JASPER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES
GRANT AWARDS IN JASPER COUNTY

NEWTON, IOWA (July 25, 2022) — Dan Skokan, President of the Jasper Community Foundation announced that in excess of $108,000 in grant awards was distributed to area non-profit organizations in July. The community foundation receives funds for grantmaking and endowment building each year from the state sponsored County Endowment Fund Program. The grant proposals were received from educational, municipal and non-profit organizations throughout Jasper County. Skokan stated, “I am pleased to announce that the Foundation awarded grant funding to 22 non-profits throughout Jasper County. These grant funds will provide much needed financial support for a variety of important programs and services in our communities.” Skokan continued, “Each year we make an effort to fund a wide variety of programs that touch residents all over the county. This year we were able to make grants to organizations supporting programs and services in human services, education, recreation, arts and culture, community vitality and many others.”

The Foundation awarded grants that ranged from $1,200 to $15,000 to new or enhanced, innovative programs that address needs or issues within Jasper County.

All submitted grant proposals were reviewed by the Jasper Community Foundation Board. The 22 organizations receiving funding through this program were:

- Baxter Federated Garden Club – Flower Planters – $1,210.00
- Friends of the Lynnville Public Library – Snow Cone & Cotton Candy Machine – $2,000.00
- Happy Tales – Spay the Stray – $2,000.00
- Newton Police Dept. – National Night Out – $2,000.00
- Sully Garden Tyme Club – West Side Project – $2,500.00
- United Way of Jasper County – Magic Class – $1,500.00
- Friends of the Monroe Public Library – Reimagine Project – $3,000.00
- Jasper County Conservation – Nature Playscape Trail – $8,000.00
- Peck Child Development Center – Expansion Project – $10,000.00
- Kellogg Fire Department – SCBA Air Packs – $8,500.00
- Jasper County Sheriff’s Office – Emergency Radios – $10,000.00
- MercyOne Newton Foundation – Physical Medicine Rehab Module – $3,500.00
- Sully Community Library – Shelving Project – $4,000.00
- Sully Hometown Pride – Sully Ballfield Park Walking Trail – $10,000.00
- City of Monroe – Dog Park – $3,000.00
- Centre for Arts & Artists – Handicap Ramp – $3,285.00
- Mingo Hometown Pride – Trailhead Gateway Sculpture – $3,000.00
- Newton Community Theatre – Stage Light Dimmer Rack – $5,000.00
- Newton Public Library – Computer Station – $3,277.00
- Diamond Trail Children’s Center – Musical Playground - $4,000.00
- American Legion 111 Newton Post – Roof & Parking Lot – $15,000.00
- Iowa Legal Aid – Family Stabilization for Jasper Co. – $4,000.00

The County Endowment Fund Program made the funds for these grants possible. This Fund was established by the state legislature in 2004 to help promote charitable giving and endowment building throughout the state. These funds are distributed annually to participating community foundations and affiliate community foundations associated with counties without a state-issued gaming license.

The Jasper Community Foundation was established in 1997 for the purpose of receiving tax deductible bequests and gifts in the form of cash or property from individuals, corporations and other organizations that have an interest in improving the quality of life for people residing in Jasper County. The Foundation assists arts and culture, economic development, education, environment and recreation, health and human services organizations, and other high-impact projects and programs throughout the county.