Adams Community Foundation
Annual Foundation Report

Adams County, Iowa

Providing Financial Resources for Community Betterment

Fall 2025

Foresight: the ability to predict what may be needed in the future

The Adams Community Foundation was originally founded in 1985 by a group of community leaders who had the foresight to create a fund that would provide resources on a long-term basis for community betterment. At that time, it was called the Corning Community Foundation. After several phone-a-thons raised initial funds, the first grant in the amount of $500 was awarded to the Corning Public Library for encyclopedias in 1988. My, how we have grown from those early beginnings.

The Foundation moved along growing at a steady but slow pace until 2005, when the State of Iowa established the Endow Iowa program. The Foundation was fortunate to become a part of this program that continues to this day. In 2005, our name was updated to the Adams Community Foundation to better reflect the area we serve, and additional board members were added to represent the entire county. Endow Iowa awards non-gaming counties a portion of gaming revenue each year to assist in grant-making and endowment building. Because of Endow Iowa, we have been able to make a much larger monetary impact within the community both through granting and building up our endowment fund. In 2017, we surpassed the milestone of one million dollars in grants distributed and currently we have awarded over two million dollars to non-profit organizations and governmental entities serving or located in Adams County. The Foundation also has over 1.8 million dollars in our endowment fund which provides perpetual income for grant giving. This is a cause for celebration as the impact of these grants is seen across the entire county in various projects, both big and small.

Your gifts to the Adams Community Foundation help to increase our holdings and allow the Foundation to make more and larger gifts each year as the need is always there. I ask you to think of the projects and non-profits that you support in the county. Could your donation help a much-needed project to completion? Would your donation support a non-profit to become self-sufficient? How will your gift impact the local community for the better? We ask that you take a moment of reflection and foresight much as our community leaders did in 1985 to provide for the Adams Community Foundation into the future.

Again, on behalf of the Adams Community Foundation, with deepest gratitude, thank you for your support now and in the future.

Endowment Funds

The Adams Community Foundation also holds endowment funds for families and individuals who have created endowments themselves either for named projects or for use within the county. Building endowment funds is so important as they provide monetary resources for the future of our county. The Foundation, itself, created the Adams Community Disaster Recovery Fund which provides a safe, secure spot for individuals, businesses, and organizations to make donations when the county has a disaster. We encourage you to think about creating a fund to support those causes that are near and dear to you when planning for the future. The Adams Community Foundation can assist those who are interested in leaving a legacy supporting organizations that they care about and want to support in the future.

Each year at this time we ask you to support the Foundation financially. Your gift to the Foundation helps to support community organizations and local entities. Additionally, your gift, may qualify for Endow Iowa tax credits. The Adams Community Foundation has an on-line giving portal to our funds at the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines. You can find more information about on-line giving by visiting https://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/affiliates/adams-county. Visit the website and see how easy it is to support the Adams Community Foundation. Gifts may also be made by sending a check in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your generosity and know that you are helping support your community for generations!

Your Gift Helps to:

Strengthen Arts & Culture

Provide Community Betterment

Support Education

Improve Health

Strengthen Children, Youth & Families

Build Community Connections

Reasons Why People Work with Community Foundations

*We are a local organization with deep roots in the community.

*We offer access to a professional staff with broad expertise regarding community issues and needs.

*We provide highly personalized service tailored to everyone's charitable and financial interests.

*We help people invest in the causes they are about most.

*We accept a wide variety of assets and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

*We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

*We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other grants and gifts.

*We build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

*We are a community leader, convening agencies and coordinating resources to create positive change.

ADAMS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD	
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Grants Awarded in 2025

The community foundation has provided key grant funding to local projects, serving needs that could not have been anticipated. We've been honored to invest in these projects and organizations in communities throughout Adams County over the course of the year.

ACEDC Fund Inc.	*Widener Revitalization*	*$25,000*
City of Corning	*Comprehensive Neighborhood*	*$35,000*
Prescott Fire & Rescue Assoc.	*SCBA Fill Station*	*$15,165*
Corning Opera House	*Plaster and flooring*	*$4,950*
Corning Gun Club	*Concrete work*	*$3,372*
Prescott Public Library	*Books*	*$2,000*
Kid Care Committee	*Family Fun Day at Fair*	*$1,450*
Corning Public Library	*Wiring/LED lighting*	*$25,000*
Corning Center for the Fine Arts	*Lighting*	*$3,250*
Crossroads Health Services	*School Prevention*	*$12,211*
Adams County Sheriff's Dept.	*Safety Equip.*	*$8,257*
Carbon Community Center	*Ceiling*	*$14,500*
SWCC Parents as Teachers	*Audio screener*	*$5,000*
Food Bank of Iowa	*Fighting hunger*	*$5,000*
Total		***$160,155***

New Grant Applications are available with deadlines to apply the first Friday in January and the first Friday in June. Choose between the application for those grants under $5000 or the application for those grants over $5000, whichever fits your project the best. Find them on the website.

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