



2017 Grants Awarded

Grants Make a Difference in Story County

We are very pleased that Story County Community Foundation (SCCF) has awarded grants totaling over \$1.1 million to benefit the county since 2005. Grants ranging from \$300 to \$25,000 have been awarded through our annual competitive grant process. This year alone SCCF has awarded \$118,198 to 22 projects.

We would like to do more! In 2017 grant requests exceeded available funds by over \$130,000. We are thankful to the Iowa County Endowment Program, which provides the majority of our grant funding. To distribute more grants, we need to increase the SCCF Endowment. Each year, we are able to use 5% of this endowed fund balance to meet philanthropic needs of Story County. The endowment structure ensures that the principal will remain intact to provide grant support for future generations in Story County.



Two hundred dry-fit gray shirts for The Arc of Story County athletes were purchased with a \$2,897 SCCF grant in 2016. The athletes wore these shirts during the Special Olympics Summer Games this past summer in Ames.

SCCF Mission

Story County Community Foundation facilitates and promotes private giving through the establishment of endowments, acts as a resource for nonprofit endowment building, and awards grants for the betterment of Story County.

2017 Major Grant Award

Inclusive Playground & Miracle Field—\$25,000: Rhapsody music line for all-inclusive playground

2017 Capacity Building Grant Awards

SCCF assisted nonprofit agencies in our family of funds to improve their financial capacity.

Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support (ACCESS)—\$2,500: Endowment & organization marketing materials

Emergency Residence Project—\$2,175: Strategic planning

Friendship Ark Homes—\$1,000: Planned giving program

The Arc of Story County—\$2,500: Website upgrade

2017 Community Grant Awards

All Aboard for Kids—\$2,000

Expanded summer enrichment program for children with autism spectrum disorder

Ames Alano Society—\$6,000

Interior lighting upgrade

Ames Historical Society—\$6,000

Fly With Banning traveling exhibition

Ballard Sharks Swim Club—\$3,788

Competitive swim starting blocks

Cambridge Memorial Library—\$4,072

Technology upgrade

City of Maxwell—\$6,000

Concrete pad installation for Maxwell Park pavilion

City of Zearing—\$6,000

Veterans Memorial Ballfield concession improvements

Food at First—\$6,000

Kitchen equipment replacement

Girl Scouts of Greater Iowa—\$5,742

GoldieBlox STEM curricula

Healthiest Ames—\$4,078

Home-based exercise program for older adults

Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind & Print Handicapped (IRIS)—\$2,843

Upgraded technology for read aloud services

Lutheran Services in Iowa—\$6,000

New endurance beds for Beloit Center

Overflow Thrift Store—\$6,000

Recycling & giving program setup

Prairie Rivers of Iowa—\$2,500

Road signs for watershed education

Story County Dental Clinic—\$6,000

Ultrasonic dental tools

Westory Fire Agency—\$6,000

Kelley volunteer firefighting gear

YSS—\$6,000

Community-based mentoring for high-risk youth

*Recipient of the Suzan Shierholz Award**

**The Suzan Shierholz Award highlights a grant that supports a better life for children, including grants that provide shelter, education or food for children and their families.*



Grade-schoolers Atticus Crisler and Brayden De Vries log on to improve their reading and to link into science and social studies activities as Mary de Baca, SCCF advisory board member looks on. Jennifer Gogerty, Library Director, indicated that sometimes there is a race to use the new AfterSchool Edge Tablet as well as the Early Literacy Station purchased with a \$4,998 grant to the Slater Public Library in 2016.



Becky Senti, SCCF advisory board member and Lisa McCarty, Director of All Aboard for Kids, visit with 10-year-old Gabe McCarty about his project. A \$3,000 grant from SCCF in 2016 supported a six-week summer enrichment program for students, grade K-7, with emphasis on serving children on the autism spectrum.