

OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION

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Otto Bremer Foundation Awards 92 Grants Totaling 4.1 Million

SAINT PAUL, [December, 2011] - The Otto Bremer Foundation awarded 92 grants totaling \$4,078,690 in November, 2011. Seventy-two grants totaling \$3,151,327 support programs and organizations in Minnesota; 12 totaling \$648,594 in North Dakota; and 8 totaling \$278,770 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, November, 2011

Minnesota, 72 Grants, \$3,151,327

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| <i>Admission Possible</i> | \$125,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To expand programming in the Twin Cities for low-income youth pursuing college degrees. Contact: Sara Dzuik | (651) 917-3525 |
| <i>Advance Opportunities</i> | \$28,000 |
| Marshall, MN; To support a social enterprise retail venture and a store manager position. Contact: Dawn Wambeke | (507) 537-7018 |
| <i>Assumption Home, Inc.</i> | \$6,318 |
| Cold Spring, MN; To implement electronic documentation for services provided to clients by Assumption Health Services. Contact: Jan Luthens | (320) 685-3693 |

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| <i>Boy Scouts of America Northern Star Council</i> | \$10,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; For Scoutreach, a project that mentors, works to strengthen, and develops relationships for at-risk youth. Contact: John Andrews (651) 254-9140 | |
| <i>Brandon Public Schools, #207</i> | \$4,972 |
| Brandon, MN; To support the "iDevelop Skills with iPads" Enhancing and Expanding Early Childhood Skills" program. Contact: Mark Westby (320) 834-4084 | |
| <i>Cabrini Partnership</i> | \$20,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support UfaceMe, an innovative and empirically-based approach to counseling chronically homeless individuals with extensive criminal records. Contact: Mary Morris (612) 331-7390 | |
| <i>Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud</i> | \$75,000 |
| St. Cloud, MN; To implement the Immigrant and Refugee Community Capacity Coalition and develop a strategic plan for systems infrastructure and funding streams. Contact: Steven Bresnahan (320) 650-1540 | |
| <i>Central Minnesota Housing Partnership, Inc.</i> | \$40,000 |
| St. Cloud, MN; For general operating support to address affordable housing in Central Minnesota. Contact: Bill Reinke (320) 259-0393 | |
| <i>Centro Campesino</i> | \$50,000 |
| Owatonna, MN; To support increased civic participation, improve working conditions and education outcomes for Latinos in rural Minnesota. Contact: Victor Contreras (507) 446-9599 | |
| <i>Child Care Works</i> | \$50,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support child care policy advocacy that sustains access to affordable child care for low-income Minnesota families. Contact: Mary Nienow (612) 455-1055 | |
| <i>Citizens League</i> | \$20,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support the "Pathways to Prosperity" project, a public policy initiative. Contact: Sean Kershaw (612) 338-0791 | |
| <i>Community Design Center of Minnesota</i> | \$15,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; For general operations to help provide jobs skills and leadership training for low-income and disadvantaged youth through community based projects. Contact: Tamara Downs Schwei (651) 228-7073 | |
| <i>Cuyuna Range Youth Center, Inc.</i> | \$20,000 |
| Crosby, MN; For general operating support for this organization that serves youth. Contact: Dick Gunter (218) 546-8400 | |
| <i>Dads Make a Difference</i> | \$20,000 |
| Stillwater, MN; For general operating support for this organization that educates young people about parenting responsibilities and the importance of fathers in families. Contact: Jan Hayne (651) 439-1117 | |

