

MAHASKA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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2025 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$118,929

Oskaloosa Community School Art Department: Safety Equipment	\$7,500
Oskaloosa Community School Athletics Department: Weight Equipment	\$7,500
Mahaska Future View/Chamber of Commerce: Human Services	\$7,500
Mahaska County Conservation: Playscape equipment	\$12,500
Oskaloosa Children's Museum: Website and Marketing	\$20,000
Rescue Me International Animal Foundation: Spay/Neuter in Mahaska County	\$10,000
Uplifting Puppet Co.: Supplies and Show Expenses	\$4,000
William Penn University: Education	\$10,000
Oskaloosa Christian School: Bleachers	\$7,500
Cedar Township: Upgrade equipment for Volunteer Firefighters	\$15,000
Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter: Cleaning/Sanitizing machine	\$4,878
Church Women United: New Refrigerator for Ecumenical Cupboard	\$12,551

2024 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$120,000

Oskaloosa Community School: Startup for Skills Based work learning	\$10,000
FACE: Safety Improvements to Art Building	\$1,000
Mahaska Future View/Chamber of Commerce: Human Services	\$7,500
Mahaska County Conservation: Playscape and Community Space	\$25,000
Friends of George Daily: Technology Updates	\$13,000
Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation: Trail Tunnel Murals	\$6,350
Mahaska County YMCA: Program expansion supplies	\$8,000
Eddyville Community Foundation: Community Center	\$9,150
CHALLENGE GRANT:	
City of Leighton: Community Center Upgrades	\$20,000
City of New Sharon: Playground Development/Equipment	\$20,000

2023 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$113,135

Mobility Worldwide, Leighton, IA: New printer and Ink	\$1,000
FACE: Arts Studio Electrical and Restroom Updates	\$10,000
Mahaska Future View/Chamber of Commerce: Human Services	\$7,500
William Penn University: Musician Contract with Area Schools	\$5,000
Friends of George Daily: Free tickets for Youth with Programming	\$2,000
Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation: Sunshades for New Ball Fields	\$10,000
Mahaska County YMCA: Program tools for New Facility	\$10,000
Eddyville Little League: Storage Improvement	\$8,000
ISU Extension, Mahaska County: Update Sound System	\$6,135
Mahaska County Historical Society: Self-Guided Tour Signs for Nelson Pioneer Farm	\$11,000
Friends of Stilwell Public Library: Programming Support	\$5,000
New Sharon Little League: Field Improvements	\$2,500
Southern Iowa Fairgrounds: Upgrade Sale Barn for Fairgrounds	\$15,000
CHALLENGE GRANT:	
City of University Park: Community Park upgrades and additional equipment	\$20,000

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2022 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$138,987

Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation – Trail enhancements at pond	\$10,000
Indian Hills Community College Foundation – Criminal Justice program	\$10,000
Oskaloosa Police Department – Security cameras for City Square	\$ 8,030
FACE of Mahaska County – Lighting and sound for performance area	\$ 7,272
George Daily Auditorium – World Fest programming and expenses	\$10,000
Barnes City Fire & Rescue – Energy efficient furnace, AC, lights in firehouse	\$ 5,000
Oskaloosa Little League (Mahaska American) – New Vanderwilt Park scoreboards	\$ 8,685
Rocket Rampage – Start-up competitive robotics program	\$ 5,000
Oskaloosa Indoor Sports Complex – LED lighting, security system and cameras	\$15,000
Mahaska County YMCA – Furnish three community rooms and child watch area	\$20,000
CHALLENGE GRANT:	
City of Oskaloosa – Edmundson park enhancements and upgrades	\$20,000
City of Fremont – Light poles	\$20,000

2021 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$86,472

Kiwanis Club of Oskaloosa – Edmundson Playground	\$10,000
Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation – Ballfields	\$11,625
Golden Goose Club – Christmas Tree / Walking Tour	\$ 5,000
George Daily Auditorium – Mobile Sound System	\$15,000
City of New Sharon – Playground	\$ 5,000
William Penn University – Green Iowa Americorps planting	\$ 5,000
Oskaloosa Fire Department – Fire Box Training Tool	\$ 3,000
Oskaloosa Area Chamber / Oskaloosa Main Street – Corn Cooker	\$ 7,597
FACE of Mahaska County – International Festival	\$ 2,400
Mobility Worldwide IA Leighton – Welder and other tools	\$ 1,850
CHALLENGE GRANT:	
City of Oskaloosa - Early Childhood Education & Recreation Center	\$15,000

