

OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION

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Otto Bremer Foundation Awards 86 Grants Totaling 5.7 Million

SAINT PAUL, [June, 2011] - The Otto Bremer Foundation awarded 86 grants totaling \$5,721,166.00 in May, 2011. Fifty-Three grants totaling \$2,927,883 support programs and organizations in Minnesota; 22 totaling \$2,356,539, in North Dakota; and 8 totaling \$339,245, 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, May, 2011

Minnesota, 53 Grants, \$2,927,883

<i>African Development Center</i>	\$180,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support for this organization that provides advocacy, education, counseling and technical assistance to African immigrants and refugees. Contact: Hussein Samatar	(612) 333-4772
<i>Albany Area Hospital</i>	\$40,000
Albany, MN; To purchase a new radiology and fluoroscopy unit for this community hospital. Contact: Nick Bradner	(320) 845-6127
<i>American Composers Forum</i>	\$35,500
St. Paul, MN; To continue support for this organization's Faith Partners composers' rural residencies. Contact: John Nuechterlein	(651) 228-1407

<i>American Red Cross - Twin Cities Area Chapter Twin Cities Area Chapter</i>	\$339,248
Minneapolis, MN; To support regional operations and capacity building for this relief organization. Contact: Phillip Hansen (612) 872-3220	
<i>The Arc of Minnesota Southwest, Inc.</i>	\$40,000
Mankato, MN; For general operations for this ARC chapter that serves individuals in Marshall and Redwood Falls. Contact: Jeff Zibley (952) 367-6210	
<i>Banyan Foundation</i>	\$45,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support for this organization that provides access to educational opportunities and build social skills for youth and families. Contact: Joani Essenburg (612) 722-8512	
<i>Beth Jacob Congregation</i>	\$3,000
Mendota Heights, MN; To support a program that provides monthly meals at the Dorothy Day Center in St. Paul. Contact: Louis Newman (651) 450-7772	
<i>Boundary Waters Experience</i>	\$10,000
Minneapolis, MN; To develop self-esteem and leadership skills to at risk youth. Contact: Marcus Andrusko (612) 743-7700	
<i>Boys and Girls Club of the Twin Cities</i>	\$15,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operations of youth development and educational programs for at-risk youth. Contact: Erin Carlin (612) 435-1902	
<i>Christian Restoration Services, Inc.</i>	\$30,000
Brooklyn Center, MN; For general operating support of this organization that provides permanent housing and support services for homeless ex-offenders. Contact: Marcell Garretson (763) 566-2888	
<i>CLUES, Chicanos Latinos Unidos en Servicio</i>	\$75,000
St. Paul, MN; For emergency funding for services to hire a bilingual and bicultural therapist to work with Latino clients. Contact: Jesse Bethke Gomez (651) 379-4200	
<i>Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation</i>	\$280,844
Duluth, MN; To sustain the growth of the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund and establish the Chequamegon Bay Area Community Fund. Contact: Holly Sampson (218) 726-0232	
<i>East Metro Adult Crisis Stabilization Collaborative</i>	\$25,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating support for this organization that provides mobile mental health crisis services in Dakota, Ramsey and Washington Counties. Contact: Margaret Mattingly (651) 266-7909	

<i>Eastern European Medical Society</i>	\$10,000
Eagan, MN; For general operations to implement community education and pain management programs. Contact: Anthony Axelrod (651) 994-1188	
<i>Fargo-Moorhead Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, Inc.</i>	\$40,000
Moorhead, MN; For general operations for the emergency shelter program to provide a safe place for homeless men. Contact: Sonja M. Ellner (218) 233-5763	
<i>Fergus Falls Public Schools, #544</i>	\$189,000
Fergus Falls, MN; For the Fergus Falls Community Arena project. Contact: Jerry Ness (218) 998-0544	
<i>Friends of the St. Paul Public Library</i>	\$75,580
St. Paul, MN; To develop an on-line assessment tool leading to basic digital literacy certification. Contact: Peter D. Pearson (651) 222-3242	
<i>Headwaters Foundation for Justice</i>	\$40,000
Minneapolis, MN; For the Twin Cities African American Leadership Forum, a project that engages the community to identify and strategize for action on critical issues. Contact: Trista Harris (612) 879-0602	
<i>Healthy Brains for Children</i>	\$43,900
Brainerd, MN; To support a project which will focus on alcohol abuse during pregnancy. Contact: Jody Crowe (218) 822-3854	
<i>Hope Community, Inc.</i>	\$25,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support economic empowerment training and support to Phillips Neighborhood residents through a partnership with Twin Cities RISE!. Contact: Mary Keefe (612) 435-1692	
<i>Indigenous Peoples Task Force</i>	\$25,000
Minneapolis, MN; To provide general operations to better support persons living with HIV and other disabilities. Contact: Sharon Day (612) 870-1723	
<i>ISAIAH</i>	\$37,500
Minneapolis, MN; To support this organization's "Building Healthy Communities" work in St. Cloud focusing on racial justice in housing and education. Contact: Doran Schrantz (612) 333-1260	
<i>Metro Meals on Wheels, Inc.</i>	\$25,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operations of this metro-wide organization that supports and assists neighborhood-based efforts to meet increasing demands for home-delivered meals. Contact: Patrick Rowan (612) 623-3363	
<i>The Minneapolis Foundation</i>	\$25,000
Minneapolis, MN; To pilot a investment tool for human services, human capital performance bonds which will increase and improve cost to government. Contact: Steve Rothschild (611) 396-0295	

