

OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION

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Otto Bremer Foundation Awards 82 Grants Totaling 4.5 Million

SAINT PAUL, [August, 2011] - The Otto Bremer Foundation awarded 82 grants totaling \$4,462,167.00 in July, 2011. Fifty-Seven grants totaling \$2,620,121 support programs and organizations in Minnesota; 17 totaling \$1,337,000, in North Dakota; and 7 totaling \$500,047, 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 \$24.1 million in grants.

Otto Bremer Foundation Grants, July, 2011

Minnesota, 57 Grants, \$2,620,121

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| <i>African Chamber of Commerce</i> | \$35,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To develop food markets to serve the Muslim community and organic food consumers. Contact: Martin Mohammed | (612) 615-2070 |
| <i>Asian Women United of Minnesota</i> | \$30,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support of this organization serving Asian victims of domestic abuse and their children. Contact: Claudia Stahl | (612) 724-0756 |
| <i>Boy Scouts of America Central Minnesota Council</i> | \$75,000 |
| Sartell, MN; To increase organization capacity through the creation of a development department. Contact: David Trehey | (320) 251-3930 |
| <i>Boys and Girls Club of Detroit Lakes, Inc.</i> | \$50,000 |
| Detroit Lakes, MN; For the start-up of a new club in Perham, Minnesota. Contact: Patrick Petermann | (218) 847-5700 |

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| <i>Central Minnesota Elder Network</i> | \$80,000 |
| Alexandria, MN; For organizational capacity building and general operations for this organization that supports seniors. Contact: Patrice Kiefer (320) 763-6022 | |
| <i>Children's Law Center of Minnesota</i> | \$100,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; For general operating support for direct representation program in the Metro area and for the Greater Minnesota Project. Contact: Linda Foreman (651) 644-4438 | |
| <i>Community Resource Alliance</i> | \$40,000 |
| Detroit Lakes, MN; To provide training and technical assistance to Native and non-Native individuals. Contact: Lisa Brunner (218) 375-2762 | |
| <i>Como Friends</i> | \$100,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support the Polar Bear Odyssey and Japanese Gardens Experience capital improvement projects. Contact: Jackie Sticha (651) 487-8225 | |
| <i>CURA Center, Inc.</i> | \$24,997 |
| St. Cloud, MN; For general operations to provide residential services for at-risk pregnant women, new mothers and their babies. Contact: Jodi Vannett (320) 255-1251 | |
| <i>Dakota Woodlands, Inc.</i> | \$15,000 |
| Eagan, MN; For general operations of this organization that provides shelter and supportive services for homeless women and families in Dakota, Scott, and Carver Counties. Contact: Beth Bromen (651) 456-9110 | |
| <i>Dayton's Bluff Senior Living At Home Block Nurse Program</i> | \$15,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support a new wellness clinic site for elderly and disabled residents of Wilson Hi-Rise in St. Paul. Contact: Maryann Chowen (651) 442-2275 | |
| <i>The Dwelling Place</i> | \$30,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support this organization that provides transitional housing and supportive services to women and families. Contact: Jody Cowdin (651) 221-0405 | |
| <i>Emergency Foodshelf Network, Inc.</i> | \$30,000 |
| New Hope, MN; For the Multi Cultural Mobile Foodshelf which provides emergency and supplemental food distribution to low-income refugees and immigrants. Contact: Lori Kratchmer (763) 450-3861 | |
| <i>Emma Norton Residence</i> | \$35,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support the Strategic Optimal Alignment of Resources Project, a infrastructure plan which will provide mental and chemical health services to women. Contact: Roxanne Condon (651) 251-2624 | |

