

OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION

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Otto Bremer Foundation Awards 63 Grants Totaling 2.7 Million

SAINT PAUL, [April, 2011] - The Otto Bremer Foundation awarded 63 grants totaling \$2,747,453 in March, 2011. Forty-four grants totaling \$1,790,999 support programs and organizations in Minnesota; 11 totaling \$638,400, in North Dakota; and 8 totaling \$318,055, 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.

Otto Bremer Foundation Grants, March, 2011

Minnesota, 44 Grants, \$1,790,999

<i>Alliance for Metropolitan Stability</i>	\$30,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support a collaboration that seeks to leverage public investments to create jobs that provide a pathway out of poverty, reduce racial disparities and create healthier communities. Contact: Russ Adams	(612) 332-4471
<i>American Indian OIC</i>	\$35,000
Minneapolis, MN; To expand support services and reduce poverty by connecting people to long-term employment. Contact: Lee Antell	(612) 341-3358
<i>Association of Fundraising Professionals North Dakota Northern Plains Chapter</i>	\$60,000
Warren, MN; To support an executive director position and promote the highest level of philanthropic services to North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. Contact: Denise Laymon	(218) 745-6008

<i>Avera Marshall</i>		\$47,750
Marshall, MN; For the "GeneXpert Project" which provides operational efficiency MRSA testing and improve patient outcomes for the elderly.		
Contact: Mary Maertens	(507) 537-9160	
<i>Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Minnesota</i>		\$35,000
St. Cloud, MN; For general operating support for services and the school-based mentoring program.		
Contact: Jackie Johnson	(320) 258-4510	
<i>Bridges of Hope</i>		\$30,000
Brainerd, MN; To develop and implement a strategic Donor Services Program.		
Contact: Jana Shogren	(218) 825-7682	
<i>Camphill Village Minnesota, Inc.</i>		\$25,000
Sauk Centre, MN; To support capital renovations for this organization that serves people with disabilities.		
Contact: Bill Briggs	(320) 732-6365	
<i>Citizens for Backus AB</i>		\$109,857
International Falls, MN; For the operations of the Koochiching County Afterschool Enrichment II project, which serves youth K-12.		
Contact: Ward Merrill	(218) 285-7225	
<i>Community Emergency Assistance Program, Inc.</i>		\$35,000
Brooklyn Park, MN; To support services for African immigrants including culturally appropriate food distribution.		
Contact: Byron Laher	(763) 566-9600	
<i>Daily Work</i>		\$6,000
St. Paul, MN; To support a volunteers program.		
Contact: David Krahn	(612) 616-1734	
<i>City of Detroit Lakes</i>		\$50,000
Detroit Lakes, MN; For the development of a new community park.		
Contact: Matt Brenk	(218) 847-5658	
<i>Eagan Resource Center</i>		\$65,000
Eagan, MN; For general operating support for this food shelf serving Eagan and Lakeville.		
Contact: Carol Hood	(612) 688-3189	
<i>East Side Neighborhood Service, Inc.</i>		\$60,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support to strengthen individuals and families while building communities.		
Contact: William Laden	(612) 781-6011	
<i>ECHO Minnesota</i>		\$30,000
St. Paul, MN; To support a strategic plan, development of a business model and a board development process.		
Contact: Lillian McDonald	(651) 789-4342	

