

OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION

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Otto Bremer Foundation Awards 99 Grants Totaling 4.3 Million

SAINT PAUL, [February, 2011] - The Otto Bremer Foundation awarded 99 grants totaling \$4,254,963.00 in January, 2011. Seventy-Nine grants totaling \$3,258,124 support programs and organizations in Minnesota; 9 totaling \$471,020, in North Dakota; and 11 totaling \$525,820, 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 2010 the Foundation provided approximately \$24 million in grants and program related investments.

Otto Bremer Foundation Grants, January, 2011

Minnesota, 79 Grants, \$3,258,124

<i>AccessAbility, Inc.</i>	\$20,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support the Project Connect homeless program. Contact: Barbara Arnold (612) 331-5958	
<i>Accessible Space, Inc.</i>	\$15,000
St. Paul, MN; To support affordable housing for low-income adults with physical and developmental disabilities. Contact: Stephen Vander Schaaf (651) 645-7271	
<i>Agricultural Utilization Research Institute</i>	\$18,600
Crookston, MN; To build internal capacity for program evaluation and performance measurement to strengthen long-term sustainability. Contact: Teresa Spaeth (218) 281-7600	

<i>American Indian Family Center</i>	\$30,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating support for this organization that provides an array of basic services to the American Indian community. Contact: Kevin Martineau (651) 793-3803	
<i>American Red Cross Lyon County Chapter</i>	\$18,243
Marshall, MN; To provide supplies and training to communities within this chapter for disaster response work. Contact: Colleen E. Grothem (507) 532-5565	
<i>Angel Foundation</i>	\$10,000
Minneapolis, MN; For the Financial Assistance Program, which supports non-medical needs for cancer patients in the metro area. Contact: Marsha Lietz (612) 627-9000	
<i>ARC Minnesota</i>	\$95,000
St. Paul, MN; To establish The Arc of Minnesota Academy of Advocacy and Support that will provide curriculum, training, tools, and support statewide to individuals with disabilities and their families. Contact: Pat Mellenthin (651) 523-0823	
<i>Arc Northland, Inc.</i>	\$15,000
Duluth, MN; To support Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders prevention, intervention training and advocacy work in Western Wisconsin communities. Contact: Lars Kuehnw (218) 726-4725	
<i>Assistive Technology of Minnesota</i>	\$150,000
Maple Plain, MN; For general operating support to continue and expand the Alternative Finance and Access to Telework Programs. Contact: Carol Fury (763) 479-8239	
<i>At Home Group, Inc.</i>	\$7,500
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support for this organization that serves the homeless. Contact: Katherine Olson (612) 277-0216	
<i>Battered Women's Legal Advocacy Project</i>	\$30,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support to promote justice for battered women by providing consultation, training, and litigation support to underrepresented populations across Minnesota. Contact: Gloria Fressia (612) 343-9843	
<i>Boys and Girls Club of Detroit Lakes, Inc.</i>	\$45,000
Detroit Lakes, MN; To strengthen the resource development capacity by integrating advanced donor identification, stewardship methods, social media and online giving tools. Contact: Patrick Petermann (218) 847-5700	
<i>City of Brandon</i>	\$50,000
Brandon, MN; To renovate and update the interior infrastructure of the Brandon Auditorium, a multi-purpose community and civic center. Contact: Douglas Johnson (320) 524-2260	

