



Poweshiek County Alliance  
Grant Program  
for Poweshiek County  
Non-Profit Organizations

Grants offered through Poweshiek County  
Alliance's affiliation with the  
Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation



GREATER POWESHIEK  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*We Grow Community Through Giving!*

## What is Poweshiek County Alliance?

The Brooklyn Community Foundation, The Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation in Grinnell, and the Montezuma Community Foundation have joined together to form the Poweshiek County Alliance (PCA). To assure countywide representation, official delegates were recruited from Deep River, Guernsey, Hartwick, Malcom, and Searsboro, as well as a representative from the unincorporated area of the county. The PCA is now affiliated with the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, a qualified community foundation. As an affiliate of the Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, the PCA is able to distribute Poweshiek County's share of the gambling revenue to non-profit organizations and projects in the county.

In 2005, Tom Marshall and representatives from all the incorporated communities and unincorporated area in Poweshiek County applied and were granted enrollment in the County Endowment Fund Program, created by the Iowa Legislature. At the time the funds were held with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa in Waterloo.

In the summer of 2012, the Poweshiek County Alliance became a partner of Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, meaning the funds were now being managed in the county where the grant funds are disbursed. GPCF is one of 15 community foundations across the state of Iowa who are nationally certified. GPCF earned its National Standards Certification from the Council of Foundations a few years earlier making it eligible to manage county endowment funds and also provided donors creating and giving to an endowment access to the Endow Iowa Tax Credit.

The Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program, started in 2003 to provide an incentive to give charitably in Iowa, makes donors eligible for a 25% tax credit when a gift is made to a nationally certified community foundation. For more information on the program, contact 641-236-5518.

## Where does the grant money come from?

In 2004 the State Legislature created the County Endowment Fund Program to encourage charitable giving in Iowa. The legislation provides that a portion of the state gambling revenue is to be distributed to the Iowa counties that do not have gambling entities. The money allocated to each county will be awarded to a qualified community foundation or an affiliate of a qualified community foundation that can demonstrate it represents the entire county. Of the amounts awarded, 75% is to be used to make charitable grants and 25% is to be used to establish a permanent charitable endowment for the county.

## Grant Eligibility

Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply if they are located in or provide services to Poweshiek County, have a 501 (c) 3 designation (or IRS recognized charitable qualification), and are seeking support for a project or program that addresses the needs of people who live in the county. Of particular interest are the projects and programs that provide cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities, as well as ones that enhance the safety, beauty, and economic vitality of the county.

PCA supports requests ranging from \$500 to \$10,000.

Grants are **not** made to:

- Organizations that discriminate based on race, sex, sexual orientation, age, or religion
- Conferences or annual meetings
- Organizations that do not serve Poweshiek County
- Individuals
- Political campaigns and lobbying efforts
- Requests for multi-year commitments
- Loans or debt retirement
- Continuous requests for operating support
- Sectarian organizations

# 2013 Grant Recipients

In 2013, **\$95,500** was granted to 36 community projects in Poweshiek County. Since 2006, PCA has awarded a total of **\$632,829** to the county.

## Community Development

Poweshiek County Historic US Route 6 Signage <i>Brooklyn Community Foundation</i>	\$475
Brooklyn Community Sign <i>Brooklyn Community Foundation</i>	\$2,500
City Park Upgrades <i>City of Deep River</i>	\$500
Floor Refurbishing & Electrical Improvements <i>City of Deep River</i>	\$3,600
Merrill Park Storage Shed & Miller Park Playground <i>City of Grinnell</i>	\$2,000
Community Fridge <i>Deep River Helping Hands 4-H Club</i>	\$962
New Well <i>City of Hartwick</i>	\$10,000
City Hall Repairs <i>City of Hartwick</i>	\$2,000
Veterans Memorial Park <i>Morrison-Schrader American Legion Post</i>	\$575
Diamond Lake Picnic & Rest Area Overlook <i>Poweshiek County Conservation Board</i>	\$2,500
Exhibit Building Update <i>Poweshiek County Fair Foundation</i>	\$4,645
New Tractor <i>Town of Guernsey</i>	\$5,000

## **Education**

BGM Elementary Reading Program <i>BGM Community School District</i>	\$2,500
Classroom Reading Books <i>BGM Community School District</i>	\$1,000
Gross Motor Equipment <i>Grinnell Community Daycare &amp; Preschool</i>	\$3,500
AED <i>Grinnell Middle School</i>	\$2,450
Leveled Libraries <i>Grinnell Newburg Community School District</i>	\$5,000
Montezuma Elementary Safe Playground Phase 3 <i>Montezuma Schools</i>	\$5,000
Engineering is Elementary-STEM Program <i>Poweshiek County Extension</i>	\$2,400
Ricochet Youth Leadership Program <i>Poweshiek County Extension</i>	\$500
7-9 Science Field Trip <i>Tri-County Community School District</i>	\$650

## **Health**

Patient Equipment for New Chemotherapy Department <i>Grinnell Regional Medical Center</i>	\$4,666
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## **Historic Preservation**

New Roof for Brooklyn Museum/William Manatt House <i>Brooklyn Historical Society</i>	\$5,475
Montezuma Historic Preservation Commission Civil War Monument Relocation <i>Montezuma Community Development</i>	\$2,000
2 Commercial Vacuum Sweepers <i>Poweshiek County Historical &amp; Genealogical Society</i>	\$300

## **Human Services**

Grain Bin Rescue Tube <i>City of Malcom/Malcom Fire Department</i>	\$2,000
Wrapped in Love Charity Quilts <i>Community Hope Church</i>	\$1,000
PPE Fundraiser <i>Deep River Volunteer Fire Department</i>	\$5,000
Tiger Packs <i>Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation</i>	\$2,500
Page Repeater/SCBA <i>Hartwick Volunteer Fire Department</i>	\$2,673
E-Mentoring Pilot Program <i>Heart of Iowa Big Brothers Big Sisters Program</i>	\$3,000
Youth Bike Camp <i>Imagine Grinnell</i>	\$529
Bathtub Upgrades <i>Malcom Manor</i>	\$2,000
Christmas Joy <i>Montezuma Ministerial Association</i>	\$2,100
Mobile Food Pantry <i>Northeast Iowa Food Bank</i>	\$2,000
Poweshiek County Fair Shelter <i>Poweshiek County Extension</i>	\$2,000

**Thank you to all 2013 grant applicants.**

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