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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grant application deadline is
October 31. For grant
guidelines and to download
the application, go to
custercountyfoundation.org.

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Summer 2017

Custer County Foundation Awards \$37,725 in Grants!

The Foundation awarded \$37,725 to 23 Custer County organizations this Spring! A list of organizations selected to receive grants follows:

- **Arnold Rotary Club:** \$500 to assist with historical signs to be placed on historical buildings throughout Arnold.
- **Arrow Artists:** \$425 to help with the art & photo contest held during the Custer County Fair.
- **Broken Bow Beef Boosters:** \$750 to provide locally-raised beef to Broken Bow Public School students.
- **Broken Bow Cosmos Swim Team:** \$750 to help purchase training equipment.
- **Broken Bow Library Foundation:** \$1,500 to assist with a sound system in the new library.
- **Broken Bow Lions Club:** \$1,500 to help with the purchase of clocks for the City Square.
- **Central Plains Center for Services:** \$1,500 to assist with pool passes for Super Kids Club.
- **Custer CAPABLE:** \$750 to assist with activities for the HEROs mentoring program.
- **Custer Care:** \$2,000 to assist with remodeling the home care & transportation office.
- **Custer County Ag Society:** \$5,000 to assist with the camper pedestal expansion project.
- **Custer County Children's Theater:** \$500 to assist with the children's theater experience.
- **Custer County Leadership Class:** \$1,000 to assist with the Master Trail Plan.
- **Diamond Youth Organization:** \$2,000 to assist with infield improvements at Melham and Tomahawk parks.
- **Finch Memorial Library:** \$5,000 to assist with sidewalks for renovations at the library.
- **Healing Hearts & Families:** \$2,000 to assist with the domestic sexual violence program.
- **Sargent Township Library:** \$250 to assist with the summer reading program.
- **Sargent Youth Wrestling Club:** \$2,000 to help purchase a new wrestling mat.
- **Spartan VIP Club:** \$500 to assist with the Muddy Creek Celebration kids carnival.
- **Veterans Memorial Board:** \$2,500 to help replace flooring in the Veterans Memorial Building (pictured above).
- **Village of Anselmo:** \$4,300 to purchase picnic tables for the Anselmo Improvement Movement.
- **Village of Callaway:** \$2,000 to help purchase playground equipment at Morgan Park.
- **Youth Leadership Custer County – Callaway:** \$500 to help with parking lot renovations.
- **Youth Leadership Custer County – Sargent:** \$500 to help with the new youth recreation center.

Grant Recipient Photos



Broken Bow Lions Club



Broken Bow Cosmos Swim Team



Sargent Township Library



Diamond Youth Organization

Custer County Foundation 101

There may appear to be something somewhat perplexing about community foundations because they offer so many different services and giving opportunities. To help you better understand the many services and giving opportunities the Foundation offers, below is a list and the definitions of the different types of funds that can be established with the Foundation.

- **Donor Advised Fund (DAF):** Allows donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax benefit, and then recommend grants from their DAF over time. An easy way to think about a Donor Advised Fund is like a charitable savings account: a donor contributes to the fund as frequently as they like and then recommends grants to their favorite charity when they are ready. Grants from a DAF can be made anonymous if the donor so chooses.
- **Field of Interest Fund:** Allows a donor or group of donors to establish a fund that addresses issues of specific interest to them. A Field of Interest Fund, established by a single donor or family who personally funds it, sets the grant-making parameters in place (i.e. chooses the areas of interest the fund should address in its grant making), and then either establishes an advisory committee or allows the Foundation's Special Grants Committee to make grant decisions.
- **Designated Fund:** Allows individuals, families, organizations, or small groups to raise funds in support of a specified non-profit organization. All distributions are made to one or more specified organization, identified at the time the fund is established.
- **Scholarship Fund:** Scholarship funds are established by donors, individuals, families, businesses, schools, and other foundations as a way to support students by assisting them with the costs of their education. Often times, donors wish to support a student who is interested in a field of study that is of special significance to the donor. Other donors see such funds as a meaningful way to honor or memorialize friends, teachers, co-workers, or family members.
- **Pass-Through Fund:** Allows organizations to raise money for a cause that would be considered "not for profit". Organizations can be under the umbrella of the Foundation's 501(c)3 status, allowing donors to receive the benefit of a tax deductible contribution. Organizations can also apply for grants using the Foundation's 501(c)3 status.

Many of these funds can be established as an endowed fund or an unendowed fund. If you are interested in learning more about these funds, please contact the Foundation at 308-872-2232 or custerfoundation@msn.com.

Custer County Foundation receives Community Impact Award!



Custer County Foundation representatives receiving the award

The Custer County Foundation was honored to be selected by the Custer Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) as the recipient of the 2017 Community Impact Award. CEDC Director Deb McCaslin described the Foundation as being the “cornerstone of giving.” The Foundation was selected for their unselfish investment in Custer County. Since its inception, the Foundation has reinvested more than



Community Impact Award pictured above

\$3.5 million back into Custer County in the form of grants, scholarships, and program support. The CEDC also awarded Stuart Fox the Wheel Horse Award, Ansley Lumber and Supply the Business Innovator Award, and the co-chairs of the Cattleman’s Ball the Economic Development Impact Award. The Custer County Chief hosted the event in celebration of the newspaper’s 125th anniversary. Congratulations to everyone recognized at the CEDC Summer Celebration!

2017 Sustaining Membership Drive!

As we reach the midpoint of 2017 with wonderment as to where time has gone, we also reflect at this time on a membership goal of **\$15,000** that has not been met. As businesses and individuals, we encourage you to help us meet our goal by becoming members today.

When we circle together, we CAN make a difference!

A gift to the Foundation ensures we can continue our mission of charitable giving to benefit the residents throughout Custer County. As a way to recognize your generous support, we will publish your name in our 2018 Winter Newsletter. Your name will also appear in our 13th Annual Gala & Auction program. Please consider supporting the Foundation financially.

Remember and know that the Foundation exists today because Custer County residents have a strong desire to give back to the community where they have lived, prospered, worked, and played.



Yes! I want to support the efforts of the Custer County Foundation!

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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Our Mission
The Custer County Foundation is a non-profit community trust which is structured to seek out, receive, and administer funds to meet the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County. The funds are administered in the areas of health, arts and culture, social welfare, environment, education, and civics.

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