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| <i>DARTS</i> | West St. Paul, MN; To support a project which helps seniors retain self-sufficiency through interconnected services. Contact: Beth Wiggins | (651) 455-1560 | \$20,000 |
| <i>District 202</i> | Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support to dissolve and facilitate a program transfer for this organization that serves youth. Contact: Cheryl Jensen | (651) 340-6167 | \$10,000 |
| <i>Elim Homes, Inc.</i> | Eden Prairie, MN; To support the "Art for Life" a program which concentrates on positive outcomes for residents through Mneme therapy. Contact: Bob Dahl | (952) 259-4500 | \$8,038 |
| <i>Emerge Community Development</i> | Minneapolis, MN; To support the Emerge Career and Technology Center capital campaign. Contact: Mike Wynne | (612) 529-9267 | \$100,000 |
| <i>Family Pathways</i> | Cambridge, MN; To support the relocation of the food shelf, which will strengthen services to low-income residents. Contact: Rich Smith | (763) 552-7284 | \$125,000 |
| <i>The Family Tree, Inc.</i> | St. Paul, MN; For general operating support of this community clinic that provides medical care and community education services focused on reproductive and sexual health. Contact: Alissa Light | (651) 645-0478 | \$30,000 |
| <i>FamilyMeans</i> | Stillwater, MN; To support the RentWise and financial coaching workshops to metro area families in partnership with other nonprofit agencies. Contact: Arba-Della Beck | (651) 439-4840 | \$24,395 |
| <i>Free to Be, Inc.</i> | Blaine, MN; To donate cars and to provide car repairs to promote independence for families in need of basic transportation. Contact: Cliff Korkowski | (763) 712-7817 | \$20,000 |
| <i>Gillette Children's Hospital Foundation</i> | St. Paul, MN; To expand of the Mobile Outreach Clinic in greater Minnesota. Contact: Jon W. Galloway | (651) 229-1740 | \$75,000 |
| <i>Granite Falls Living At Home Block Nurse Program</i> | Granite Falls, MN; To expand and integrate the caregiver support services. Contact: Mary Ims | (320) 564-3235 | \$10,000 |
| <i>Hennepin Health Foundation</i> | Minneapolis, MN; To support a model hospital-based therapeutic food pharmacy that addresses patient food insecurity and hunger. Contact: Denise Edstrom | (612) 873-4551 | \$40,000 |

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| <i>Koochiching Aging Options</i> | \$30,000 |
| International Falls, MN; For general operating support to provide older residents information, referral and program services. Contact: Douglas Skrief (218) 283-7084 | |
| <i>Lakes Area Interfaith Caregivers</i> | \$10,000 |
| Pequot Lakes, MN; For general operating support to keep seniors independent and safe within their homes. Contact: Tim McCarthy (218) 820-7454 | |
| <i>Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau</i> | \$20,000 |
| Forest Lake, MN; For general operating support to sustain critical services which contribute to the economic stability and healthy adult outcomes. Contact: Jeanne Walz (651) 464-3685 | |
| <i>Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota</i> | \$30,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To provide employment and training to unemployed or underemployed Lao adults by formalizing a job training curriculum and expanding staff. Contact: Sunny Chanthanouvong (612) 374-4967 | |
| <i>Latino Economic Development Center</i> | \$175,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support Alliance of Resources for Business Opportunities for Latinos, a project that will create a development network for Latino entrepreneurs and farmers. Contact: Ramon Leon (612) 724-5332 | |
| <i>Leech Lake Tribal College</i> | \$125,000 |
| Cass Lake, MN; For the construction of a new library and learning center building. Contact: Ginny Carney (218) 335-4267 | |
| <i>Local Initiatives Support Corporation</i> | \$40,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To support low-income families through the work of the Financial Opportunity Center program in St. Paul. Contact: Adriana Abariotes (651) 649-1109 | |
| <i>Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota</i> | \$80,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; To provide resettlement support services to refugees in Moorhead, St. Cloud, and the Twin Cities and promote self-sufficiency. Contact: Mark Peterson (651) 969-2270 | |
| <i>MACC Alliance of Connected Communities</i> | \$20,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support a new Networked Services model of collaboration that will build the ability of the MACC Alliance's members to better serve their communities. Contact: Yvonne Olsen (612) 341-1647 | |
| <i>Marshall County Group Homes, Inc.</i> | \$40,628 |
| Argyle, MN; To purchase a handicap equipped van. Contact: Sue C. Holter (218) 437-6695 | |
| <i>Mental Health Association of Minnesota</i> | \$20,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To provide assessment and training for local advisory councils while increasing participation for people living with illnesses and improving services. Contact: Edward Eide (651) 493-6634 | |

