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The Clarinda Foundation Board of Directors received 25 grant applications this spring with a total asking of nearly \$243,000. As the Clarinda Foundation has grown over the years both in dollars available and public awareness of its existence, the number of applicants continues to increase, and the decisions have become even harder to make. The Board of Directors look to those projects that have the potential to impact the community as a whole and in most instances will not fund a project 100%, preferring a match from the applying organization. After careful consideration the Directors elected to award approximately \$83,000 in grants to 10 different organizations. Since 1986 the Clarinda Foundation has awarded approximately \$950,000 out into the community for the benefit of the local citizens.

The Clarinda Foundation will host their annual Grant Recognition event at the Clarinda Lied Public Library in the public meeting room the afternoon of August 8th beginning at 1:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served and the public is encouraged to attend.

Those organizations receiving 2018 grant awards are:

- Clarinda Fire Department receives \$4,850 for gear washer/extractor.
- Clarinda Parks & Recreation receives \$50,000 for the City Park Playground Project. The first \$25,000 is awarded with the requirement that the City of Clarinda make a match of \$25,000 to the project. The remaining \$25,000 is to be awarded once there has been a total of \$25,000 in community contributions received for the project.
- Clarinda Police Department receives \$10,000 for the Watch Guard Video Integration Project.
- Clarinda Carnegie Art Museum receives \$624.76 for the Rosenberg Sculpture Workshop.
- Clarinda Chamber receives \$1,200 for Community Event Banners.
- Clarinda Medical Foundation receives \$5,416 for HD Laparoscopes for the CRHC Surgery Department.
- Grandma's House Daycare receives \$4,000 for the paving of the Little Tots Trike Path.
- Kids Zone receives \$750 for programing.
- Lied Public Library receives \$2,000 for Virtual Reality at the Library.
- Page County Fair Board receives \$4,000 for a floor scrubber for Wibholm Hall.

As long as they make a positive, lasting impact to the local public, grant funds can be requested for various types of projects within the community, in areas such as the arts, culture, humanities, health, human services, education, the environment, public benefit and more.

For more information about the Clarinda Foundation, visit www.clarindafoundation.com or call 712-542-4412.