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| <i>Family Promise of Anoka County</i> | \$25,000 |
| Coon Rapids, MN; To provide emergency housing for homeless families in Anoka County. Contact: Junita Cathey (763) 568-7365 | |
| <i>Friends of Barbara Schneider Foundation</i> | \$20,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; For the Mental Health Crisis Response Institute, Train the Trainer Program expansion. Contact: Mark Anderson (612) 801-8572 | |
| <i>Genesis II for Families, Inc.</i> | \$40,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To build capacity of family strengthening services through extensive staff training. Contact: Michelle Basham (612) 617-0191 | |
| <i>Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery</i> | \$30,000 |
| Golden Valley, MN; For the operations of this organization which provides intervention and supportive services to economically challenged families. Contact: Mary Pat Lee (763) 591-0400 | |
| <i>Helping Hands Outreach to Elders, Inc.</i> | \$12,600 |
| Holdingsford, MN; For general operating support of this organization that serves seniors and to develop processes to better measure impact. Contact: Jeff Fromm (320) 746-9960 | |
| <i>Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, Inc.</i> | \$50,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support the Rural Immigration Project. Contact: John Keller (651) 641-1011 | |
| <i>Industries, Inc.</i> | \$75,000 |
| Cambridge, MN; For technology upgrades to build staff capacity, organization effectiveness and increase client outcomes. Contact: Kris McNally (320) 679-2354 | |
| <i>Lakes Crisis and Resource Center</i> | \$75,000 |
| Detroit Lakes, MN; To assist with the opening and operations for a shelter for female victims of domestic violence and their children. Contact: Jan Logan (218) 847-8572 | |
| <i>Leech Lake Housing Authority</i> | \$57,500 |
| Cass Lake, MN; To support services for people who are homeless or at risk of losing their housing. Contact: Marlene Mitchell (218) 335-8280 | |
| <i>Little Sisters of the Poor</i> | \$35,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; For the operations of this organization that serves seniors in poverty. Contact: Theresa Robertson (651) 227-0336 | |
| <i>The Mental Health Collective</i> | \$25,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support expansion of school-based and community mental health services in North Minneapolis. Contact: Martha Olsen (612) 822-8227 | |

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| <i>Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance</i> | \$50,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To provide legal representation to low-income immigrants through Western Minnesota Legal Services' New American Advocacy Project. Contact: Cathy Haukedahl (612) 332-1441 | |
| <i>Minnesota African Women's Association</i> | \$20,000 |
| Brooklyn Center, MN; To support the African Women's Employment Project, which will provide culturally specific and comprehensive employment services. Contact: Melissa Nambangi (612) 588-7666 | |
| <i>Minnesota Community Action Association Resource Fund</i> | \$57,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support personal finance education classes and coaching for low-income Minnesotans. Contact: Arnie Anderson (651) 645-7425 | |
| <i>The Minnesota Project</i> | \$70,081 |
| St. Paul, MN; To improve the economic viability of dairy farms in Central Minnesota by reducing energy costs. Contact: David Glenn (651) 645-6159 | |
| <i>Mississippi Headwaters Area Dental Health Center</i> | \$23,425 |
| Bemidji, MN; To support the expansion of access to basic dental care for low-income people. Contact: Jeanne Edevold Larson (218) 444-9646 | |
| <i>Morrison County Public Health</i> | \$19,380 |
| Little Falls, MN; For the Pierz Area Coalition, which works to decrease alcohol use among youth and increase leadership skills. Contact: Kris Kowalzek (320) 632-9255 | |
| <i>Native American Community Development Institute</i> | \$30,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; For general operations of this organization as it works on implementation of the American Indian Community Blueprint including establishing the American Indian Cultural Corridor. Contact: Justin Kii Huenemann (612) 235-4976 | |
| <i>New Americans Community Services</i> | \$50,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To work with Somali elders on SSI eligibility, citizenship, and access to health care. Contact: Sirad Osman (651) 999-5733 | |
| <i>Nexus, Inc. Mille Lacs Academy</i> | \$14,812 |
| Onamia, MN; To support reading activities for youth. Contact: Jan Gibson Talbot (320) 532-4005 | |
| <i>Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc.</i> | \$125,940 |
| Virginia, MN; To expand "Be Strategic: Grow Your Business" project to Aitkin and Koochiching Counties. Contact: Mary Mathews (218) 749-4191 | |

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| <i>NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, Inc.</i> | \$46,550 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support tornado-related and ongoing emergency housing assistance and food shelf components of this integrated health and human services agency. Contact: Roy Richardson (612) 348-4700 | |
| <i>Old Arizona Collaborative, Inc.</i> | \$20,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support the 29th Street Petal Pushers, a youth social entrepreneurship program which serves inner-city teen girls. Contact: Elizabeth Trumble (612) 871-0050 | |
| <i>Open Door Health Center</i> | \$55,414 |
| Mankato, MN; To provide personnel expenses for direct patient care providers for the operation of the mobile health services project. Contact: Sarah L. Kruse (507) 388-2120 | |
| <i>Opportunity Neighborhood Development Corporation</i> | \$35,233 |
| St. Paul, MN; For capital technology support. Contact: Perry Lofquist (612) 435-6246 | |
| <i>Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council, Inc.</i> | \$100,000 |
| New York Mills, MN; To support the Wadena Otter Tail Long Term Recovery Committee, which provides ongoing support and case management services to storm victims. Contact: Davis Leino-Mills (218) 385-2900 | |
| <i>Plymouth Christian Youth Center</i> | \$50,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support to advance the community's health, strength, vibrancy and address intergenerational poverty. Contact: Anne Long (612) 522-6501 | |
| <i>Preventive Health Care Agency</i> | \$50,000 |
| Hopkins, MN; To support general operations of the new Preventive Health Care Agency that provides reproductive and mental health services for Somali families. Contact: Fartun Weli (952) 564-1131 | |
| <i>Regents of the University of Minnesota</i> | \$99,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To preserve and strengthen families on the Leech Lake Reservation by strengthening child welfare practices. Contact: Timothy B. Holst (218) 726-7582 | |
| <i>Richville Community Senior Center</i> | \$2,500 |
| Richville, MN; To replace lights for this community center. Contact: Russ Adams (218) 346-4738 | |
| <i>Riverview Economic Development Association</i> | \$45,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To build economic stability on the west side and strengthen services through a merger. Contact: Suzanne Eisenberg Murray (612) 210-6893 | |