<i>Evangelical Covenant Church of New London</i>	\$2,500
New London, MN; for establishing a thrift store that sells clothing at minimal prices. Contact: Paul Anderson (320) 354-2446	
<i>The Family Place</i>	\$40,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating support for this organization which serves homeless families. Contact: Margaret Lovejoy (651) 225-9354	
<i>Hands Across the World</i>	\$25,000
St. Cloud, MN; To support a part-time licensed teacher position for Early Childhood Education and Development which will serve new refugees. Contact: Brianda Cediel (320) 230-0818	
<i>Human Services Inc. in Washington County</i>	\$40,000
Oakdale, MN; To support an organizational effectiveness grant for Human Services, Inc. Contact: Mark Kuppe (651) 251-5040	
<i>Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis</i>	\$40,000
Minnetonka, MN; For Beyond Safety, an employment service that addresses poverty and domestic abuse and provides tools for creating financial self-sufficiency. Contact: Judy Halper (952) 546-0616	
<i>Little Earth Residents Association, Inc.</i>	\$150,000
Minneapolis, MN; To implement multiple strategies across the community to achieve goals from strategic planning and for general operating. Contact: Bill Ziegler (612) 724-0023	
<i>Marshall Area Senior Citizens Center</i>	\$9,245
Marshall, MN; To replace a commercial dishwasher for this local senior center. Contact: Violet DeVos (507) 532-5002	
<i>Metro-Wide Engagement on Shelter and Housing</i>	\$30,000
Minneapolis, MN; Support for expanded activities to end homelessness in the Metro and Greater Minnesota regions. Contact: Mike Manhard (612) 278-1165	
<i>Minneapolis Jewish Federation</i>	\$50,000
Minnetonka, MN; To support the VOICE Community Building Initiative that serves Russian-speaking immigrants. Contact: Stephen Silberfarb (952) 417-2363	
<i>Minneapolis Urban League</i>	\$10,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support for Education Explosion that works to provide adult education opportunities. Contact: Scott Gray (612) 302-3100	
<i>Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board</i>	\$30,000
Minneapolis, MN; For "We Want You Back" a program which works to assist dropouts on the path toward graduation. Contact: Ann Marie DeGroot (612) 673-2312	

<i>Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, Inc.</i>	\$50,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating to support statewide public awareness, prevention, coordination and training for this organization that advocates to end domestic abuse. Contact: Cyndi Cook (651) 646-6177	
<i>Minnesota Developmental Achievement Center Association (MNDACA)</i>	\$6,000
St. Paul, MN; To provide training seminars for Direct Service staff and Residential Service providers that serve Minnesotans with developmental disabilities in the Alexandria and Marshall area only. Contact: Jerry Mueller (651) 647-9200	
<i>Minnesota Literacy Council</i>	\$110,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating to support literacy services for adults, children, families, and volunteers statewide. Contact: Eric Nesheim (651) 645-2277	
<i>Neighborhood Justice Center, Inc.</i>	\$30,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operations to support this organization's mission of providing legal services to the disadvantaged, emphasizing outreach to communities of color. Contact: Carolina Lamas (651) 222-4703	
<i>People Serving People, Inc.</i>	\$50,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating for the Family Support Services program, which connects homeless families to resource, employment and education. Contact: Craig Lewis (612) 277-0237	
<i>Project Hero</i>	\$35,000
Moorhead, MN; For general operating support for this health care equipment recycling organization. Contact: Joyce Newton (218) 284-6111	
<i>Riverview Church</i>	\$40,000
Pine River, MN; To support the expansion of the Warehouse After-School Program. Contact: Sharon Fey (218) 587-5404	
<i>The Saint Paul Foundation</i>	\$50,000
St. Paul, MN; For the Community Sharing Fund, a program that provides emergency financial assistance to families in the East Metro area. Contact: Carleen Rhodes (651) 224-5463	
<i>Sholom Community Alliance</i>	\$10,000
St. Louis Park, MN; To provide services to individuals served by Sholom Community Alliance. Contact: Joel Mandel	
<i>Southside Services, Inc.</i>	\$4,000
Minneapolis, MN; For building the agency's financial capacity to serve adults with disabilities. Contact: Grant Hendrickson (612) 721-1696	

<i>United Way of Southwest Minnesota</i>	\$50,000
Marshall, MN; To support the expansion of a Success By 6 Mobile Learning Program. Contact: Ruth Ascher (507) 929-2273	
<i>United Way, Greater Twin Cities</i>	\$50,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support the UnitedFrontMN.org, an online collaboration project involving human service issues. Contact: Sarah Caruso (612) 340-7589	
<i>University of Minnesota</i>	\$91,887
Morris, MN; For general operating support for the Center for Small Towns. Contact: Jacqueline Johnson (320) 589-6020	
<i>Urban Partnership and Community Development Center</i>	\$20,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating support for this organization that provides services to seniors facing chronic medical and social issues. Contact: Francis Harris (651) 228-1445	
<i>Vail Place</i>	\$30,000
Hopkins, MN; To support general operations of this organization that provides holistic mental health services. Contact: Kathie Prieve (952) 938-9622	
<i>Western Communities Action Network, Inc.</i>	\$23,760
Mound, MN; To hire a volunteer coordinator to strengthen the capacity for this organization that serves poverty-stricken individuals and families. Contact: Leah Weycker (952) 472-0742	
<i>Willmar Community Senior Network</i>	\$25,000
Willmar, MN; For general operating support for the block nurse program. Contact: Sheri Nordmeyer (320) 214-7140	
<i>YWCA of Minneapolis</i>	\$50,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support the Early Childhood Education Program. Contact: Becky Roloff (612) 332-0501	
<i>Zion Originated Outreach Ministry</i>	\$20,000
Minneapolis, MN; For the operations of the Transitional Living Program, which provides safe housing and supportive services for homeless families. Contact: Douglas Harrison (612) 825-2825	
 North Dakota, 11 Grants, \$638,400	
<i>Community Foundation of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks Region</i>	\$50,000
Grand Forks, ND; To support an initiative for the Greater Grand Forks Young Professionals, which works to attract and retain adults to the region. Contact: Kristi Mishler (701) 746-0668	