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| <i>Midwest Community Development, Inc.</i> Minneapolis, MN; To support "Future Leaders", an early childhood education teaching program. Contact: Amira Ahmed | (612) 298-5754 | \$30,000 |
| <i>Minneapolis Believers, MN Foursquare Gospel Church</i> Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support for the Three Deep Leadership Academy, which serves students living in poverty. Contact: Joseph Sutton | (612) 251-5717 | \$15,000 |
| <i>Minneapolis Recreation Development, Inc.</i> Edina, MN; For general operating support for this organization that serves homeless, low-income, vulnerable, disadvantaged youth and their families. Contact: Allen Law | (612) 423-9923 | \$5,000 |
| <i>Minneapolis Urban League</i> Minneapolis, MN; To support training and placement of residents of the North Minneapolis tornado zone construction jobs. Contact: Scott Gray | (612) 302-3100 | \$30,000 |
| <i>Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.</i> St. Paul, MN; To support policy advocacy work to increase rental assistance resources and support health care reforms. Contact: Liz Kuoppala | (651) 645-7332 | \$50,000 |
| <i>Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center</i> Minneapolis, MN; For general operating support and emergency basic needs for this organization that serves Native women. Contact: Suzanne Koeplinger | (612) 728-2000 | \$50,000 |
| <i>Minnesota State University Moorhead</i> Moorhead, MN; For start-up of a counseling clinic which will serve homeless and low-income individuals. Contact: Edna Mora Szymanski | (218) 477-2243 | \$135,856 |
| <i>Morris Community Education and Recreation</i> Morris, MN; To support the "Students of Service" program. Contact: Cindy Perkins | (320) 589-4394 | \$50,000 |
| <i>Morris Senior Citizens Club, Inc.</i> Morris, MN; To remodel the kitchen, upgrade appliances and install new lighting for this local senior community club. Contact: Pauline Carr | (320) 589-2951 | \$32,278 |
| <i>Mounds Park Academy</i> St. Paul, MN; To provide academic support and increase St. Paul youth opportunities to relieve poverty. Contact: Mike Downs | (651) 748-5500 | \$40,000 |

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| <i>Native Americans in Philanthropy</i> | \$23,842 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support the Minnesota Indian Business Alliance, a statewide volunteer organizational collaborative, with strategic planning and organizational capacity building. Contact: Carly Hare | (612) 724-8798 |
| <i>Neighbors, Inc.</i> | \$290,000 |
| South St. Paul, MN; To support the 40th Anniversary Capital Campaign and general operations.. Contact: John Kemp | (651) 455-1508 |
| <i>North End South Como Block Nurse Program</i> | \$15,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; For general operations of this organization that provides supportive services so seniors can continue to live in the community. Contact: Christine Langer | (651) 487-5135 |
| <i>Northside Economic Opportunity Network</i> | \$34,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To provide entrepreneur training classes and technical assistance to resident-owned emerging small businesses in north Minneapolis. Contact: Grover Jones | (612) 302-1505 |
| <i>Operation de Novo, Inc.</i> | \$30,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; For sustainability planning and for general operations of this organization that administers diversion programming for first time offenders. Contact: James T. Brown | (612) 355-5020 |
| <i>Organizing Apprenticeship Project</i> | \$25,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support "Building Leadership Capacity for Equity and Opportunity" a project that develops relationships, training and technical support for organizations in greater Minnesota. Contact: Beth Newkirk | (612) 746-4224 |
| <i>Oromo Community, Inc.</i> | \$20,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; For general operating support to sustain and enhance the capacity of the Employment Services program for unemployed immigrants and refugees. Contact: Alemayehu Baisa | (651) 757-3047 |
| <i>Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council, Inc.</i> | \$18,000 |
| New York Mills, MN; To support the Fathers' Resource program. Contact: Davis Leino-Mills | (218) 385-2900 |
| <i>Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council, Inc.</i> | \$50,000 |
| New York Mills, MN; To support a new family planning clinic in the Brainerd area. Contact: Davis Leino-Mills | (218) 385-2900 |
| <i>Patchwork Quilt</i> | \$25,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support out-of-school programming for at-risk youth, their parents and community that builds knowledge, social and life skills. Contact: Margaret Nelson Brinkhaus | (612) 296-0357 |

