

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.

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BICEF Success Story:
 The Bright Ideas Community Enrichment Fund has supported organizations impacting 2000+ children over 185 days of summer youth camps!



ABOUT THE LEGACY FOUNDATION

Our Mission
 to serve as a perpetual partner investing in the vitality and advancement of the Greater Ottumwa

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



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

The Bright Ideas Community Enrichment Fund Program has funded

394

from **119** projects

119 different nonprofit organizations.

Total Awarded

(THROUGH APRIL 2021)

\$5,478,179

Total Leveraged

(THROUGH APRIL 2024)

\$4,926,889

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