<i>Minnesota Children's Museum</i>	\$35,000
St. Paul, MN; To support a Community Engagement initiative which support advocacy in early childhood and new community partnerships. Contact: Dianne Krizan (651) 225-6008	
<i>Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention & Parenting</i>	\$35,000
St. Paul, MN; For general operating support of this organization that uses resources, training, and advocacy to promote adolescent sexual health. Contact: Brigid Riley (651) 644-1447	
<i>Minnesota State Community and Technical College</i>	\$68,108
Fergus Falls, MN; To support the implementation of mathematics labs that will provide remedial education for students. Contact: Ann Valentine (218) 736-1503	
<i>Montessori Training Center of Minnesota</i>	\$40,000
St. Paul, MN; For the operations of high quality education programs for children living in poverty. Contact: Molly O'Shaughnessy (651) 298-1120	
<i>NECHAMA - Jewish Response to Disaster</i>	\$30,000
St. Louis Park, MN; To provide flood and tornado related disaster response services to underserved areas of Minnesota, North Dakota and western Wisconsin. Contact: Jim Stein (763) 732-0610	
<i>Neighborhood Development Center, Inc.</i>	\$100,000
St. Paul, MN; To support general operations and core programs in low-income neighborhoods. Contact: Mihailo Temali (651) 291-2480	
<i>North Hennepin Community College Foundation</i>	\$36,000
Brooklyn Park, MN; To support the Cornerstone College Readiness Program, a program which prepares junior high and high schools students for postsecondary education. Contact: Jennifer Summer-Lambrecht (763) 424-0909	
<i>Page Education Foundation</i>	\$25,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support students of color in greater Minnesota with education, mentoring relationships and foster positive educational environments. Contact: Carolyn Jones (612) 332-0406	
<i>PCs for People</i>	\$16,770
St. Paul, MN; To support a certified data sanitization program and mobile solution for refurbishing computers and destroying data. Contact: Casey Sorensen (507) 351-6571	
<i>Plymouth Congregational Church</i>	\$22,960
Minneapolis, MN; To support the Downtown Congregations to End Homelessness initiative, which provides outreach, advocacy and educational work. Contact: Karen Hartz (612) 871-7400	

<i>Polk County Public Health</i>	\$35,000
Crookston, MN; To support community organizing and implement natural play areas and address physical activity needs in the community.	
Contact: Sheri Altepeter	(218) 281-3385
<i>Productive Alternatives, Inc.</i>	\$75,000
Fergus Falls, MN; For building renovations and upgrades for this agency serving individuals with disabilities.	
Contact: Steve Skauge	(218) 736-5668
<i>Region Five Development Commission</i>	\$22,000
Staples, MN; For capacity building to launch a new microenterprise initiative.	
Contact: Cheryal Lee Hills	(218) 894-3233
<i>RESOURCE, Inc. Minnesota Resource Center</i>	\$40,000
Minneapolis, MN; To assist immigrants and refugees in the St. Cloud area integrate into the community through skills training, education and English language skills.	
Contact: Debbie Atterberry	(612) 752-8003
<i>Resources for Child Caring, Inc.</i>	\$60,000
St. Paul, MN; To promote equitable access to professional development for child care providers serving at risk children.	
Contact: Barbara Yates	(651) 641-6645
<i>Rum River Health Services, Inc.</i>	\$49,240
Princeton, MN; To support the Community Resource Project, which connects people in need of services in Mille Lacs County.	
Contact: Jeff Larson	(763) 389-5080
<i>Salem Lutheran Church</i>	\$10,000
Deerwood, MN; To support basic needs programs.	
Contact: Greg Meyer	(218) 534-3309
<i>The Salvation Army St. Cloud Corps</i>	\$50,000
St. Cloud, MN; For general operating support and for a challenge grant.	
Contact: Manuel Madrid	(320) 252-4552
<i>Sauk Rapids/Rice Public Schools, #47</i>	\$43,300
Sauk Rapids, MN; For "Nurturing the Heart in Young Children's Minds", which strengthens parents capacity to ensure positive social and emotional development for at-risk children.	
Contact: Daniel Bittman	(320) 253-4703
<i>The Sojourner Project, Inc.</i>	\$35,000
Hopkins, MN; General operating support for this organization that works to prevent domestic violence, increase the safety of victims, and break the cycle of violence.	
Contact: Helen Chargo	(952) 351-4060
<i>Someplace Safe</i>	\$65,300
Fergus Falls, MN; To improve the funds development quality to support and improve services to victims of domestic violence.	
Contact: Jeanne Jacobs	(218) 739-3486

