

What is the Bright Ideas Community Enrichment Fund?

The Bright Ideas Community Enrichment Fund (BICEF) was established in 2011 to support charitable intentions of the various 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations that serve to enrich the quality of life for the residents of the City of Ottumwa and Wapello County. Embedded in all that we do is a commitment to advance the health, education, and community vitality for our citizens.

“BICEF Success Story:
As of December 2020, the Bright Ideas Community Enrichment Fund has supported organizations impacting 1524 children over 185 days of summer youth camps!

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ABOUT THE LEGACY FOUNDATION



**Our
Mission**

To improve the health, education, and vitality of the Ottumwa area.



**Our Role
in the
Community**

We recognize the critical role that we can play in the community as a catalyst for positive change through:

- Initiating and advancing ideas
- Making grants
- Convening
- Promoting collaboration
- Providing sound information
- Celebrating success



**Our
Values**

Courageous
Honest
Collaborative
Respectful
Trustworthy



**Our
Strategic
Priorities**

Economic
Prosperity



Education
Opportunities



Quality
of Life



Housing
Availability



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Applying For Funds



The Bright Ideas Community Enrichment Fund Program has funded

from **110** different nonprofit organizations. **304** projects

Total Awarded
(THROUGH APRIL 2021)

\$4,1254,087

Total Leveraged
(THROUGH March 2020)

\$2,999,575

Consideration is given to projects that:

- are responsive to basic human needs
- promote inclusiveness and diversity
- connect individuals and families to our community; particularly those programs and projects that address the Foundation's focus on health, education, and community vitality
- have the potential to impact or benefit a number of individuals in the area
- are sustainable after the grant has been expended
- have the possibility of using the grant to match funds from other sources, with grants requests above \$20,000 securing a recommended 25% match

Eligibility

The applying organization must be an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit providing services in Wapello County or partnering with a 501(c)(3) organization that will act as a fiscal agent. Priority is given to programs and projects most likely to have a positive impact on area residents. The Legacy Foundation will fund only single-year grants, no multiple-year grants will be funded through this program. Eligible projects for this program will range in size from \$2,500 to \$30,000.

Grant Cycles:

- February 1 - February 28
- June 1 - June 30
- September 15 - October 15

Distributions by Classification

- Research, Training & Development
- Animal Related
- Technology
- Environment
- Public Safety
- Youth Development
- Health & Human Service
- Arts & Culture
- Recreation & Sports
- Housing & Shelter
- Community Development & Vitality
- Social Services
- Education