<i>City of Brandon</i>	\$25,000
Brandon, MN; To provide safety improvements for the Lions Park, new equipment, playground and shelter. Contact: Douglas Johnson (320) 524-2260	
<i>The Bridge for Youth</i>	\$20,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support the basic needs of homeless and runaway youth while providing intensive supportive services. Contact: Kate Eubank (612) 230-6658	
<i>Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Inc.</i>	\$25,000
St. Paul, MN; To support a comprehensive development and sustainability planning process for this organization that meets critical human needs in St. Paul. Contact: Jonathan Palmer (651) 224-4602	
<i>Casa de Esperanza</i>	\$25,000
St. Paul, MN; To decrease negative impacts of the economic turndown among Latino families experiencing domestic violence. Contact: Patti Tototzintle (651) 646-5553	
<i>Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis</i>	\$10,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support the Hispanic Outreach Program which provides client emergency assistance and basic needs support to families in the Twin Cities area. Contact: Paul Martodam (612) 204-8413	
<i>Center for Nonprofit Excellence and Social Innovation</i>	\$25,000
St. Cloud, MN; For a new after school program and general operating support. Contact: Adam Ibrahim (320) 223-8342	
<i>The Center for Victims of Torture</i>	\$30,000
St. Paul, MN; To support the Client Service Program, which provides multi-disciplinary services that help torture survivors rebuild their lives. Contact: Douglas A. Johnson (612) 626-1400	
<i>CentraCare Health Foundation</i>	\$20,000
St. Cloud, MN; To support the Patient Advocate Program at Mid-Minnesota Family Medicine Center. Contact: Mark Larkin (320) 240-2810	
<i>Centro Cultural de Fargo/Moorhead</i>	\$120,000
Moorhead, MN; To support a new Multicultural Leadership Initiative in the Fargo-Moorhead community. Contact: Raul Fernandez (218) 236-7318	
<i>Children's Safety Centers Network, Inc.</i>	\$35,000
St. Paul, MN; To support supervised visitation and safe exchanges for children and families in crisis. Contact: Teri McLaughlin (651) 774-4990	

<i>Clare Housing</i>	\$25,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating support for this organization that provides shelter and services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS in the Twin Cities. Contact: Lee Lewis (651) 236-9515	
<i>Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin</i>	\$40,000
St. Louis Park, MN; To support programs that address economic hardships of low-income households in suburban Hennepin County. Contact: Richard Zierdt (952) 933-9639	
<i>COMPAS</i>	\$10,240
St. Paul, MN; To support a youth employment program in the arts for low-income teens through the ArtWorks Canvas summer program. Contact: Bob Olsen (651) 292-3249	
<i>The Cookie Cart</i>	\$45,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operations to support job training programs for youth living in and near North Minneapolis. Contact: Matt Halley (612) 521-0855	
<i>City of Cottonwood</i>	\$75,000
Cottonwood, MN; For the construction of a new Community Library and City Office building. Contact: Gregory J. Isaackson (507) 423-6488	
<i>Dakota County Public Health Department</i>	\$50,000
West St. Paul, MN; For Metro Alliance for Healthy Families, an intensive home visiting program serving first time and new parents which works to improve child development. Contact: Bonnie Brueshoff (651) 554-6103	
<i>Foley Area CARE Program A Living At Home Block Nurse Program</i>	\$21,100
Foley, MN; For general operations to better serve the needs of the senior population in Benton County. Contact: Janis Brown (320) 968-7848	
<i>Freeport West, Inc.</i>	\$25,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support to continue to meet the needs of homeless and at-risk youth in Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Contact: Ramona Wilson (612) 252-2701	
<i>Goodwill Industries, Inc.</i>	\$50,000
St. Paul, MN; To support the renovation and expansion of the Waite Park office and job training facilities. Contact: Michael Wirth-Davis (651) 379-5800	
<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	\$50,000
St. Cloud, MN; To support the launch of a ReStore, a bargain retail outlet. Contact: Bruce Johnson (320) 656-8890	
<i>Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota</i>	\$20,000
St. Paul, MN; To support the Citizenship and ESL educational programs that serve Hmong and non-Hmong individuals. Contact: Txong Pao Lee (651) 917-9937	

