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Custer County since
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Summer 2020

Custer County Foundation Awards \$40,900 in grants!

The Custer County Foundation reviewed grant requests for the period ending April 30, 2020 and is awarding a total of \$40,900 to 14 Custer County organizations. The Foundation's Grants committee recommended, and the Board of Directors approved, the following awards:

- **Anselmo-Merna Public Schools - \$4,500:** Supplies to help revitalize the Agricultural Education Department.
- **Ansley Alumni Class of 2004 - \$1,500:** To help with equipment for a sand volleyball court.
- **Ansley Public Schools - \$6,000:** To provide playground equipment.
- **Ansley Rural Fire Department - \$3,600:** To help purchase protective fire gear.
- **Callaway YLCC - \$1,000:** To help with a new sound system in the Callaway Community Center.
- **Central Plains Center for Services - \$600:** To help establish a Reach Out to Read Literacy program.
- **Custer County Children's Theater Association - \$1,500:** To help with the Children's Theater Production.
- **Sargent Imagination Library - \$1,500:** To help establish the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Sargent.
- **Lead4Change - \$2,200:** To help install a flagpole in front of the Broken Bow Middle School.
- **Merna Emergency Medical Services - \$5,000:** To help purchase a power cot for the ambulance.
- **Nigel Sprouse Memorial Library - \$2,000:** To replace the hot water heater and the back door.
- **Oconto Rural Fire Department - \$7,500:** To help purchase an ambulance cot and lift system.
- **Sandhills Community Collaborative - \$1,500:** To help create a resource app.
- **Tuffy Winberg Free Pit BBQ - \$2,500:** To help provide the Free Pit BBQ.

The next grant application period ends October 31, 2020. Applications may be accessed online at www.custercountyfoundation.org.

Only \$14,000 left to reach Yanagida Challenge Goal!

Our fundraising meter is rising!! We are so close, please help us move the meter!

In case you missed it, the Custer County Foundation announced an exciting gift at the 15th Annual Gala & Auction held on December 14, 2019. Roy Yanagida and his family have generously donated \$200,000 to the Custer County Foundation. In addition, Roy is challenging the Custer County Foundation, businesses, and individuals to raise an additional \$100,000. Roy and his family will generously match every donation to the Yanagida Challenge Match, dollar-for-dollar, up to a maximum of \$100,000 in 2020! This means your donation is doubled! This challenge match could potentially raise \$400,000 or more!! This will certainly help the Foundation continue to have a positive impact on Custer County.

We are happy to announce that over \$86,000 has already been raised!! Sixty-two donations have been received, representing the following communities:



Ansley, NE Arnold, NE Broken Bow, NE Fayetteville, AR Lincoln, NE Marana, AZ
Merna, NE Mission, TX Louisville, CO Oconto, NE Phillips, NE Sargent, NE Wilmington, NC

Roy, and his family, want to ensure the Custer County Foundation can continue living up to its mission of meeting the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County. It is Roy's vision to ensure that the Foundation continues to have a positive impact upon the youth and other worthy organizations in Custer County, well into the future.

Roy and the Custer County Foundation are asking you to join him in this challenge match and to make a donation to the Foundation. As Roy would say, "you give with your heart." It is the hope of the Yanagida family that you, too, will give from your heart, and will join them in their effort to help secure the future of the Foundation and the life we love in Custer County.

Please help us capitalize on this generous gift by making a donation to the Yanagida Challenge match. Please mail donations to the Custer County Foundation using the form below. You can also donate from your smartphone by texting CCFMATCH to 44-321.

Thank you, Roy, and the Yanagida family, for this amazing gift!

Yes! I want to participate in the challenge match!



☐ Enclosed is my challenge match donation.

☐ I am interested in learning more about this challenge match. Please contact me at: _____.

☐ I wish to make a pledge of \$_____ to be paid in installments of \$_____ over _____ (years, max 3 years).

Please enclose 1st pledge installment. Reminders will be sent in January unless otherwise specified _____ (month).

Name(s) _____
(As you would like it to appear in Custer County Foundation Publications)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ I request to remain anonymous in any publications.

Please make checks payable to Custer County Foundation & return to:

PO Box 304 • Broken Bow, NE 68822

Thank you!

The Custer County Foundation, Inc. is a public charity. Your gift, in most cases, will qualify for a federal income tax deduction. As required by law, it is important to acknowledge that you did not receive any goods or services in exchange for this contribution.

COVID-19 Response Grant Available to local non-profits

The Custer County Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of a COVID-19 Response Grant. The goal of the COVID-19 Response Grant is to provide nonprofit organizations with flexible resources to address the impact of the COVID-19 public health crisis in our community, particularly to address immediate basic needs, such as food insecurity or eviction prevention. Because of the urgent nature of this grant program, applications for COVID-19 relief will be accepted at any time during the pandemic, as funds are available. The Board of Directors has initially allocated \$20,000 to this grant program. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis and organizations will be notified as quickly as possible. The COVID-19 Response Grant is not able to provide funding to individuals or businesses directly. Individuals will need to seek assistance from the nonprofits that address those basic needs.

The guidelines and grant application have been simplified. Below are the guidelines.

1. All non-profit organizations in Custer County assisting individuals affected by COVID-19 are eligible.
2. Requests to address basic needs will be a priority.

The grant application can be found on the home page of our website: custercountyfoundation.org.

For any questions or to submit the COVID-19 Response Grant application, please email: custerfoundation@msn.com or visit custercountyfoundation.org.

Sustaining Members

We are well on our way in reaching our 2020 goal of **\$15,000!** Thank you for any support you have given! Please help us meet our goal by becoming a member today. Both businesses and individuals are encouraged to take this important step which is vital to the future of your community and Custer County.

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 2021 Winter Newsletter. Your name will also appear in our 16th Annual Gala & Auction program.

The success of the Foundation is a direct reflection of our generous supporters. Donations from our valuable members allow us to perform daily activities which, in turn, create opportunities for a greater impact.

The Foundation thrives today because of past and present Custer County residents who have a strong desire to give back to communities where they have lived, prospered, worked and played. Please consider becoming a Sustaining Member today. Thank you!

**When we circle together,
we CAN make a difference!**



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

Individual • Family • Business MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

☐ \$1,000+	DIAMOND
☐ \$500-\$999	PLATINUM
☐ \$250-\$499	GOLD
☐ \$100-\$249	SILVER
☐ \$50-\$99	BRONZE
☐ \$_____	Other Contribution

Name(s) _____
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"Preserving Our Heritage...
Planning Our Future."

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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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