

# Otto Bremer Foundation

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## Otto Bremer Foundation Awards 75 Grants Totaling 4.9 Million

SAINT PAUL, [August 8, 2011]—The Otto Bremer Foundation awarded 75 grants totaling \$4,922,360.00 in November, 2010. Forty-Seven grants totaling \$2,382,790 support programs and organizations in Minnesota; 15 totaling \$1,625,970, in North Dakota; and 11 totaling \$743,600, in Wisconsin. A complete list of grants by state is included below.

### About the Otto Bremer Foundation

Created in 1944, the Otto Bremer Foundation assists people in achieving full economic, civic, and social participation in and for the betterment of their communities. The Foundation's work to help build and maintain vibrant communities is based on the vision and legacy of Otto Bremer, whose commitment to Bremer Bank communities and to those working to make their lives better continues to guide the Foundation.

The Otto Bremer Foundation owns the majority share of Bremer Bank, and a portion of the bank's profits comes to the Foundation as dividends, enabling the Foundation to invest back in the bank communities in the form of grants and program-related investments. Organizations whose beneficiaries are residents of Minnesota, North Dakota, or Wisconsin are eligible to apply for Foundation grants, with priority given to communities served by Bremer Bank. In 2009 the Foundation provided approximately \$24 million in grants and program related investments.

## Otto Bremer Foundation Grants, November, 2010

### Minnesota, 47 Grants, \$2,382,790

*180 Degrees, Inc.*

\$100,000

Minneapolis, MN; To support the statewide expansion of Minnesota's Second Chance Coalition.

Contact: Richard Gardell

(612) 813-5010

*360 Communities F/K/A Community Action Council*

\$35,000

Burnsville, MN; To support community convening process in Eagan that includes providing tools, facilitation and coaching to generate stakeholder actions addressing community-identified concerns.

Contact: Mary Ajax

(952) 985-4001

<i>African Assistance Program, Inc.</i>	\$50,000
Brooklyn Park, MN; To sustain and expand the community economic development initiative that empowers and prepares African immigrants for self-sufficiency.	
Contact: John Tarley	(763) 560-8995
<i>Breaking Free, Inc.</i>	\$30,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating support to provide safe housing, education, and life skills for sexually exploited women and girls living in poverty.	
Contact: Vednita Carter	(651) 645-6557
<i>Catholic Aid Association Foundation</i>	\$10,000
St. Paul, MN; To assist communities in disaster preparation and relief.	
Contact: Paul M. Naumann	(651) 765-6548
<i>Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud</i>	\$117,000
St. Cloud, MN; To support the "Senior Services Program, which offers classes and workshops to help seniors in Central Minnesota to live Healthier Lives."	
Contact: Steven Bresnahan	(320) 650-1540
<i>Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center</i>	\$35,000
St. Cloud, MN; To support a educational project to help youth learn about the dangers of technology-assisted sexual violence and harassment.	
Contact: Peggy LaDue	(320) 251-4357
<i>Child Care Choices, Inc.</i>	\$75,000
St. Cloud, MN; To support the Child Care Liaison project and gap funding for clients enrolled with employment and training services.	
Contact: Renee Hendricks	(320) 251-5081
<i>Children's Health Care Foundation</i>	\$50,000
Roseville, MN; To support program needs in the General Pediatric Clinics and Children's Charity Care Fund for families unable to pay for services.	
Contact: Theresa Pesch	(612) 813-7096
<i>Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin</i>	\$5,000
St. Louis Park, MN; To support a project that helps women living in poverty thrive in the mainstream workplace by providing professional attire, interview skills and job retention information and tools.	
Contact: Richard Zierdt	(952) 933-9639
<i>East Side Neighborhood Development Company, Inc.</i>	\$75,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating support to partner with others on Building Blocks for Sustainable Community Development.	
Contact: Mari Bongiovanni	(651) 771-1152
<i>Friends Against Abuse</i>	\$75,000
International Falls, MN; For general operations to provide services to address and reduce domestic violence, sexual assaults, and general crime.	
Contact: LeeAnn Meer	(218) 285-7220
<i>Guild Incorporated</i>	\$30,000
St. Paul, MN; To support Employment Services, which helps people with serious mental illness living in poverty prepare for employment.	
Contact: Grace Tangjerd Schmitt	(651) 450-2220