<i>Home Ownership Center</i>	\$75,000
St. Paul, MN; To support lower-income families in greater Minnesota achieve sustainable homeownership. Contact: Julie Gugin (651) 659-9336	
<i>Housing Preservation Project</i>	\$70,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operations to preserve and expand affordable housing in Greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities. Contact: Tim Thompson (651) 642-0102	
<i>Independent School District #181</i>	\$7,500
Brainerd, MN; To support Fathers Reading Every Day program which helps prepare children to be successful literacy learners. Contact: Lowell Johnson (218) 828-6233	
<i>Intercongregation Communities Association</i>	\$25,000
Minnetonka, MN; For the Housing & More program, which provides financial assistance for rent, mortgage and utility bill payments. Contact: Cathy Maes (952) 938-0729	
<i>International Institute of Minnesota</i>	\$40,000
St. Paul, MN; To support basic assistance to new refugees to alleviate poverty. Contact: Jane Graupman (651) 647-0191	
<i>Lakes Area Restorative Justice Project</i>	\$27,000
Pequot Lakes, MN; For general operating support of this organization which works with juvenile offenders. Contact: James Oraskovich (218) 568-8111	
<i>Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly</i>	\$25,000
St. Paul, MN; To support Neighbors Embracing Senior Together, which aims to create a place in community where there is connectedness among older adults, providers and neighbors. Contact: Therese Cain (612) 746-0742	
<i>Management Assistance Program for Nonprofits, Inc.</i>	\$20,000
St. Paul, MN; To support Project ReDesign's work helping nonprofits outside the seven county metro area with realignment options including mergers, program transfers, dissolutions, and shared services. Contact: Judith Alnes (651) 647-1216	
<i>Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota</i>	\$120,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support a new mentoring program initiative which will serve rural communities across Minnesota. Contact: Joellen Gonder-Spacek (612) 370-9162	
<i>Metropolitan Economic Development Association</i>	\$30,000
Minneapolis, MN; To create a revolving fund for low-income individuals to launch or grow micro-businesses. Contact: Yvonne Cheung Ho (612) 332-6332	

<i>Miller-Dwan Foundation</i>	\$30,000
Duluth, MN; To create a new and innovative mental health facility that provides children, adolescents, and families in Bremer Bank communities with state-of-the-art telemental health services.	
Contact: Patricia Burns	(218) 786-5829
<i>Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans</i>	\$60,000
St. Paul, MN; To provide case management, increase visibility, and enhance program impact in Northern Minnesota.	
Contact: Kathleen Vitalis	(612) 726-9375
<i>Minnesota Computers for Schools</i>	\$35,000
Bayport, MN; To provide technology training to at-risk and immigrant youth enrolled in the Guadalupe Alternative Program School.	
Contact: Tamara Gillard	(651) 779-2700
<i>Minnesota Council of Churches</i>	\$30,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support organizing and training faith-based leaders in Greater Minnesota to increase interfaith civic engagement.	
Contact: Peg Chamberlin	(612) 870-3600
<i>Minnesota Council on Foundations</i>	\$24,500
Minneapolis, MN; Membership renewal.	
Contact: Bill King	(612) 338-1989
<i>Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development</i>	\$16,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support career exploration, awareness, pathways planning and job placement services through use of the National Career Readiness Credential.	
Contact: Rick Caligiuri	(651) 259-7533
<i>Minnesota Justice Foundation</i>	\$70,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support a project that will provide free legal advice and representation to homeless and low-income Minnesotans.	
Contact: Janine Laird	(612) 625-1584
<i>Minnesota Minority Education Partnership, Inc.</i>	\$90,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support development of a statewide Race Equity and Excellence in Education Network.	
Contact: Carlos Mariani-Rosa	(612) 330-1614
<i>Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency</i>	\$50,000
Minneapolis, MN; To provide home health care and related services to uninsured, economically disadvantaged, chronically ill adults and seniors, helping them connect to clinics and community services.	
Contact: Mary Ann Blade	(612) 761-7465
<i>Neighborhood House</i>	\$35,000
St. Paul, MN; To support Adult Education programming, teaching literacy and life skills necessary to gain self-sufficiency and create opportunities.	
Contact: Armando Camacho	(651) 227-9291

