

Ready to Launch

Foundation's Inaugural Grant Cycle

The Otto Schoitz Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of its inaugural Fall Grant cycle. The Foundation will be awarding grants totaling \$1 million in this cycle.

The mission of the Foundation is to *improve the health and wellbeing* of the community and its individual members in the greater Cedar Valley Region, which is defined as the geographical area within 30 miles from the center of Waterloo, Iowa.

Preference will be given to proposals aimed towards:

- ✓ Changing the minds and behaviors of individuals and changing communities.
- ✓ Meeting the needs of the vulnerable.
- ✓ Addressing root or primary causes.
- ✓ Implementing ideas with evidence of success and impact.
- ✓ Impacting Waterloo, because of the greater needs.

Organizations may request funds for programs, capital,

Because the Foundation believes in a comprehensive approach, grant awards will benefit the greater good and

Ineligible



The Foundation will not consider proposals for:

- Individuals
- For profit entities
- Nonprofit organizations that are not 501c3 entities
- Organizations competing w/ Mercy Health Network
- Projects that do not meet the Foundation's mission
- Programs that promote religious activities
- Endowment campaigns
- Fund raising events
- Projects beyond a 30-mile radius of Waterloo Iowa

Qualifying organizations may apply for funding via the Foundation's online grant management system which is found on their [website](#).

*Requests will be accepted through **July 12, 2017**.*

The Foundation will fulfill its mission by making grants to not-for-profit organizations, specifically 501c3 organizations and government entities, for projects aligned with its mission.

operating, or capacity building. The Otto Schoitz Foundation desires to have a large impact on the health and wellbeing of the Cedar Valley community; thus, any request should demonstrate how funds help achieve that impact.

may fall into any number of categories, including but not limited to community betterment, education &

development, environmental improvement, health and human services, and recreation & physical fitness. Qualifying organizations may apply for

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Meet our Executive Director



Shelli Panicucci serves as the Executive Director/CEO of the Otto Schoitz Foundation.

"I'm honored to lead the Foundation. To ensure that the legacy of our philanthropic leaders is respected and sustained is reward within itself, but to be the conduit for re-investment of their charitable contributions into worthy programs and organizations is exceptionally rewarding," says Panicucci.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Panicucci served as the Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer for Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare. In that role, she was responsible for all aspects of the health system's financial operations. Panicucci holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Eastern Illinois University and Master of Business Administration Degree from the University of Northern Iowa. Shelli has participated in numerous community organizations including board membership with Northeast Iowa Medical Education Foundation, Cedar Valley United Way, Peoples Community Health Clinic and the University of Iowa Health Alliance.

Shelli resides in Waterloo, Iowa with her husband, Dave. They have three grown children and four grandchildren.