevelopment project

City of Minden

Improvements and new equipment for city park

City of Shelby

Restoration of community building

Collective for Youth

"Out-of-school time" program for youth in Omaha metro area

Council Bluffs Historic Preservation Alliance

Preservation training for volunteers

Country Care Center Corporation

Replacement of heating and air system at Harlan facility

Creighton University

Finance training for single mothers through Catholic Charities/Heartland Family Service in Omaha metro area

Eastern Nebraska Wheelchair Athletic Association

Sport wheelchairs for disabled children and adults

Family Housing Advisory Services

Housing retention and counseling programs in Council Bluffs

Food Bank for the Heartland

"Weekend Food for Kids" program in Omaha

Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa

"Scouting for Underserved Girls" in Council Bluffs and southwest Iowa

Glenwood Public Library Foundation

Establishment of "Living Literacy Lab" in Glenwood

Golden Hills Resource Conservation & Development (Oakland, IA)

Future plans for Loess Hills National Scenic Byway / Western Scenic Byway

Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs

Construction of 12 new homes and 30 rehab projects

Heartland Workers Center

Bilingual workplace safety training in Omaha

Heartland Workforce Solutions

Workforce planning project in Council Bluffs and eastern Nebraska

Hot Shops Art Foundation

Neighborhood street pianos in Omaha and Council Bluffs

Iowa West Foundation Streetscape Initiative

Streetscape maintenance for the City of Council Bluffs

Iowa Western Community College Foundation

Programming at the Arts Center in Council Bluffs

Iowa Western Community College Foundation

Development of a workforce collaborative in Pottawattamie County

Loess Hills Archaeological Interpretive Center

Planning support for an archaeological center in Glenwood

MICAH House Corporation

General operating support for homeless shelter in Council Bluffs

Mission for All Nations

New food warehouse to serve the needy in Omaha metro area

Main Street Council Bluffs (MSCB)

Start-up and program development for downtown organization

Neola Area

Community Center

Technology improvements and a new gym floor

Omaha Area Youth Orchestras

Music education opportunities for Council Bluffs area youth

Opera Omaha

School visits and performances by artists

Pottawattamie County Conservation Board

Enhancements for visitors to Botna Bend Park

Shelby County Conservation Board

Improvements to Manteno Park campground in Shelby County

Southwest Iowa Families, Inc.

"Stork's Nest" – family support services in Fremont/ Page counties

Ted E. Bear Hollow, Inc.

Family grief services in southwest Iowa

The Christian Worship Center (New Visions/Mohm's Place)

General operating support to feed the homeless in Council Bluffs/Omaha

West Central Community Action

Lead screening project in southwest Iowa

Youth Emergency Services, Inc.

Youth homelessness prevention in Omaha and Council Bluffs



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where families
choose to live, and
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