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2025 HARDIN COUNTY
COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT
FOUNDATION

Report to the Community





Dear Community Foundation Friends,

On behalf of the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation (HCCEF), I am pleased to share with you and to celebrate with you the milestones and impacts of HCCEF on Hardin County over the last 20 years.

Founded in 2005, HCCEF, in affiliation with the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, has played a role in building better communities throughout the county by fostering charitable giving and distributing grants to non-profit groups throughout the county in the areas of health, education, arts, and human services. Those non-profit groups, together with community volunteers, have implemented countless projects, both small and large, that have improved life in Hardin County.

Over the twenty years since inception, through the generosity of donors and through interest earnings, the investments of HCCEF have grown to 16 million dollars. Portions of these funds, along with funds received through the state's gambling revenues, are put to work annually for the betterment of Hardin County.

We are so thankful for the generosity of donors who have assisted in growing HCCEF over the last twenty years. We are also so thankful for the individuals and entities within our communities who provide services and carry out the charitable projects that improve our communities.

As we reflect on the impacts of the last twenty years of HCCEF, we are also reminded of the role that each of us can play in shaping a brighter future for all. Whether it is through charitable giving or through service, we can ensure communities are not only surviving, but are thriving for generations to come.

Thank you for your support and commitment — for the love of Hardin County.

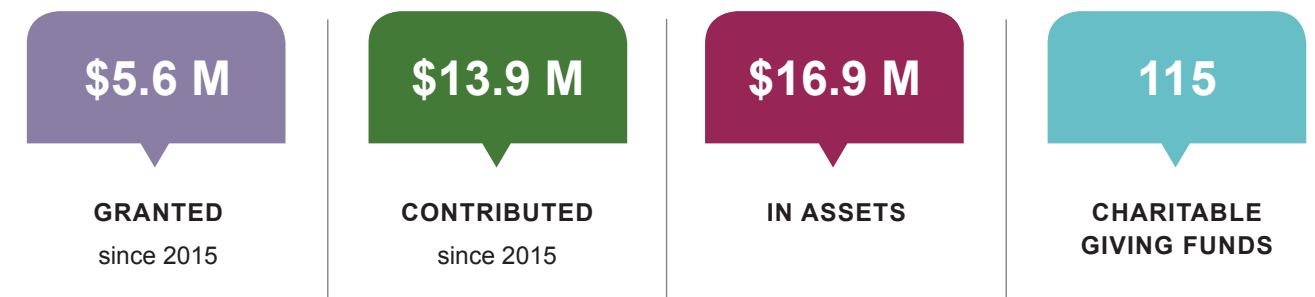
Warm regards,

Joan Schuller

Chairperson

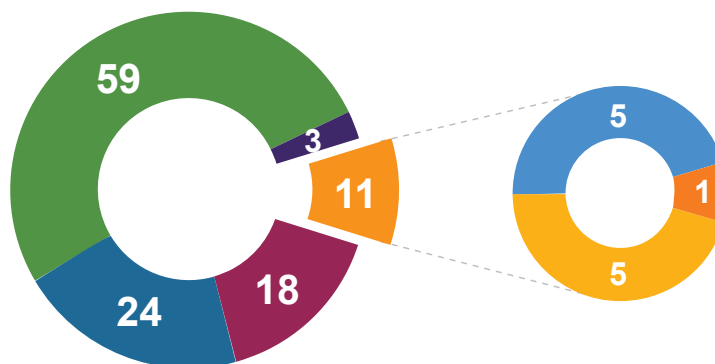
Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation

SINCE 2015 TOTAL CHARITIES SUPPORTED = 167



CHARITABLE GIVING FUNDS

- Designated – 59
- Donor Advised – 24
- Agency – 18
- Committee Advised – 3
- **OTHER: 11**
 - Unrestricted – 5
 - Additional Funds – 5
 - Legacy – 1



WAYS TO GIVE

The Hardin County Endowment Foundation connects you with causes and organizations you care about. Please consider including one of the Foundation's endowments in your annual charitable giving.

Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation's:

- Unrestricted Endowment — *Long-term support*
- Operating Endowment — *Operational support*
- Hardin County Arts & Culture Endowment — *Grantmaking to support arts & culture projects*
- Hardin County Disaster Recovery Fund — *Disaster Preparedness*

Your gift allows the Foundation to assist Hardin County organizations to fulfill their missions for the betterment of our communities.