<i>Community of Care</i>		\$50,000
Arthur, ND; To sustain and grow this organization which serves the aging community into Casselton and rural Cass County.		
Contact: Debra Coalter	(701) 964-8502	
<i>FM Rotary Foundation</i>		\$20,000
Fargo, ND; For the start-up of "Rebuilding Together" which brings volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income families.		
Contact: Russ Richards	(701) 799-0127	
<i>Grand Forks Public Library</i>		\$93,600
Grand Forks, ND; To support activities leading to the construction of a new and improved community library.		
Contact: Wendy Wendt	(701) 772-8116	
<i>Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd</i>		\$50,000
New Rockford, ND; For the removal of asbestos.		
Contact: Ella Gutzke	(701) 947-2944	
<i>Minot Park District</i>		\$50,000
Minot, ND; To support a specialized baseball field for children and youth with disabilities for the Dream Catchers organization.		
Contact: Ron Bieri	(701) 857-4136	
<i>North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People, Inc.</i>		\$25,800
Bismarck, ND; To provide training in the development, funding and operations of permanent supportive housing for homeless people.		
Contact: Michael Carbone	(701) 258-2240	
<i>Sisters of Mary of the Presentation Long Term Care</i>		\$150,000
Enderlin, ND; To support facility construction and the renovation project.		
Contact: Nancy Farnham	(701) 437-3544	
<i>St. Alexius Medical Center</i>		\$123,000
Bismarck, ND; To expand wellness screenings and health education for residents in Minot.		
Contact: Andrew Wilson	(701) 530-7610	
<i>Tri-College University</i>		\$6,000
Fargo, ND; For the NEW Leadership Development Institute, a program that provides training, inspiration and support for women.		
Contact: Tim Flakoll	(701) 231-8170	
<i>Wahpeton Parks and Recreation</i>		\$20,000
Wahpeton, ND; For multi-purpose playground equipment.		
Contact: Wayne Beyer	(701) 642-2811	

Wisconsin, 8 Grants, \$318,055

<i>Burnett County Family Resource Center, Inc.</i>	\$44,163
Siren, WI; For general operations to provide outreach, education, and support to families. Contact: Heidi Jones (715) 349-2922	
<i>Clear Lake Area Community Center, Inc.</i>	\$42,047
Clear Lake, WI; To support capital improvements to the Community Center Building. Contact: Virginia Cahow (715) 263-2233	
<i>Kinship of Polk County, Inc.</i>	\$35,000
Amery, WI; For general operating support for this organization that mentors youth and families. Contact: Jennifer Williams (715) 208-0258	
<i>Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board</i>	\$75,000
Hayward, WI; To purchase new dental chairs and related equipment for the Tribal Health Center that will improve patient care and allow expansion of services. Contact: Gaiashkibos (715) 634-8934	
<i>New Richmond Area Community Foundation</i>	\$67,858
New Richmond, WI; To support the planning and implementation phase of the New Richmond Area Middle School Project. Contact: Michele Hermansen (715) 246-3999	
<i>Northern Waters Literacy</i>	\$25,000
Balsam Lake, WI; To expand the family and workplace programs throughout Polk and St. Croix Counties. Contact: Jill Leahy (715) 405-7323	
<i>Red Cedar Medical Center</i>	\$26,987
Menomonie, WI; To support Wellness ROCKS, a community program that educates and empowers youth and families to live healthier and active lifestyles. Contact: Hank Simpson (715) 233-7553	
<i>Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College</i>	\$2,000
Ashland, WI; To support the Nonprofit Conference for North Western Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota, a capacity building event. Contact: Dori Marty (715) 246-6561	