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| <i>Ruth's House of Hope, Inc.</i> | \$30,000 |
| Faribault, MN; To provide safe shelter, food, and supportive services to families fleeing domestic violence. Contact: Ruth Hickey (507) 332-2236 | |
| <i>Sabathani Community Center, Inc.</i> | \$50,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support the Family Resources' integrated service project that moves families from crisis to healthy interdependence. Contact: Clyde Turner (612) 821-2322 | |
| <i>Serve Minnesota</i> | \$156,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support middle school students in the St. Cloud area with AmeriCorps math tutors. Contact: Audrey Suker (612) 333-7740 | |
| <i>Sparc</i> | \$10,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support administrative costs for homeowner emergency forgivable loan program and lead paint window replacement for low-income St. Paul homeowners. Contact: Matt Ides (651) 488-1039 | |
| <i>St. Paul Area Council of Churches</i> | \$30,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support the overnight shelter, food shelf and emergency assistance programs. Contact: Grant Abbott (651) 646-8805 | |
| <i>Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota</i> | \$30,000 |
| Princeton, MN; To develop a Member Coordinator position and support a collaboration with Renewing the Countryside. Contact: John Mesko (763) 389-2316 | |
| <i>Twin Cities Housing Development Corporation</i> | \$15,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support educational enrichment programs for adults, youth, and children conducted by this organization's Resource Centers. Contact: Barbara McQuillan (651) 292-0211 | |
| <i>City of Warren</i> | \$19,689 |
| Warren, MN; To expand program services for the Warren Living at Home/Block Nurse program. Contact: Susan Askeland (218) 745-4005 | |
| <i>Wayside House, Inc.</i> | \$20,000 |
| St. Louis Park, MN; To provide funds for out-of-pocket and emergency expenses for women who are moving back into the community following chemical dependency treatment. Contact: Ellie Skelton (952) 926-5626 | |
| <i>Amherst H. Wilder Foundation</i> | \$100,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To provide a matching grant for general operations. Contact: MayKao Hang (651) 280-2111 | |

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| <i>William Mitchell College of Law</i> | \$60,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support the Community Development Clinic, which provides legal services that address poverty reduction in low-income communities. Contact: Eric Janus (651) 227-9171 | |
| <i>YMCA of the St. Cloud Area</i> | \$30,000 |
| St. Cloud, MN; For a marketing and feasibility study. Contact: Greg Gack (320) 253-2664 | |
| North Dakota, 17 Grants, \$1,337,000 | |
| <i>Abuse Resource Network</i> | \$26,000 |
| Lisbon, ND; To provide services to victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, counseling and general office support. Contact: Missy Schmidt (701) 683-5061 | |
| <i>American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, Inc.</i> | \$100,000 |
| Jamestown, ND; To support the development and implementation of the Lifeline Project to establish systems of care for STEMI heart attack patients. Contact: Kevin Harker (913) 652-1908 | |
| <i>Companions for Children, Inc.</i> | \$35,000 |
| Minot, ND; To implement resources and materials to strengthen operations and maintain programs. Contact: Norman McCloud (701) 838-5784 | |
| <i>Good Samaritan Health Services Foundation</i> | \$50,000 |
| Rugby, ND; For a new automated medication dispensing system. Contact: Eric Christenson (701) 776-5261 | |
| <i>Grand Forks Homes, Inc.</i> | \$15,000 |
| Grand Forks, ND; To support a project which will provide emergency assistance for families in need. Contact: Terry Hanson (701) 787-9437 | |
| <i>IDEA Center</i> | \$50,000 |
| Bismarck, ND; For general operating support for an organization that assists entrepreneurs and provides a development lab for college students. Contact: Julie Kuennen (701) 426-2928 | |
| <i>Kids Academy</i> | \$100,000 |
| Berthold, ND; To support the construction of a new child care facility. Contact: Andy Fjeldahl | |
| <i>Lake Region State College</i> | \$105,000 |
| Devils Lake, ND; To support the "Strengthening Healthcare Education with Patient Simulation Technology" project. Contact: Mike Bower (701) 662-1544 | |

