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**More than \$102,000 Granted to Audubon County Nonprofit Agencies**  
**Nearly \$1 Million Invested in Nonprofits by the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa**

Brett Irlmeier, Chair of the Audubon County Community Foundation, is pleased to announce today a record-breaking award of \$102,375 in grants to Audubon County nonprofit agencies.

The following nonprofit organizations, which submitted applications to the Audubon County Community Foundation by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, were awarded grants by the Audubon County Board of Directors:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Award</b>
AMVC Cares	Randi Munch Memorial Park	\$ 16,000.00
Audubon Community Schools	Fine Arts Improvement	\$ 7,500.00
Audubon County Agricultural Society	Agri Hall Roof Improvement	\$ 16,000.00
Audubon County Conservation Club	A/C Upgrade	\$ 7,500.00
Audubon County Historical Society	Electric Entrance/Kitchen Wiring	\$ 3,000.00
Audubon County Hospital Foundation	Patient Point of Care	\$ 10,675.00
Boy Scout Troop 103	Iowa Trees Forever	\$ 600.00
City of Audubon Downtown Revitalization Committee	Audubon Archway Signage	\$ 10,000.00
Brayton Fire Department	Building expansion	\$ 10,000.00
City of Exira	Generator for Exira Rec Ctr	\$ 6,000.00
Exira Fire Department	Concrete Approaches	\$ 10,000.00
Nishna Valley Trails, Inc.	T-Bone Trail Observation Deck	\$ 5,000.00

All grantees met the criteria as Audubon County nonprofit agencies or organizations with charitable missions in the areas of civic, cultural, health, education and social services. Only organizations providing services in Audubon County were eligible.

Audubon County agency representatives received their checks this week. During brief check distribution activities, Irlmeier commended the nonprofit agencies for their individual efforts to provide a better quality of life for the residents of Audubon County.

“Our Advisory Board is pleased to direct \$102,375 in grants to these important community efforts in Audubon County,” Irlmeier explained. “The Audubon County Community Foundation is one of nine counties that are collectively known as the Community Foundations of Southwest

Iowa and meets or exceeds the Standards for Community Foundations as established by the Council on Foundations in Washington DC.” Together, the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa will grant nearly \$1 million this spring to nonprofits in our area.

The Audubon County Community Foundation works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create permanent funds that address the changing, vital community needs and interests. Donating to a permanently endowed fund helps your neighbors today AND you help build a stronger community tomorrow. Not only that, you’ll be eligible to receive a 25% Endowment Iowa Tax Credit for each donation, in addition to any Federal tax benefits for which you may qualify.

The Audubon County Community Foundation invests and administers these funds and distributes grants to deserving, qualified nonprofit organizations. “This has grown from an annual event to twice a year, with one grant cycle in the spring and another in the fall,” said Irlmeier.

Board members of the Audubon County Community Foundation are: Chair, Brett Irlmeier of Audubon; Vice Chair Larry Beckendorf of Exira; Secretary/Treasurer Janell Hansen of Kimballton; Jonnie Meislahn of rural Gray; Jay Nelson of rural Brayton; Thomas Nielson of Audubon; and Daryl Olsen of Audubon.