2020 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$100,358

William Penn University – New Bachelor of Nursing Program	\$25,000
New Sharon Fire & Rescue Association – Hydraulic rescue equipment	\$10,000
Little League Baseball – Dugout improvements at Vander Wilt Park	\$ 8,000
Fine Arts & Cultural Events of Mahaska County – Oskaloosa public art murals	\$10,000
Food Bank of Iowa – More food for Oskaloosa location, needed due to Covid-19	\$ 7,500
Mahaska County Historical Society – Nelson Pioneer farm roof & chimney repairs	\$ 6,000
ISU Extension Ma. Co. – Portable scale, retinal imaging machine, barn upgrades	\$ 6,000
Eddyville Historical Museum – Museum and community center, final construction	\$ 6,000
Mahaska Co. Humane Society – Computer upgrades & maintenance equipment	\$ 7,358
City of New Sharon – Stilwell Public Library Popup Library Program	\$ 500
Habitat for Humanity – Purchase of Equipment Trailer	\$ 8,000
Mobility Worldwide IA Leighton – Loading dock build and Pentalift installation help	\$ 5,000
Cedar Township – Laptop and TV for firefighter training	\$ 4,000
CHALLENGE GRANT:	
City of Oskaloosa - Early Childhood Education & Recreation Center	\$25,000

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2019 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$115,650

Friends of the Auditorium – Alliance Brass Workshops and Performance	\$ 3,000
Eddyville Historical Museum – Museum Construction Phase III	\$10,000
City of Leighton – Leighton Post Office Project	\$15,000
William Penn University – Water Quality Partnership	\$ 8,800
Mahaska County Sheriff's Office – AED Units for Patrol Project	\$12,000
Oskaloosa Little League – New Dugouts Project	\$11,600
Oskaloosa Police Department – Better equipment for high-risk encounters	\$ 8,500
Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation – Portable Pitching Mounds	\$ 7,250
Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter – Fenced Exercise Run for SMAS	\$ 8,500
City of Fremont – North & South Parks Project	\$10,000
North Mahaska School District – New Bleacher Project	\$12,000
Mahaska Development Partners – MDP Framework Planning Project	\$ 5,000
Mahaska County YMCA – Middle Schoolers Membership Project	\$ 4,000

2018 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$122,132

Stilwell Public Library in New Sharon – Automation of library card system	\$ 4,000
Mahaska County Recreation Foundation – Prairie project along trail	\$ 6,436
Oskaloosa Fire Department – Ultra high-pressure pump on brush truck	\$ 3,000
Oskaloosa Area Chamber/Main Street – Billboard and downtown banners	\$ 4,300
Southern Iowa Fair – New beef barn	\$10,000
Fine Arts Council & Events (FACE) of Mahaska County – Renovation project	\$10,000
Friends of the Auditorium – Workshops/performance from professional tour group	\$ 2,500
Oskaloosa Symphony Orchestra – Summer Oskaloosa Music Festival	\$ 3,000
William Penn University – Technology for career services department	\$ 5,000
City of New Sharon – Revitalization of East End Park	\$10,250
City of Rose Hill – Park and shelter house renovation	\$24,516
City of Fremont – Pocket park renovation	\$ 9,600
Youth for Christ – Club room renovation	\$ 2,000
Oskaloosa Christian School – Gymnasium improvements	\$ 1,500
North Mahaska School District – School mental health services pilot project	\$ 5,000
Mahaska County Extension – New lighting system for community room	\$10,000
Mobility Worldwide of Leighton – Fans and garage door for production building	\$ 1,030

2017 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$101,600

Mahaska County Sheriff's Office – Mobile Digital Cameras & Body Cameras	\$17,200
Fremont Playground Committee – Playground Equipment	\$10,000
Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation – Lacey Complex Picnic area	\$10,400
New Sharon Fire & Rescue Association – New Ambulance	\$10,000
New Hope Community Inc. – Bus Stop Garden	\$ 500
Oskaloosa Community High School – 21 st Century Classroom	\$12,500
City of Oskaloosa Fire Department – New Fitness Equipment	\$ 2,500
Friends of the Auditorium – Musical improv group at schools	\$ 3,500
Capri Restoration Board – Roof for Capri Theater	\$ 6,500
Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter – Washer and Dryer	\$ 5,000
William Penn University – Backpack Electrofisher & Chestwaders	\$ 2,500
Imagine the Possibilities – All-Ability Cycle	\$ 4,500
FACE of Mahaska County – Art studio equipment	\$ 5,000
Mahaska County YMCA – Software & Support	\$ 7,500
Keomah Village – Holiday lighting	\$ 3,500
Mobility Worldwide IA-Leighton – New signage	\$ 500