<i>Habitat for Humanity of West Central Minnesota</i>	\$26,082
Willmar, MN; For capacity building and to support a sustainability coordinator position.	
Contact: Joline Hovland	(320) 231-2704
<i>Headwaters Regional Development Commission</i>	\$155,000
Bemidji, MN; To expand the Center for Community Stewardship program.	
Contact: Cliff Tweedale	(218) 444-4732
<i>Health Care Auxiliary of Minnesota</i>	\$20,000
St. Paul, MN; To provide volunteer impact leadership training, expand advocacy education and develop a business plan for education modules.	
Contact: Barbara Muesing	(218) 289-3181
<i>Hope Adoption and Family Services International, Inc.</i>	\$25,000
Stillwater, MN; For general operating support of programs and services for children, birth parents and adoptive parents.	
Contact: Coleen Gregor	(651) 439-2446
<i>Hospitality House Youth Directions, Inc.</i>	\$50,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support programs and services in education, outreach and athletics for this organization that serves youth.	
Contact: Linda Mahoney	(612) 522-4485
<i>House of Charity</i>	\$20,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operations to meet the needs of food and shelter for homeless individuals in the Minneapolis area.	
Contact: Bert Winkel	(612) 594-2001
<i>The HousingLink</i>	\$40,000
Minneapolis, MN; To revise a strategic plan and support leadership development.	
Contact: Sue Speakman-Gomez	(612) 520-9223
<i>Independent School District #463</i>	\$20,000
Eden Valley, MN; To support the IMPACT project, which provides healthy activities for youth and works to promote a positive sense of community.	
Contact: Larry Peterson	(320) 453-2900
<i>Jobs Now Coalition</i>	\$45,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating support for this organization's statewide core economic literacy work.	
Contact: Kristine Jacobs	(651) 290-0240
<i>Karen Community of Minnesota</i>	\$45,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating support to provide integration services to refugees.	
Contact: Chong B. Vang	(651) 788-7593
<i>Korean Service Center</i>	\$30,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating to assist Korean Americans with emergency assistance and poverty reduction services.	
Contact: Yoonju Park	(612) 342-1344
<i>Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota</i>	\$30,000
St. Paul, MN; To provide crisis care to children and at-risk families in Stearns and Benton counties for the St. Cloud Area Crisis Nursery.	
Contact: Mark Peterson	(651) 969-2270

<i>Micro Grants</i>	\$29,060
Minneapolis, MN; To develop a business plan that will include expansion to Greater Minnesota. Contact: Joe Selvaggio	(612) 823-2077
<i>Minnesota Independent School Forum, Inc.</i>	\$25,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating and capacity building for this organization that works to strengthen, build and provide support to Minnesota schools. Contact: James B. Field	(651) 297-6716
<i>Native Americans in Philanthropy</i>	\$20,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operations of this national, constituency-led organization that works to advance the participation and leadership of Native Americans in philanthropy and to have a positive impact on sustainability of Native communities in regions served by Bremer banks. Contact: Y. Elaine Stephens	(612) 724-8798
<i>Olivia Fire Department</i>	\$7,000
Olivia, MN; For a thermal imaging camera. Contact: Tim Seehusen	(320) 523-2361
<i>Parents United for Public Schools</i>	\$20,000
St. Paul, MN; To provide general operating support for this statewide organization that develops parents into community leaders who advocate for strong public schools. Contact: Mary Cecconi	(651) 999-7391
<i>PEACE Foundation</i>	\$50,000
Minneapolis, MN; For the Northside Achievement Zone, a comprehensive continuum to support children and families living in poverty. Contact: Sondra Hollinger Samuels	(612) 521-4405
<i>Philanthrofund Foundation</i>	\$30,000
Minneapolis, MN; To develop a vision and conduct community convening's following the Creating Change Conference. Contact: Alfonso Wenker	(612) 870-1806
<i>Project for Pride in Living, Inc.</i>	\$75,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support the employment and job training services including online programs that help people achieve economic self-sufficiency. Contact: Steve Cramer	(612) 455-5100
<i>Redeemer Center for Life, Inc.</i>	\$30,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support a comprehensive development and sustainability planning process. Contact: Marilu Thomas	(612) 377-4476
<i>The Refuge Network</i>	\$50,000
Cambridge, MN; To provide supportive services for victims and their children in abusive relationships. Contact: Roxie Karelis	(763) 689-3532
<i>Sholom Community Alliance Home Health Care</i>	\$140,000
St. Louis Park, MN; For general operating to support a program which allows impoverished seniors remain in their homes. Contact: Burton Garr	(612) 581-1862