<i>Normandale Housing Corporation</i>	\$15,000
Edina, MN; To increase and enhance the transitional housing program. Contact: Roderick Wooten (952) 929-1697	
<i>Northland Community and Technical College</i>	\$150,000
Thief River Falls, MN; To develop a Mobile Simulation Lab to deliver state-of-the-art training to health program students. Contact: Anne Temte (218) 681-0701	
<i>Northwest Minnesota Foundation</i>	\$20,000
Bemidji, MN; To support the "Creating a Culture of Literacy Project," in Marshall County. Contact: Nancy Vyskocil (218) 759-2057	
<i>Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church</i>	\$24,352
Benson, MN; To replace the flooring in the child care center. Contact: Melanie Vining (218) 233-8270	
<i>OutFront Minnesota Community Services</i>	\$40,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support outreach, education, leadership development, and organizing for fairness for LGBT Minnesotans. Contact: Monica Meyer (612) 822-0127	
<i>People Reaching Out to Other People</i>	\$20,000
Eden Prairie, MN; To support client services with basic needs assistance. Contact: Anne Harnack (952) 294-5970	
<i>People Responding in Social Ministry</i>	\$39,300
Golden Valley, MN; For general operating support to provide basic needs to families and for organizational restructuring. Contact: Elizabeth M. Johnson (763) 529-1350	
<i>People, Incorporated</i>	\$35,000
St. Paul, MN; To support case manager positions for the Ramsey House Safe Haven, a transitional housing program for people with mental illness. Contact: M. Tim Burkett (651) 774-0011	
<i>Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation</i>	\$25,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support of this organization which works to end homelessness through the development and provision of supportive housing. Contact: Lee Blons (612) 871-0890	
<i>Riverwood Healthcare Center</i>	\$300,000
Aitkin, MN; To improve access to healthcare services in Aitkin County through the expansion of the Riverwood Healthcare Center. Contact: Michael Hagen (218) 927-5554	
<i>The Saint Paul Foundation</i>	\$10,000
St. Paul, MN; To support the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative, which works to create neighborhoods of opportunity that are accessible to people of all income levels. Contact: Carleen Rhodes (651) 224-5463	

<i>The Social Connexion, Inc.</i>	\$30,000
Moorhead, MN; To provide services to adults living with mental illness in an environment that promotes social inclusion and empowerment. Contact: Christine Bietz (218) 284-6069	
<i>Somali Action Alliance Education Fund</i>	\$60,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support a project in St. Cloud, Marshall and Willmar focusing on securing quality education for Somali students in those communities. Contact: Hashi Shafi (612) 445-2185	
<i>South Metro Vineyard Church</i>	\$15,000
Burnsville, MN; To support ongoing operations for this organization that serves people living in poverty. Contact: Greg Perkinson (952) 892-1000	
<i>Southside Family Nurturing Center, Inc.</i>	\$25,000
Minneapolis, MN; To implement a strategic capacity-building plan and revise the organization's program model which serves low-income children. Contact: Barb Olson (612) 721-2762	
<i>Tasks Unlimited, Inc.</i>	\$35,000
Minneapolis, MN; For job training and vocational support for economically disadvantaged individuals with mental illness. Contact: Karen Johnston (612) 767-2061	
<i>Turning Point</i>	\$100,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support the "Turning the Corner to Capacity" Campaign. Contact: Peter Hayden (612) 520-4004	
<i>Urban Homeworks, Inc.</i>	\$10,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating to provide high quality affordable housing as part of a comprehensive community development program. Contact: Chad Schwitters (612) 724-9002	
<i>Urban Ventures Leadership Foundation</i>	\$10,000
Minneapolis, MN; For the implementation of a new curriculum to help urban low-income children and their families. Contact: Art Erickson (612) 822-1628	
<i>Valley Outreach</i>	\$35,000
Stillwater, MN; For general operating support to assist families with basic needs. Contact: Kate Krisik (651) 430-2739	
<i>Villa St. Vincent</i>	\$13,789
Crookston, MN; To purchase 10 electric high-low beds and to construct an energy efficient entry complex for the residents of Villa St. Vincent. Contact: Judy Hulst (218) 281-3424	
<i>Walk-In Counseling Center</i>	\$32,500
Minneapolis, MN; To support the infrastructure of this organization to offer free, accessible mental health services at St. Paul sites. Contact: Mary Weeks (612) 870-0565	