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2016 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$91,200

Ballpark of Leighton – New dugouts	\$ 6,000
City of Oskaloosa – Downtown Bicycle Parking	\$ 2,200
George Daily Auditorium – Transit Authority	\$ 3,000
Oskaloosa Main Street – Alley Project	\$ 7,000
Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation – Babe Ruth Field 2	\$ 6,000
New Hope Community, Inc. – Beautiful Gardens Project	\$ 2,000
Peoria Christian School – Visions for the Future	\$ 3,500
10-15 Transit – Oskaloosa Rides expansion	\$ 5,000
Oskaloosa School for Christian Instruction – Cool for Kids	\$15,000
Oskaloosa Main Street – WiFi Project	\$ 3,500
Food Bank of Southern Iowa – Cooler Repair	\$ 2,500
Mahaska County Habitat for Humanity – Home Build Project	\$ 5,000
Central College – Sibshops	\$ 1,000
YMCA – Lake Keomah Camp	\$15,000
City of Eddyville – Memory Lane Monument	\$ 2,000
PET Ia – New Drill Press	\$ 1,000
Pleasant Homes – Metal Roof	\$ 3,000
Oskaloosa Farmers Market	\$ 1,000
City of Barnes City – Playground Equipment	\$ 6,000
Southern Iowa Fair – Paint Buildings	\$ 1,500

2015 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$92,128

George Daily Auditorium – Youth arts program	\$ 5,500
Mahaska County Historical Society – Nelson home	\$ 4,000
City of Fremont – Storm Sirens	\$ 3,500
Mahaska County Development Group – Survey Master Plan	\$10,000
New Hope Community, Inc. – Garden Kitchen	\$ 5,488
Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation – Playground	\$ 5,000
Oskaloosa Rotary – Welcome sign	\$ 4,536
Oskaloosa Main Street – Signage/branding	\$ 1,250
City of Eddyville – Marker	\$ 4,000
Oskaloosa Boy Scout Troup 71 – Van	\$ 2,500
Oskaloosa Christian School – Technology	\$ 3,500
Barnes City Fire Rescue – Capitol	\$ 7,500
Peoria Christian School – Safety	\$ 5,329
Mahaska County YMCA – New Design	\$10,000
William Penn University – GPS	\$ 1,500
Oskaloosa Fire Department – Gas Monitor	\$ 4,000
Oskaloosa Middle School – Character Arts	\$ 4,000
Oskaloosa Farmers Market – Start-up promo	\$ 2,500
PET IA-Leighton – Saw	\$ 1,700
Mahaska County Agency on Aging – Ice Machine	\$ 3,825
Food Bank of Southern Iowa – Truck	\$ 2,500

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2014 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$96,536

MCRF	\$ 10,000
Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter	\$ 6,000
Mahaska County Izaak Walton League	\$ 4,500
Mahaska County 4H Day Camps	\$ 1,764
William Penn University Video Scoreboard	\$ 5,000
Nelson Pioneer Farm	\$ 2,887
Eddyville Historical Museum	\$ 2,500
City of Barnes City	\$ 3,000
City of Leighton	\$ 3,000
Oskaloosa Chamber & Oskaloosa Main Street	\$ 4,000
City of Eddyville	\$ 5,000
Friends of George Daily Auditorium	\$ 4,000
Christian Opportunity Center	\$ 1,885
Oskaloosa Police Department	\$ 2,000
YMCA Food Service	\$ 11,000
Oskaloosa Rides	\$ 5,000
Oskaloosa Parks	\$ 2,200
Oskaloosa Christian School	\$ 2,500
ISU Extension	\$ 2,800
KAOS Gold Wrestling Club	\$ 4,000
William Penn Force Plate	\$ 6,000
Pathfinders RC&D	\$ 4,000
Agency on Aging	\$ 3,500