<i>Simpson Housing Services, Inc.</i>	\$50,500
Minneapolis, MN; To support advocacy work for homeless individuals and families to sustain housing stability.	
Contact: Julie Manworren	(612) 455-0865
<i>Somali Women United Council of America</i>	\$75,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support the food shelf program and enhance relationships with organizations serving families and children.	
Contact: Khadra Ali	(612) 242-9199
<i>Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, Inc.</i>	\$100,000
Marshall, MN; To continue exposure and expansion of financial literacy resources for the general and under-served banking populations.	
Contact: Juanita Lauritsen	(320) 269-5561
<i>St. Cloud Hospital</i>	\$250,000
St. Cloud, MN; To support the Caring for Generations Capital Campaign.	
Contact: Craig Broman	(320) 255-5661
<i>Sub-Saharan African Youth &amp; Family Services in Minnesota</i>	\$25,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support to continue providing culturally and linguistically sensitive programs and services to African immigrants and refugees.	
Contact: Ephraim Olani	(651) 644-3983
<i>Touchstone Mental Health</i>	\$100,000
Minneapolis, MN; To develop units of supportive housing for people suffering from serious and persistent mental health issues.	
Contact: Martha Lantz	(612) 767-2160
<i>Twin Cities Community Voice Mail</i>	\$10,000
St. Paul, MN; To support a project which promotes and advocates appeals for Supplemental Security Income for homeless adults.	
Contact: Marcy Shapiro	(651) 643-0883
<i>United Way of Northeastern Minnesota</i>	\$7,933
Chisholm, MN; To strengthen this organization's capacity through better computer equipment.	
Contact: Shelley Valentini	(218) 254-3329
<i>United Way of Otter Tail County</i>	\$19,910
Fergus Falls, MN; To provide oral health training and education through the Early Childhood Dental Network.	
Contact: Mary Phillipe	(218) 736-5147
<i>Women at the Courthouse, Inc.</i>	\$30,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support and prevent families from losing access to affordable housing during child protection investigations.	
Contact: Marna Anderson	(612) 341-2747
<i>Women's Initiative for Self Empowerment</i>	\$45,305
St. Paul, MN; To support the Family Self Sufficiency Program, which provides financial literacy education, case management and counseling.	
Contact: Wilhelmina Holder	(651) 646-3268
North Dakota, 15 Grants, \$1,625,970	
<i>Cankdeska Cikana Community College</i>	\$100,000
Fort Totten, ND; To purchase equipment for an Early Childhood Learning Center.	

Contact: Cynthia Lindquist Mala	(701) 766-4055	
<i>Devils Lake Park Board</i>		\$8,000
Devils Lake, ND; To purchase handi-cap accessible steps for the community swimming pool.		
Contact: Terry Wallace	(701) 662-8243	
<i>The Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless Persons</i>		\$80,000
Fargo, ND; For general operating support to develop and sustain programs and advance the mission.		
Contact: Laurie J. Baker	(701) 200-0855	
<i>Finley Fire Protection District</i>		\$37,695
Finley, ND; To purchase equipment for recruitment of firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.		
Contact: Merle Ferry	(701) 789-0645	
<i>Foster County Public Health</i>		\$25,000
Carrington, ND; To relocate and expand services for this public health entity.		
Contact: Dwayne Erickson	(701) 652-2441	
<i>Global Friends Coalition</i>		\$43,625
Grand Forks, ND; For general operating support for this organization which promotes successful integration of new Americans and builds awareness of immigrants and refugees within the Grand Forks community.		
Contact: Robin David	(701) 777-6185	
<i>Impact Foundation</i>		\$25,000
Fargo, ND; For the development and coordination of the High Impact Philanthropy Initiative which is focuses on youth engagement and development in the Fargo Moorehead area.		
Contact: Pat Traynor	(701) 271-0263	
<i>KEYA Public Radio, Inc., Turtle Mountain Chippewa Indian Reservation</i>		\$40,650
Belcourt, ND; To provide operating support for this public radio station that serves Belcourt and the surrounding communities.		
Contact: Kimberly R. Thomas	(701) 477-5686	
<i>Max Rural Fire Protection District</i>		\$30,000
Benedict, ND; To buy equipment and protective gear for fire fighters.		
Contact: Alan Fetzer	(701) 337-5637	
<i>Mental Health America of North Dakota</i>		\$101,000
Bismarck, ND; For general operating support to build financial sustainability for this mental health organization.		
Contact: Susan Rae Helgeland	(701) 391-8824	
<i>North Dakota Autism Center, Inc.</i>		\$50,000
Fargo, ND; For general operating support for the AuSome Kids Program, which helps children with autism disorders through care, therapy, instruction and support.		
Contact: Sandra Smith	(701) 277-8844	
<i>North Dakota Community Foundation</i>		\$990,000
Bismarck, ND; To support matching funds, operating costs, and promotional activities for Bremer Bank Community Funds.		
Contact: Kevin Dvorak	(701) 222-8349	