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| <i>Pillsbury United Communities, Inc.</i> | \$60,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To implement strategies to help low-income individuals and families develop skills, tools and experience to acquire jobs with livable wages. Contact: Chanda Smith (612) 302-3400 | |
| <i>Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota</i> | \$3,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; For general operating support for "Circle of Parents". Contact: Karina Forrest-Perkins (651) 523-0099 | |
| <i>Rebuilding Together Twin Cities</i> | \$40,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; For the operations of this organization that works to preserve home-ownership for low-income homeowners by providing need repairs. Contact: Kathryn Greiner (651) 776-4273 | |
| <i>Rivers of Hope</i> | \$40,000 |
| Monticello, MN; To support services and programs for victims of family violence. Contact: Darlene Coughlin (763) 295-3433 | |
| <i>Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation</i> | \$45,000 |
| St. Paul, MN; For a matching grant to support the "Believe Achieve Tutoring" Program. Contact: Mike Anderson (651) 325-4254 | |
| <i>The Salvation Army</i> | \$150,000 |
| Roseville, MN; To provide emergency disaster assistance service, case management and relief work to the communities of Bismarck and Minot. Contact: Daniel Sjogren (651) 746-3400 | |
| <i>Southwest Initiative Foundation</i> | \$50,000 |
| Hutchinson, MN; To support the Leadership Capacity Building project. Contact: Sherry Ristau (320) 587-4848 | |
| <i>Stepping Stone Emergency Housing</i> | \$30,000 |
| Anoka, MN; For general operating support to expand services, staffing, and new programs for this organization that serves the homeless population. Contact: Heather Ries (763) 323-7006 | |
| <i>Trinity Lutheran Church</i> | \$17,000 |
| Pelican Rapids, MN; For the "Welcome Place" a hospitable space for the community to gather and build relationships through cultural interaction. Contact: Laurie Skow-Anderson (218) 863-2424 | |
| <i>Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority</i> | \$10,000 |
| St. Paul Park, MN; To support the "Youth in Transition" a program for homeless and precariously housed youth. Contact: Barbara Dacy (651) 458-0936 | |
| <i>Way to Grow</i> | \$80,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support the Great by 8 Program Development Campaign. Contact: Carolyn Smallwood (612) 874-4740 | |

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| <i>Wellspring Faith In Action</i> | \$15,000 |
| St. James, MN; For general operating support of this organization which provides aid to the elderly and other in need. | |
| Contact: Kimberly L. Askeland | (507) 375-1276 |
| <i>West Suburban Teen Clinic</i> | \$30,000 |
| Excelsior, MN; To support the "Becoming Program" which provides pregnancy and parenting tools for young people. | |
| Contact: Leah Hebert | (952) 474-3251 |
| <i>Phyllis Wheatley Community Center</i> | \$30,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support the Mary T. Welcome Child Development Center Sustainability Project. | |
| Contact: Barbara Milon | (612) 977-3241 |
| <i>White Bear Lake School District, #624 Community Services Department</i> | \$15,000 |
| White Bear Lake, MN; For general operating support for this organization that serve seniors. | |
| Contact: Barbara Green | (651) 653-3121 |
| <i>YMCA of Greater Saint Paul</i> | \$30,000 |
| Minneapolis, MN; To support the Y's Saint Paul Out-of-School Time programs, which foster academic success, leadership skills and engage citizenship. | |
| Contact: Thomas R. Brinsko | (612) 465-0450 |
| North Dakota, 12 Grants, \$648,594 | |
| <i>AID, Inc.</i> | \$30,000 |
| Mandan, ND; To provide assistance to low-income residents of Morton and Burleigh counties with rental, utilities, food, clothing and other basic needs. | |
| Contact: Patti Regan | (701) 663-2122 |
| <i>Community Ambulance Service of New Rockford</i> | \$50,000 |
| New Rockford, ND; To support the construction of a new ambulance building. | |
| Contact: Sandra O'Connor | (701) 302-0499 |
| <i>Community Homes and Resources in Service to Many</i> | \$67,914 |
| Fargo, ND; To implement a new tutoring program which will serve at-risk multicultural students in Fargo. | |
| Contact: Julie Gunkelman | (701) 241-8570 |
| <i>FIND, Inc.</i> | \$40,000 |
| Medina, ND; For SAFELY, a education and training program for new and existing firefighters in North Dakota and Minnesota. | |
| Contact: David Just | (701) 786-3264 |
| <i>Golden Ages Club of Minto</i> | \$35,380 |
| Minto, ND; To support renovations for this local senior center. | |
| Contact: Ruby Roy | (701) 248-3971 |

