

## Spring 2018 Grant Awards

### Foundation announces grants

The Otto Schoitz Foundation is pleased to announce the award of \$750,000 to 14 organizations aligned with our mission of *improving the health and wellbeing* of the Cedar Valley.

Topping the awards was the Waterloo Schools Foundation who received \$300,000 for Middle School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Exploration. This grant will be used to create a new, comprehensively-aligned exploratory program which expands CTE offerings to middle school students, directly aligned to enhance the 17 programs offered at the high school level.

Other grant recipients include:

Covenant Foundation was granted \$123,500 for its project "Taking Care of Your Family from the Beginning." The Otto Schoitz Foundation grant will help fund nine additional monitors and carts to equip all 19 labor rooms in the Family Birth Center with fetal monitor technology.

Diamonds and Fields was awarded \$50,000 for the All Play Ballpark located in Parkersburg – where all kids, no matter of ability or disability, play ball at the same complex.

Exceptional Persons, Inc. received \$10,000 for its employment service continuum to find persons with disabilities employment in the general workforce by providing job training, resume building, job interview preparation, and support to onboard and maintain a community job.

Family & Children's Council of Black Hawk County was granted \$30,000 for its programming designed to increase nurturing parenting techniques, provide formal social support, and create awareness of community resources and supports that can strengthen the family and aid in the prevention of child abuse.

House of Hope will expand its mission of providing homeless, single moms with transitional housing and individualized support to assist them achieve self-sufficiency with an award of \$100,000 from the Foundation.

#### Otto Schoitz Foundation Spring 2018 Grant Recipients

Covenant Foundation	\$123,500
Diamonds and Fields	\$50,000
Exceptional Persons, Inc.	\$10,000
Family & Children's Council	\$30,000
House of Hope	\$100,000
Inclusion Connection	\$18,000
Junior Achievement	\$15,000
Love, Inc.	\$3,500
Lutheran Services in Iowa	\$10,000
North End Cultural Center	\$10,000
Northeast Iowa Food Bank	\$35,000
The Job Foundation	\$25,000
Waterloo Housing Trust Fund	\$20,000
Waterloo Schools Foundation	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>

Inclusion Connection received \$18,000 for its Inclusive Communication Services, the goal of which is to create a communication services department to provide Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) services especially supported typing that are not currently available in the Cedar Valley. AAC services will be available to individuals who have a communication disorder, including those diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

Junior Achievement of Eastern Iowa was awarded \$15,000 for its financial literacy programming, whereby students learn from adult role models about the foundational personal finance and work readiness skills needed to succeed. They also learn how education, career choice and finances are connected.

Love INC of the Cedar Valley was awarded \$3,500 for its project Bridging the Medical Gap, which provides medical equipment/supplies and medically-related transportation to vulnerable people, helping prevent worse health crises and improving the health and wellbeing of the client, their family, and the community.

Lutheran Services in Iowa was granted \$10,000 for Healthy Families America-HOPES in Black Hawk County. LSI's HOPES program provides evidence-based prevention services to at-risk parents of children ages 0-5 in Black Hawk County. The program works to reduce abuse and promote healthy, safe and self-sufficient families.

North End Cultural Center, Inc. received \$10,000 for the Hip Hop Summer Literacy Program, an eight-week summer literacy program utilizing the medium of hip hop poetry and music to teach literacy skills and build self-confidence and educational engagement.

Northeast Iowa Food Bank was awarded \$35,000 for the Black Hawk County Elderly Nutrition Program. The Elderly Nutrition Program offers elderly and homebound seniors supplemental food assistance through senior congregate meal sites and a partnership with the Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging.

The Job Foundation was awarded \$25,000 for its Financial Stewardship Mentoring Program, which teaches Cedar Valley K-12 students essential financial and leadership knowledge, skills, and tools to help them attain financial stability in adulthood. The Job Foundation works together in community to elevate the financial position of all children.

Waterloo Housing Trust Fund was given \$20,000 for its work in supporting affordable housing in Waterloo that serves low to low-moderate income population by focusing on three activities: funding shelters, owner-occupied home repairs, and housing rehabilitation for accessibility.

*The Otto Schoitz Foundation's Fall Grant cycle will open May 21, accepting grant requests through **July 11, 2018**. Qualifying organizations may apply for funding via the Foundation's online grant management system which is found on their [website](#).*

Congratulations to all Spring 2018 Grant Award Recipients! The Foundation is extremely pleased to partner with these organizations in improving life in the Cedar Valley. The projects funded by these grant awards impact over 16,500 citizens, with a focus on community betterment, education and development, and health and human services.

## By the Numbers

Otto Schoitz Foundation Dashboard	Fall 2017		Spring 2018		To Date	
<b>Total Funds Awarded</b>	\$1,750,000		\$750,000		\$2,500,000	
<b>Total Applications Awarded</b>	16		14		30	
<b>Average Award</b>	\$109,375		\$53,571		\$83,333	
<b>Award Rate (# Awards/# Invited)</b>	27%		70%		38%	
<b>Invitation Rate (# Apps/# LOIs)</b>	84%		91%		86%	
<b>% of Funds - Type of Award</b>						
Capacity Building	3%		0%		2%	
Capital	83%		36%		69%	
Programmatic Support	14%		64%		29%	
<b>% of Funds - Focus Area</b>						
Community Betterment	0%		11%		4%	
Education & Development	67%		47%		61%	
Health	17%		19%		17%	
Human Services	16%		24%		18%	
<b>% of Funds - Social Determinant of Health</b>						
Economic Stability	11%		25%		15%	
Education	4%		47%		16%	
Social and Community Context	67%		0%		47%	
Health and Health Care	15%		19%		16%	
Neighborhood and Built Environment	3%		9%		5%	
<b>Community Served by Awards</b>						
Predominantly Waterloo (>50%)	6%		22%		10%	
Predominantly Other Communities (>50%)	0%		9%		3%	
Waterloo (>90%)	94%		69%		87%	
<b>Total Served by Awards</b>						
Youth	20,194	79%	8,140	49%	28,334	67%
Adults	5,012	20%	7,605	46%	12,617	30%
Seniors	474	2%	840	5%	1,314	3%
Total	25,680	100%	16,585	100%	42,265	100%
<b>Grant Size</b>						
	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
<\$25,000	50.0%	4.2%	50.0%	11.5%	50.0%	6.4%
>=\$25,000<\$50,000	25.0%	7.2%	21.4%	12.0%	23.3%	8.6%
>=\$50,000<\$100,000	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	6.7%	3.3%	2.0%
>=\$100,000<\$250,000	12.5%	17.1%	14.3%	29.8%	13.3%	20.9%
>=\$250,000<\$500,000	6.3%	14.3%	7.1%	40.0%	6.7%	22.0%
>=\$500,000	6.3%	57.1%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	40.0%

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