<i>North Dakota State College of Science</i>	\$60,000
Fargo, ND; To support a program that trains New Americans for quality jobs in Northwestern Minnesota and Southeastern North Dakota. Contact: Melvin Olson (701) 231-6929	
<i>Pingree-Buchanan Public Schools</i>	\$10,000
Pingree, ND; To support the elementary school playground renovations. Contact: Kent Dennis (701) 252-5563	
<i>Sunrise Youth Bureau</i>	\$25,000
Dickinson, ND; To provide education, community-based programs and services to youth and their families in southwestern North Dakota. Contact: Jerry Mayer (701) 483-9498	
Other, 2 Grants, \$170,000	
<i>Center for Rural Affairs</i>	\$125,000
Lyons, NE; To support data and policy analysis that advances economic and community development for rural communities. Contact: Chuck Hassebrook (402) 846-5428	
<i>Girl Scouts, Dakota Horizons</i>	\$45,000
Sioux Falls, SD; To support the Positive Results in Developmental Education Program, which serves at-risk girls living on reservations in North Dakota and Minnesota. Contact: Tami Haug-Davis (605) 336-2978	
Wisconsin, 11 Grants, \$743,600	

<i>Boys &amp; Girls Club - Greater Chippewa Valley</i>	\$140,000
Eau Claire, WI; To support growth enhancement of health and wellness programming.	
Contact: Sara Antonson	(715) 885-0081
<i>Central Wisconsin Agribusiness Innovation Center, Inc.</i>	\$100,000
Owen, WI; To support a project that will foster emerging businesses, generate new jobs, and train people for careers in sustainable agriculture and related industries.	
Contact: Rebecca Baumann	(715) 316-1076
<i>Community Foundation of Dunn County</i>	\$40,000
Menomonie, WI; To purchase an integrated database system.	
Contact: Linda McIntyre	(715) 232-8019
<i>Friends of the Polk County Libraries</i>	\$21,200
Balsam Lake, WI; To fund a technical support specialist and obtain laptop computers for a system of 10 community libraries.	
Contact: Darlene Anderson	(715) 485-8680
<i>Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board</i>	\$150,000
Hayward, WI; To increase capacity and improve the financial management system.	
Contact: Louis Taylor	(715) 634-8934
<i>New Horizons North</i>	\$17,400
Ashland, WI; To help transform this organization to better meet the needs of people with disabilities in northwest Wisconsin.	
Contact: Jennifer Felty	(715) 682-7171
<i>Northwoods Women, Inc.</i>	\$30,000
Ashland, WI; To support general operations for this organization that serves women of domestic violence.	
Contact: Kathy Roper	(715) 682-9566
<i>St. Croix Valley Health Care Foundation</i>	\$100,000
Hudson, WI; To support the Cancer Center of Western Wisconsin.	
Contact: Kari Kane Rambo	(715) 531-6075
<i>St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team, Inc.</i>	\$50,000
River Falls, WI; For the operations of the Forensic Nurse Examiner services.	
Contact: Kristi Pavek	(715) 425-6443
<i>Village of Wheeler</i>	\$45,000
Wheeler, WI; To support a new state of the art playground.	
Contact: Steven Crites	(715) 632-2449
<i>Workforce Resource, Inc.</i>	\$50,000
Menomonie, WI; To expand the Summer Youth Career Academy into a pathway project.	
Contact: Richard Best	(715) 232-7380