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**Hastings Community Foundation Awards \$142,000 in Nonprofit Grants**

(Hastings, Neb.) – The Hastings Community Foundation has announced recipients of their 2022 Community Grants. In total, a record amount of \$142,330 was awarded between 27 local nonprofits.

Examples of Community Grant recipients include:

- Catholic Social Services - \$8,000 for the purchase of a new forklift to aid in food delivery.
- Crossroads Mission Avenue - \$10,000 to replace the mechanical complements in their refrigeration units.
- Hastings Literacy Program - \$1,350 for tablets to aid students working to complete GED.
- The Lark - \$4,200 for facility upgrades including flooring and stage expansion.
- Prairie Loft - \$1,700 for digital meeting equipment in the pavilion classroom.
- Revive Ministries - \$6,484 to purchase new HVAC system for a Unity House.
- Grants were also pledged for capital projects to organizations including Central Community College, Hastings Family YMCA, and the Hastings Catholic Schools.

The Community Grants program is funded by an endowment held by the Hastings Community Foundation. The amount available to award in grants is based on the amount of the endowment. With donor support and market gains, the endowment has seen continued growth.

“With the increased amount we have to distribute, we were intentional this year about being able to fully fund requests, when possible,” said Dan Peters, executive director of the Hastings Community Foundation. “When we’re able to fully fund a request, that means the nonprofit can spend more time implementing their mission rather than trying to raise the additional funds.”

The Hastings Community Foundation’s Community Grants program began in 1994 with two nonprofits being awarded \$1,000 each. With the 2022 allocations, the Community Grants program has awarded more than \$1.1 million to date.

“The history of our Community Grants fund shows the value of a community foundation,” said Peters. “We’re an organization that thinks long-term. We know that even a modest endowment can grow to have a powerful impact with revenue in perpetuity. That’s exactly what we’ve seen with our grants endowment.”

In 2021, the Hastings Community Foundation facilitated the distribution of \$2.6 million to the nonprofit community through grants, scholarships and Give Hastings Day. The Hastings Community Foundation holds more than 120 different funds and has assets totaling \$18 million. For more information, visit [hastingscommunityfoundation.org](http://hastingscommunityfoundation.org).

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