For a full list of funds held at the Foundation, please scan the QR code or visit:

endowhardincoiowa.org

You may give online or by mailing a check to:

Hardin County Community
Endowment Foundation
P.O. Box 473, Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Contact us to learn about other ways to give to your local community foundation.

LOCAL GRANTS

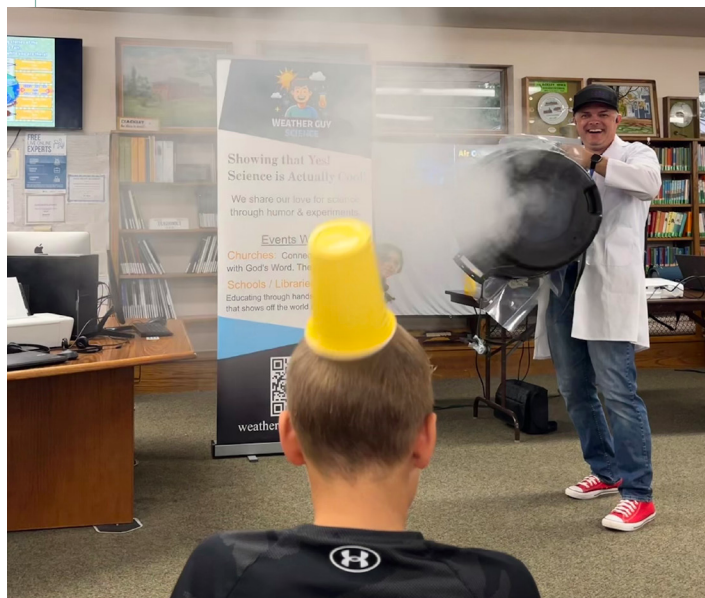
Lasting Library Impact

Grant funding through the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation (HCCEF) enables Hardin County libraries to grow services, modernize resources, and reach more residents—creating measurable improvements in access, learning, and community engagement.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Ackley Public Library

During the summer of 2025, the Ackley Public Library utilized a grant from the Wilma Marie Meyer Fund to pay for summer reading program speakers, including Adam Frederick, Weather Guy Science.



LIBRARY FURNITURE

Robert W. Barlow

Memorial Library, Iowa Falls

The Barlow Library was looking to make some improvements in the children's and teens areas. Our request was for funds to replace and add new furniture and furnishings to these areas. These new furnishings have brightened up these much-loved spaces.





NEW FIRE ALARM

Dr. Grace O. Doane Alden Public Library

Receiving an HCCEF grant allowed Alden Public Library to install a modern fire alarm system, improving safety, ensuring code compliance, protecting collections, and giving staff and patrons greater peace of mind.



STUDY ROOMS

Eldora Public Library

In 2019, the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation provided us with a grant to complete two study rooms. These rooms are used often for remote workers, telehealth or students doing homework. They were a blessing during the COVID Pandemic. Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation rocks!

ONGOING SUPPORT

Hubbard Public Library

The Hubbard Public Library has received more than \$18,000 in grants over the past 10 years from the County Endowment Fund Program administered by the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation.



STORYWALK

Steamboat Rock Public Library

A twenty-kiosk storybook walk was installed along the River's Edge Trail in Steamboat Rock with the assistance of a grant through HCCEF. Books are changed regularly and can be sponsored by individuals, businesses, or organizations.





CIRCULATION DESK REMODEL

Radcliffe Public Library

In 2022, the library was awarded a grant to assist in the remodel of the circulation desk. Built in 1984, it was time for a design upgrade, featuring new cabinets, countertops, and flooring. HCCEF made this goal possible.



DIGITIZING MEDIA BUNDLE

Union Public Library

Our library serves 1,250 patrons in the southern part of Hardin County. We contract with the cities of New Providence and Whitten for library services. We have a large rural patron population. The library is used by the public for clubs and programs throughout the year. We are the community center for our area. We hope the digitization of memories can continue to engage people of all ages.



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The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines is proud to partner with affiliate county and community foundations across the state to support the development of local charitable giving.