

United Way of Southwest Minnesota Historical Small Grant Awards

The Small Grants Program is an outreach of the Community Impact funding process. The available amount of grant dollars available each year is subject to change. One-time grants, up to \$5,000 can be awarded to projects/programs that align with UWSWMN's priority areas and are run by organizations who meet UWSWMN funding guidelines. Deadlines are July 31st and January 29th in 2020-21.

July 31, 2020 Grants:

Grantee: WoMen's Rural Advocacy Program

Priority Area: Safety & Well-Being

Project Title: WRAP Housing Program

Purpose Statement: To assist victims of domestic violence & sex trafficking by having access to an enclosed trailer to help with the relocation process as they seek safety.

\$2,500 awarded to purchase of a 6' x 16' enclosed trailer that will allow WRAP to efficiently pick-up large, donated items (beds, dressers, couches, etc.) and assist with moving clients.

Grantee: Countryside Public Health

Priority Area: Safety & Well-Being

Project Title: MindUp

Purpose Statement: To implement the MindUp Curriculum to help nurture and educate students' mental health, especially during a world of confusion with the COVID-19 pandemic, by teaching calming techniques, emotional resiliency, and reduced aggression at a younger age.

\$3,106 awarded to purchase supplies needed to create sensory bottles and workbooks for each second-grade student within the following school districts: Yellow Medicine East, Canby, Clarkfield, Echo Charter and Dawson Boyd. The funds will also be used for the initial curriculum set-up and staff time to implement the curriculum.

Grantee: Mustard Seed Kids

Priority Area: Education

Project Title: Kindergarten Readiness Program

Purpose Statement: Mustard Seed Kids kindergarten readiness program is a new program for our non-profit daycare. The kindergarten readiness program will equip classrooms with curriculum, materials, and supplies needed to provide age-appropriate instruction to equip children for kindergarten.

\$1,876 awarded to purchase teaching tools (teacher iPads and various classroom curriculum materials) needed for their kindergarten readiness program.

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January 31, 2020 Grants:

Grantee: Minneota Pool Pals

Priority Area: Health

Project Title: Minneota Community Pool Equipment Request

Purpose Statement: Obtain equipment to provide better opportunities and safety to patrons

\$1,000 awarded to purchase water barbells, aqua belts and basketball hoop.

Grantee: Department of Public Transformation

Priority Area: Health

Project Title: Wellness Programming at the YES! House

Purpose Statement: We will provide high-quality, accessible, creative fitness programs
\$4,000 awarded to purchase of adaptive props and supplies for the yoga studio; purchase of adaptive training equipment for the rock climbing wall; contracting with experienced, high-quality instructors to develop and facilitate programming and outreach initiatives to encourage a diverse range of residents; and offering free first time classes and sliding scale programming.

Grantee: Prairie Home Hospice

Priority Area: Health

Project Title: No Place Like Home

Purpose Statement: Promote health, wellness and independent living for seniors
\$3,500 awarded to cover personnel costs to complete program development and training, development of tools and resources for seniors, hosting 3-4 informational sessions for seniors, complete development of program evaluation and outreach tools and support staff time for this program.

August 31, 2019 Grants:

Grantee: Marshall Food4Kids

Priority Area: Hunger

Project Title: Expansion of the Marshall Food4Kids to expand to preschool

Purpose Statement: To support families by supplying food to hungry children.

\$1,500 awarded to expand the weekend snack bag program into the preschool classes at Marshall Public Schools.

Grantee: Junior Achievement of Lincoln County

Priority Area: Financial Stability

Project Title: Junior Achievement of Lincoln County

Purpose Statement: Giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their futures.

\$500 awarded to purchase of Junior Achievement curriculum packets for the 2019-20 school year for grades K-6 throughout Lincoln County.

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January 31, 2019 Grants:

Grantee: Murray County Central Public Schools

Priority Area: Health

Project Title: MCC Backpack Program

Purpose Statement: Provide a meal when there might not otherwise be one.

\$4,170 awarded to help purchase food and baggies weekly for the backpack program to provide weekend meals for students in need at Murray County Central.

Grantee: Westbrook-Walnut Grove Elementary School

Priority Area: Health

Project Title: Preventive Dental Care for Youth

Purpose Statement: Assist and encourage positive oral health behaviors in youth.

\$4,877 awarded to create a culture of awareness and importance around encouraging positive oral health behaviors for students at Westbrook-Walnut (WWG) Elementary. The requested funds will impact all 300 students at WWG and include age appropriate dental supplies, fluoride dental rinse every other week and oral health incentives.

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