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| <i>Medcenter One, Inc.</i> | \$120,000 |
| Bismarck, ND; To increase staff for the Dakota Children's Advocacy Center, which provides therapy for abused and traumatized children and their parents. | |
| Contact: Craig Lambrecht | (701) 323-6104 |
| <i>Minot Community Foundation</i> | \$250,000 |
| Minot, ND; For the Minot Area Recovery Fund. | |
| Contact: Ken Kitzman | (701) 852-0646 |
| <i>North Dakota Community Foundation</i> | \$25,000 |
| Bismarck, ND; For administrative costs associated with the North Dakota Flood Relief Fund. | |
| Contact: Kevin Dvorak | (701) 222-8349 |
| <i>North Dakota State College of Science Foundation</i> | \$120,000 |
| Wahpeton, ND; To update the technology in the NDSCS Allied Dental Education Clinic. | |
| Contact: Brad Barth | (701) 671-2131 |
| <i>Red River Valley Dental Access Project</i> | \$10,000 |
| Fargo, ND; To support the Urgent Care Walk-In Dental Clinic which serves low-income individuals. | |
| Contact: Michelle Berg | (701) 364-5364 |
| <i>Ronald McDonald House Charities of Bismarck</i> | \$100,000 |
| Bismarck, ND; To launch the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program in western North Dakota. | |
| Contact: Kathy Keiser | (701) 258-5131 |
| <i>United Way of Cass-Clay, Inc.</i> | \$21,000 |
| Fargo, ND; To support a project that will build organization capacity of nonprofits in the Fargo/Moorhead community. | |
| Contact: John Machacek | (701) 237-5050 |
| <i>University of North Dakota</i> | \$150,000 |
| Grand Forks, ND; To support a mobile human patient simulator program that will provide ongoing quality outreach education to healthcare providers. | |
| Contact: Robert Kelley | (701) 777-2122 |
| <i>Village Family Service Center</i> | \$60,000 |
| Fargo, ND; For general operating support for quality, affordable child care centers serving families in need. | |
| Contact: Gary J. Wolsky | (701) 451-4929 |
| Other, 1 Grants, \$5,000 | |
| <i>Beacon of Hope Resource Center</i> | \$5,000 |
| New Orleans, LA; To facilitate a meeting in Minot to discuss recovery strategies following that community's catastrophic flood. | |
| Contact: Denise Thorton | (504) 309-5120 |

Wisconsin, 7 Grants, \$500,047

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| <i>Ashland Area Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Inc.</i> | \$9,389 |
| Ashland, WI; To update equipment that will enhance clinical and administrative efficiencies for this organization that works with people addressing issues of alcohol and drug addiction. | |
| Contact: Randall Spangle | (715) 682-5209 |
| <i>Burnett Community Library</i> | \$6,775 |
| Webster, WI; To support the new library facility. | |
| Contact: Laura Rachford | (715) 866-7697 |
| <i>Burnett County Restorative Justice Response</i> | \$30,000 |
| Siren, WI; To continue to grow, expand and maintain community programs. | |
| Contact: Ken Kutz | (715) 349-2149 |
| <i>Community Foundation of Dunn County</i> | \$192,500 |
| Menomonie, WI; To support initiatives that will create high wage and high growth companies in western Wisconsin. | |
| Contact: Linda McIntyre | (715) 232-8019 |
| <i>Lamar Community Center, Inc.</i> | \$25,000 |
| St. Croix Falls, WI; To support renovations for the Lamar Community Center. | |
| Contact: Kathleen Melin | (715) 646-9339 |
| <i>Northland College</i> | \$161,383 |
| Ashland, WI; For the start-up of the Indigenous Culture Center. | |
| Contact: Michael A. Miller | (715) 682-1249 |
| <i>Osceola Medical Center</i> | \$75,000 |
| Osceola, WI; To expand the medical center and for the Wild River Fitness Center. | |
| Contact: Jeffrey K. Meyer | (715) 294-2111 |