2013 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$98,134

MCRF (Soccer Field Safety Fences)	\$ 7,271
City of Rose Hill (Beautification by demolishing old building)	\$ 9,882
City of Eddyville (Central Park Performance Stage, Activity Center)	\$ 8,250
Lions Clubs of Mahaska & Marion Counties (Vision Screening)	\$ 9,000
Mahaska County YMCA (Aquatics Facility Improvements)	\$ 7,625
Stevens Memorial Animal Shelter (Air Purification System)	\$ 695
Mahaska County YMCA (Child Care Area Improvements)	\$ 15,000
Nelson Pioneer Farm (Museum Artifact Storage)	\$ 4,510
Crisis Intervention Services (Facilities Renovation)	\$ 5,000
Oskaloosa Dog Park Task Force (Seed Money for Dog Park Proj.)	\$ 10,000
P.E.T. Leighton (Table saw for wheelchair manufacturing)	\$ 3,490
City of Barnes City (Improvements to City Hall)	\$ 5,000
Mahaska County 4H (Youth Summer Camp Project)	\$ 2,200
Bellefontaine Cemetery Aid Society (Civil War Veterans' Markers)	\$ 1,200
Christian Opportunity Center (Document Shredder and seating)	\$ 2,739
Imagine the Possibilities (Exercise Equipment)	\$ 5,192
Habitat for Humanity (Computer and Software)	\$ 1,080

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2012 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$90,066

Bellefountaine Cemetery Aid Society (Veterans' Gravestones)	\$ 1,200
Clean & Green Team	\$ 750
Lighted Christmas Tree Committee (Community Christmas Tree)	\$ 3,650
City of Eddyville (Shelter house/Park Improvement Project)	\$ 10,000
William Penn University (Mathematics Classroom Project)	\$ 5,000
AHEAD Regional Housing Trust Fund	\$ 5,000
New Sharon Fire & Rescue	\$ 2,680
Oskaloosa Dog Park Community Task Force	\$ 5,000
Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation	\$ 9,545
Oskaloosa Community School Fitness Program (Equipment)	\$ 5,060
Mahaska County YMCA (Equipment)	\$ 7,100
Oskaloosa Public Library (Computers)	\$ 5,012
North Mahaska Community Schools Fitness Center	\$ 10,000
Oskaloosa Police Department Student Internship Program	\$ 5,000
Mahaska County Historical Society (Protection Shades)	\$ 3,496
College Avenue Friends Church Mobile Camp	\$ 3,000
South Central Iowa Youth for Christ	\$ 1,000
Mahaska County Habitat for Humanity	\$ 750
Christian Opportunity Center	\$ 2,583
Oskaloosa Christian School Computer Lab	\$ 2,250
Imagine the Possibilities (Automatic handicapped door opener)	\$ 1,990

2011 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$101,754

Mahaska County 4-H	\$ 900
Mahaska County Homelessness Coalition	\$ 1,000
Mahaska County Habitat for Humanity	\$ 1,500
Oskaloosa Christian School	\$ 1,800
New Hope Community Inc.	\$ 2,000
Oskaloosa Symphony Orchestra	\$ 2,000
New Sharon Little League	\$ 2,054
Mahaska County Conservation Board	\$ 2,500
New Sharon Area Historical Society	\$ 2,500
Oskaloosa Middle School	\$ 3,000
Mahaska County Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)	\$ 4,000
Oskaloosa Public Library	\$ 5,000
Fremont Little League	\$ 6,000
Mahaska County Pheasants Forever	\$ 6,000
Mahaska County 4-H Horse Helpers	\$ 7,500
City of Rose Hill	\$ 8,000
Mahaska County Cattlemen	\$ 8,000
Mahaska County Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)	\$ 8,000
Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation	\$ 10,000
North Mahaska Community School	\$ 10,000
Oskaloosa Rotary	\$ 10,000

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2010 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$92,788

Mahaska Humane Society	\$ 11,000
ISU Extension, Mahaska County	\$ 6,686
Imagine the Possibilities, Inc.	\$ 8,200
Kids' Corner Child Care, Inc.	\$ 1,200
William Penn University	\$ 11,942
City of Oskaloosa	\$ 6,935
Church Women United	\$ 3,100
Food Bank of Southern Iowa	\$ 2,000
Fremont Community School	\$ 2,000
Mahaska County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	\$ 7,000
Mahaska County YMCA	\$ 8,000
Christian Opportunity Center	\$ 2,700
City of Eddyville	\$ 3,100
Oskaloosa School for Christian Instruction	\$ 1,800
Resource Conservation & Development Area	\$ 1,125
Mahaska Community Recreation Foundation	\$ 10,000
Mahaska County YMCA	\$ 6,000