<i>Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership</i>	\$62,033
Slayton, MN; To support improvements to the Tyler American Legion building which is used for local events for the community.	
Contact: Maggie Halely	(507) 836-1622
<i>Trinity Lutheran Church</i>	\$10,000
Moorhead, MN; To update educational materials for the Lost and Found Library, a chemical dependency resource.	
Contact: Raymond Branstiter	(701) 429-3096
<i>Twin Cities Rise!</i>	\$75,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operations to support anti-poverty programs that provide comprehensive job training for low-income adults.	
Contact: Arthur H. Berman	(612) 279-5833
<i>Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota</i>	\$20,000
St. Paul, MN; To support the Refugee and Immigrant Emergency Economic Assistance Program.	
Contact: Yen Pham	(651) 641-8907
<i>YMCA of Metropolitan Minneapolis</i>	\$25,000
Minneapolis, MN; To support the Earle Brown School Success Program that provides educational, recreational, and cultural activities for low-income youth.	
Contact: Harold Mezile	(612) 371-8713
<i>Youth Service Bureau</i>	\$30,000
Stillwater, MN; To support the AODA Initiative, which works to reduce alcohol consumption among youth.	
Contact: Mary Planten-Krell	(651) 439-8800
<i>YouthCARE</i>	\$57,600
Minneapolis, MN; To support the program that will employ economically disadvantaged urban youth in high quality school year jobs through the Community Stars Summer Jobs Program.	
Contact: Craig Luedemann	(612) 338-1233
<i>YouthLink</i>	\$100,000
Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support for this organization that provides services to homeless youth.	
Contact: Heather Huseby	(612) 252-1207
North Dakota, 22 Grants, \$2,356,539	
<i>Carrington Health Center</i>	\$50,000
Carrington, ND; To purchase a new van for residents of the Holy Family Villa.	
Contact: Mariann Doeling	(701) 652-3142
<i>Hannaford, City of</i>	\$50,000
Hannaford, ND; To support the renovation of an elementary school that will serve as a regional center for youth, adults and elders.	
Contact: Jon Goplen	(701) 769-2218

<i>Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency</i>	\$45,000
Devils Lake, ND; To strengthen the administration and execution of the Individual Development Account program, which teaches individuals to invest. Contact: Perry Lundon (701) 662-6500	
<i>Development Homes, Inc.</i>	\$50,000
Grand Forks, ND; For Columbia Place Townhome, a housing and supportive service project for young adults with autism spectrum disorders. Contact: Sandi Marshall (701) 335-4000	
<i>Domestic Violence and Abuse Center, Inc.</i>	\$32,745
Grafton, ND; For strategic planning, capital improvements to Shalom Shelter and start-up of offender treatment program. Contact: Jolene Halldorson (701) 352-4242	
<i>Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Inc.</i>	\$50,000
Minot, ND; For general operating to support Safehome and Transitional Living Units and to supplement staff salaries. Contact: Amanda Mosser (701) 852-2258	
<i>Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation</i>	\$165,000
Fargo, ND; For the Women's Fund Endowment, which support women and girls in Cass and Clay counties. Contact: Tim Beaton (701) 234-0756	
<i>FirstLink</i>	\$12,131
Fargo, ND; To purchase a generator. Contact: Cindy Miller (701) 293-6462	
<i>Garrison Ambulance District</i>	\$27,307
Garrison, ND; To upgrade equipment which will improve the provisions of care and meet current standards. Contact: Susan Steinwand (701) 463-2423	
<i>Heart of America Library</i>	\$25,000
Rugby, ND; To install a handicap elevator and restroom for this community library. Contact: Betty Dendinger (701) 776-6480	
<i>Lake Region Public Library</i>	\$6,010
Devils Lake, ND; For a new circulation and cataloging software system. Contact: Monte Engel (701) 662-3099	
<i>Minot State University</i>	\$157,450
Minot, ND; To support a project which will improve the health of residents in rural northwest North Dakota through high-fidelity simulation scenarios. Contact: David Fuller (701) 865-8330	
<i>North Dakota Community Foundation</i>	\$50,000
Bismarck, ND; For administrative, staff, and public relations expenses related to the Bremer Opportunity Fund for Bismarck and Mandan. Contact: Kevin Dvorak (701) 222-8349	