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| <i>Grafton Parks and Recreation</i> | \$85,000 |
| Grafton, ND; To repair the Grafton Public Community Swimming pool in order to correct safety issues and become ADA compliant. | |
| Contact: Bill Dahl | (701) 352-1842 |
| <i>City of Grand Forks</i> | \$75,000 |
| Grand Forks, ND; To support the NV 360 Community Visioning Initiative which will engage the community in a planning project for the Red River Valley. | |
| Contact: Michael R. Brown | (701) 746-2607 |
| <i>ND-SD Medical Transport</i> | \$25,450 |
| Linton, ND; To support Angel Air Care, a helicopter emergency medical service. | |
| Contact: Kristen Vetter | (701) 332-6726 |
| <i>North Dakota Consensus Council, Inc.</i> | \$100,000 |
| Bismarck, ND; For the North Dakota Economic Security & Prosperity Alliance, a coalition of organizations concerned with asset building for people with low to moderate incomes. | |
| Contact: Rose Stoller | (701) 224-0588 |
| <i>Rutland Senior Citizens Club, Inc.</i> | \$2,850 |
| Rutland, ND; To support building repairs for this local senior club. | |
| Contact: Ronald Narum | (701) 724-3908 |
| <i>University of Mary</i> | \$127,000 |
| Bismarck, ND; To develop and implement a program that focuses on increasing the rural health care workforce. | |
| Contact: James Patrick Shea | (701) 355-8100 |
| <i>University of North Dakota</i> | \$10,000 |
| Grand Forks, ND; To support the Backpack program, which provides meals for at-risk children. | |
| Contact: Robert Kelley | (701) 777-2122 |
| Wisconsin, 8 Grants, \$278,770 | |
| <i>Advocacy and Benefits Counseling for Health</i> | \$40,000 |
| Madison, WI; For general operating support of health benefits counseling at Chronic Care Plus Clinic of Polk County, and development of special community research projects. | |
| Contact: Bobby Peterson | (608) 261-6939 |
| <i>Colfax Senior Citizens Merry Mixers Club</i> | \$23,000 |
| Colfax, WI; To update this local community center for residents of Colfax. | |
| Contact: Victoria Hendricks | (715) 962-4037 |
| <i>Easter Seals Wisconsin, Inc.</i> | \$30,000 |
| Madison, WI; To support vocational rehabilitation services for farmers and agricultural workers with disabilities in northwest Wisconsin. | |
| Contact: Christine Fessler | (608) 277-8288 |

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| <i>Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, Inc.</i> | \$15,000 |
| Balsam Lake, WI; For general operating support for coordinating volunteers to help elderly and adults with disabilities with rides, chores and other services. Contact: Karen Krupa (715) 483-9263 | |
| <i>Mashkisibi (Bad River) Boys & Girls Club, Inc.</i> | \$48,000 |
| Odanah, WI; For general operating support which will enable delivery of programming for young people. Contact: Kristi Broeniman (715) 685-9489 | |
| <i>Moms and Dads Against Meth, Inc.</i> | \$20,000 |
| St. Croix Falls, WI; For general operating support for Butterfly House, a transitional sober home for women in recovery. Contact: Doreen M. Rivard (715) 417-1216 | |
| <i>St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity</i> | \$70,000 |
| River Falls, WI; To support the operations of ReStore, donor outreach and communications for this organization that serve low-income families. Contact: Jim Farr (715) 425-5623 | |
| <i>Wisconsin Judicare, Inc.</i> | \$32,770 |
| Wausau, WI; To develop and implement an online application, referral and triage system for low-income people seeking legal services. Contact: Rosemary Elbert (715) 842-1681 | |