2009 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$100,000

Oskaloosa Free Clinic	\$15000	Start-up Costs
Mahaska County Conservation Board	\$6500	Fitness/Playground Equipment for White Oak
Mahaska County Recreation Foundation	\$6300	Playground Equipment, Lacey Complex
City of Barnes City	\$2500	Storm Warning System
New Sharon Agency on Aging	\$3200	Improvements at Senior Meal Site
Mahaska County Humane Society	\$7500	County-Wide Spay Program
Eddyville Little League	\$3700	Batting Cage
William Penn University	\$10000	Lab for Start-up Nursing Program
Crisis Intervention Center	\$3000	Furniture for Transitional Housing
Imagine the Possibilities	\$5600	Kitchen/Laundry Facilities for Group Home
Barnes City Betterment Club	\$2000	Playground Equipment
New Sharon Capri Theatre	\$8500	Stereo and Camera Equipment
City of Oskaloosa	\$5000	Penn Mall Parking Lot Beautification Project
Oskaloosa Downtown Development	\$5000	Windows for Iowa Building
New Hope Community	\$3000	Youth Development Summer Program
YMCA	\$2000	Swimming Pool Drains
Friends of the Auditorium	\$2000	Youth Theatre Production
Nelson Pioneer Farm	\$2900	Building Improvements
Boy Scouts Troop 71	\$3300	Equipment
Mahaska Future View	\$3000	Downtown Oskaloosa Streetscape

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City of Beacon	\$5000	Playground Equipment
Mahaska County Agency on Aging	\$5000	Freezer for Senior Meal Center
Friends of the Auditorium	\$5000	Theater Production for area children
City of Rose Hill	\$5000	Playground Equipment
North Mahaska Community Schools	\$2500	Playground Equipment for Preschool
Fremont Community Foundation	\$5000	Bronze Veteran's Memorial
American Legion Post #34 *	\$4000	Vehicle for Veterans
Mahaska County YMCA	\$4500	Children's Physical Fitness Testing Equipment
Mahaska County Dog Trainers	\$1600	Dog Training Equipment
Oskaloosa Babe Ruth	\$961	Safety Fence
Food Bank of Southern Iowa	\$4000	Delivery Truck
New Hope Community Inc.	\$4500	Roof repair/improvement
Love in the Name of Christ	\$2000	Moving/Delivery Vehicle Purchase
Mahaska Health Partnership	\$5000	Hospice House
Keo-Mah Genealogical Society	\$750	Computer Equipment
Pathfinders RC & D	\$500	Local Food Producers Brochure
Eagle Scout Project-sponsored by MCCB	\$1575	Russell Wildlife Handicapped Fishing Dock
William Penn University	\$1000	Women's Philanthropy Seminar

2007 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$51,637

Barnes City American Legion Auxiliary	\$2500	Veteran's Memorial Garden
Mahaska County Little League	\$5300	Safety Enhancement Program-breakaway bases
Oskaloosa High School *	\$7000	Oskaloosa Technology Education Center
Southern Iowa Fair Foundation	\$9500	Fairground Pavilion Improvement Projects
Leighton Ballpark Committee	\$3000	Leighton Ballpark Project-Concrete steps
Sunshine & Smiles Children's Center *	\$4000	Passenger Van
United Way of Mahaska County	\$7237	Community Needs Assessment
Crisis Intervention Services	\$600	Parenting Support Group
Mahaska Health Partnership Foundation	\$5000	Hospice House in Mahaska County
North Mahaska FFA	\$7500	Greenhouse

2006 PROJECTS FUNDED: \$45000

Youth for Christ of Southern Iowa	\$1000	Teens at Risk
Serve Our Youth Network (SOY)	\$1000	College, Community & Kids
Mahaska County Izaak Walton League	\$4000	Pond and Wetland Restoration
Mahaska County YMCA	\$4500	Fitness Zone Equipment
Food Bank of Southern Iowa, Inc.	\$3000	Walk-in Freezer
Mahaska County Agency on Aging	\$8500	Kitchen Relocation
Mahaska County Conservation Board	\$15,000	Eveland Access Playground
New Hope Community Inc.	\$500	Sports Equipment
RICE Committee	\$7500	Eddyville Little League Field Lighting

* Project funded but grant given back by organization. Funds re-granted the next grant cycle.