<i>North Dakota Community Foundation</i>	\$1,000,000
Bismarck, ND; To support the Bismarck and Mandan Community Fund. Contact: Kevin Dvorak (701) 222-8349	
<i>North Dakota Women's Network</i>	\$20,000
Bismarck, ND; To support "Stepping Forward," a program that builds leadership skills and provides knowledge, tools and connections for women. Contact: Renee Stromme (701) 223-6985	
<i>Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Stewardship Fund</i>	\$17,152
LaMoure, ND; For general operating support and a branding and marketing plan that strengthens the organization's effectiveness. Contact: Karri Stroh (701) 883-4304	
<i>Pathfinder Services of North Dakota, Inc.</i>	\$93,729
Minot, ND; To support general operations and strategic planning. Contact: Cathy Haarstad (701) 837-7505	
<i>Red River Human Services Foundation</i>	\$65,000
Fargo, ND; To support the construction of two homes for people with developmental disabilities. Contact: Thomas R. Newberger (701) 235-0971	
<i>Rugby Public Schools, #5</i>	\$75,000
Rugby, ND; To renovate the high school auditorium. Contact: Jeff Lind (701) 776-5201	
<i>United Way of Richland-Wilkin Counties</i>	\$26,915
Wahpeton, ND; To upgrade technology and increase efficiency for this multi-service organization. Contact: Colette Barton (701) 642-1250	
<i>University of North Dakota</i>	\$38,100
Grand Forks, ND; To support the Community Connect Project, a communication initiative that provides rural and tribal communities with contacts and resources for self-development. Contact: Robert Kelley (701) 777-2122	
<i>YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties</i>	\$300,000
Fargo, ND; For a new facility which will serve people in Cass, Clay and surrounding communities. Contact: Paul Finstad (701) 293-3246	
Other, 3 Grants, \$97,500	
<i>Council on Foundations</i>	\$40,000
Arlington, VA; For membership fees to strengthen, expand and enhance the vitality of our communities. Contact: Steve Gunderson (703) 879-0600	

<i>Independent Sector</i>		\$12,500
Washington, DC; For membership renewal.		
Contact: Diana Aviv	(202) 467-6147	
<i>Reach Out and Read, Inc.</i>		\$45,000
Boston, MA; For strategic planning, infrastructure development, and general operating support for this organization that prescribes books to young children.		
Contact: Early M. Phelan	(617) 455-0600	
Wisconsin, 8 Grants, \$339,245		
<i>Amery Area Senior Citizens, Inc.</i>		\$25,000
Amery, WI; For general operating support for the Amery Area Senior Center.		
Contact: Kari Fladwood	(715) 268-6605	
<i>Cooperative Educational Service Agency #11 Dental Clinic</i>		\$11,998
Turtle Lake, WI; To replace a dental operatory and delivery system.		
Contact: Jerry Walters	(715) 986-2020	
<i>Equality Wisconsin Fund, Inc.</i>		\$10,000
Milwaukee, WI; For the "Voices of Faith" program that empowers people of faith to be advocates for gay and lesbian equality.		
Contact: Ray Vahey	(414) 431-1306	
<i>Polk County Adult Development Center, Inc.</i>		\$40,000
Balsam Lake, WI; For general operating support of the Polk County Adult Development Center.		
Contact: Diana Manning	(715) 485-8771	
<i>Positive Alternatives, Inc.</i>		\$164,347
Menomonie, WI; To provide restorative justice education and programming for the communities in Dunn County.		
Contact: Kimberly Edwards	(715) 235-9552	
<i>County of Rusk</i>		\$35,000
Ladysmith, WI; To develop and implement a restorative teen court program for Rusk County.		
Contact: Rosemary Schmit	(715) 531-2112	
<i>St. Croix Valley Restorative Justice Program, Inc.</i>		\$40,000
River Falls, WI; To create the Western Wisconsin Survivor Resources program to provide outreach, training and advocacy for grieving families.		
Contact: Kris Miner	(715) 425-1100	
<i>University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire Continuing Education</i>		\$12,900
Eau Claire, WI; For the "Nonprofit Leadership Certificate Series," which includes strategic planning and financial management.		
Contact: Patricia A. Kleine	(715) 836-2320	