<i>West Side Community Health Services, Inc.</i>	\$30,000
St. Paul, MN; To support the HouseCalls utility assistance program which provides emergency financial assistance to low-income St. Paul households. Contact: Jaeson T. Fournier (651) 295-0158	
<i>The White House Project</i>	\$22,500
St. Paul, MN; To support the Regional Rural Women's Leadership program. Contact: Catherine Gray (651) 556-1383	
<i>Willmar Area Multicultural Market</i>	\$30,000
Willmar, MN; For general operating support to expand staff and provide employment opportunities for low-income minorities. Contact: Noe Carranza (320) 262-3799	
 North Dakota, 9 Grants, \$471,020	
<i>American Heart Association Dakota Affiliate, Inc.</i>	\$10,000
Jamestown, ND; To provide CPR training for parents and caregivers of newborns in the Fargo area. Contact: Keven Harker (913) 652-1908	
<i>Boy Scouts of America Northern Lights Council</i>	\$100,000
Fargo, ND; To support a capital campaign for the council to build a new Center for Scouting, which will serve constituents and the community. Contact: Mark G. Holtz (701) 293-5011	
<i>Max Library Partners</i>	\$40,000
Douglas, ND; For start-up costs that will launch activities which will provide support for the community library. Contact: Vanessa Kramer (701) 529-4886	
<i>Minot State University</i>	\$50,000
Minot, ND; For the Victim Assistance Academy which provides comprehensive training and quality services to victims of crime. Contact: David Fuller (701) 865-8330	
<i>Northlands Rescue Mission</i>	\$50,000
Grand Forks, ND; To support the Life Transformation Program which provides long-term support for homeless people and ex-offenders in Grand Forks County. Contact: David Sena (701) 772-6609	
<i>Pleasant Township</i>	\$15,300
Hickson, ND; For renovations and updating of the local Community Center. Contact: Steve Braake (701) 588-4008	
<i>St. Joseph's Foundation</i>	\$100,000
Minot, ND; To assist with cost of upgraded equipment, additional staff, website improvements and educational materials. Contact: Shelly C. Wepler (701) 837-1726	

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians \$30,000
 Belcourt, ND; For general operating support for staff and to strengthen the Youth Mentoring Community-Based Training and Mobilization program.
 Contact: Richard Marcellais (701) 477-2600

YWCA Cass Clay \$75,720
 Fargo, ND; To conduct an upgrade to the information technology system and improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness for this organization that serves youth.
 Contact: Erin Prochnow (701) 232-2547

Wisconsin, 11 Grants, \$525,820

The Bridge to Hope \$26,000
 Menomonie, WI; For general operating to continue the work as a domestic abuse, sexual assault agency and emergency shelter services.
 Contact: Naomi Cummings (715) 235-9074

Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse, Inc. \$41,820
 Superior, WI; To provide effective legal services and advocacy to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse residing in Bayfield and Ashland counties.
 Contact: Kelly Burger (715) 392-3136

Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley, Inc. \$90,000
 Baldwin, WI; For general operating support to expand and strengthen programs for families with children.
 Contact: Patricia Draxler (715) 684-4440

Literacy Volunteers - Chippewa Valley \$100,000
 Eau Claire, WI; To support community literacy by supporting the expanded tutor and student service model.
 Contact: Mary Beth Kelley-Lowe (715) 834-0222

Pepin County Child Care Services \$60,000
 Durand, WI; To support renovations for the Wee Care Day Care.
 Contact: Joan Achenbach (715) 672-4164

Recreation and Fitness Resources, Inc. \$10,000
 Bayfield, WI; For general operating support for the Bayfield Area Recreation Center.
 Contact: Scott Armstrong (715) 779-5408

Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Inc. \$30,000
 River Falls, WI; For general operating support to provide services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.
 Contact: Kim Wojcik (715) 425-6751

Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. \$80,000
 Independence, WI; To support a collaborative which will offer evidence-based training, consulting and support to increase child care program quality.
 Contact: Jacqueline Strand (715) 634-2299

<p><i>Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity, Inc.</i> Luck, WI; To support a start-up of a Habitat for Humanity Restore in Polk County, Wisconsin. Contact: Eric Kube</p>	<p>(715) 554-2712</p>	<p>\$35,000</p>
<p><i>Wisconsin Nonprofits Association, Inc.</i> Madison, WI; To support the Membership Scholarship program for nonprofit agencies in Bremer Bank communities. Contact: Mary Riordan</p>	<p>(608) 772-5962</p>	<p>\$28,000</p>
<p><i>Youth Action Hudson, Inc.</i> Hudson, WI; To support a part-time fund development manager and creativity program assistant for this organization that serves youth. Contact: Martha Kalmon</p>	<p>(715) 386-9803</p>	<p>\$25,000</p>