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Otto Bremer Trust awards 142 grants totaling \$10.3 million

SAINT PAUL, November 22, 2016 — The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded \$10.3 million in grant investments as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle.

“This round of community investments will support the inspiring work of organizations that are driving meaningful change across our three-state region,” said Brian Lipschultz, co-CEO and trustee, OBT.

Based in St. Paul, Minnesota, the Otto Bremer Trust is a private charitable trust established in 1944 by founder Otto Bremer, a successful banker and community business leader. OBT owns 92 percent of Bremer Bank and also manages a diversified investment portfolio. The mission of OBT is to invest in people, places and opportunities in the Upper Midwest. Since its inception, OBT has invested over \$550 million in organizations throughout Minnesota, North Dakota and western Wisconsin.

A complete list of grants and program-related investments by state and region is included below.

Western North Dakota

AID, Inc., Mandan, ND, **\$75,000**. For general operating support to provide emergency assistance and counseling for low-income residents of Morton and Burleigh counties.

Bismarck Public School District No. 1, Bismarck, ND, **\$41,820**. To provide access to academic and social supports for Mandan Middle School students living in poverty.

Carrington Park District, Carrington, ND, **\$60,000**. To support renovation of the Carrington Community Pool.

Community Action Partnership - Minot Region, Minot, ND, **\$40,000**. To assist individuals and families with emergency housing assistance, preventing them from becoming homeless.

Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Inc., Minot, ND, **\$75,000**. For general operating support to provide services, support and emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Lake Region Community College Foundation of Devils Lake, Devils Lake, ND, **\$150,000**. For the college's Learning Commons initiative, which updates existing library space to improve faculty and student teaching and learning.

Northland Health Partners Community Health Center, Turtle Lake, ND, **\$150,000**. To renovate a building for a community health center serving Native Americans and other underserved populations in the Bismarck-Mandan and surrounding region.

Ruth Meiers Hospitality House, Inc., Bismarck, ND, **\$150,000**. To support the development of a facility to offer a daily hot meal, showers, laundry facilities, and an additional service entry point to homeless individuals.

Safe Alternatives for Abused Families, Devils Lake, ND, **\$20,000**. For general operating support to provide services and shelter to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Red River Region

ARC of Cass County, Fargo, ND, **\$83,000**. To improve programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Fargo area.

City of Breckenridge, Breckenridge, MN, **\$75,000**. To add a bike/walking trail to increase active and healthy lifestyles in Breckenridge.

Emerging Prairie, Fargo, ND, **\$30,000**. To increase connectivity and relationships between young to mid-level professionals, new and current community members, and community groups in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

Fargo Union Mission, Inc., Fargo, ND, **\$200,000**. To increase services and housing to homeless men in the Fargo area.

Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation Corporation, Fargo, ND, **\$52,600**. To increase the number of girls aged 13 to 17 participating in software programming that teaches leadership qualities, coding skills, and entrepreneurship.

Grand Forks Homes, Inc., Grand Forks, ND, **\$150,000**. To provide permanent supportive housing in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Kindred Area Ambulance Service, Kindred, ND, **\$82,500**. To increase emergency response services in the Kindred area.

Lakes Crisis and Resource Center, Detroit Lakes, MN, **\$100,000**. To provide services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, general crime and trauma in the Detroit Lakes area.

Open Door Center, Valley City, ND, **\$50,000**. To increase program capacity to serve more people with intellectual disabilities in Lisbon, North Dakota.

ShareHouse Foundation, Fargo, ND, **\$156,038**. To renovate an aging treatment facility for men in the Fargo area.

St. Anne's Guest Home, Grand Forks, ND, **\$60,000**. For general operating support for supportive housing for seniors and people with disabilities.

The Salvation Army, Northern Division, Roseville, MN, **\$20,000**. To help with emergency services and basic needs in the Grand Forks community.

Sunshine Memorial Foundation, Grand Forks, ND, **\$200,000**. To develop a hospitality home serving patients and families seeking health care in Grand Forks.

Central and Northern Minnesota

City of St. Augusta, Saint Augusta, MN, **\$29,462**. To purchase equipment to improve public safety and enable an effective response to remote medical, patient rescue, and wildland fire calls.

International Falls Memorial Hospital Association, International Falls, MN, **\$105,000**. To repair and replace the hospital roof.

Kindred Family Focus, Plymouth, MN, **\$55,000**. To ensure that the at-risk have immediate access to safe and supportive foster homes.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN, **\$150,000**. To provide housing support to newly arrived refugees in the St. Cloud community.

Pillager Family Council, Pillager, MN, **\$90,000**. To strengthen families in Cass County by supporting parents and promoting healthy child development.

Western and South Central Minnesota

Ashby Fire Department, Ashby, MN, **\$26,240**. To assist the Ashby Fire Department with the purchase of equipment critical to the safety of its firefighting unit.

Camphill Village Minnesota, Inc., Sauk Centre, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operating and capital support to serve adults with disabilities.

Douglas County Car Care Program Inc., Alexandria, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operating support to serve low-income residents of Douglas County through a car repair and donation program.

Evansville Fire and Rescue Department, Evansville, MN, **\$17,370**. To assist the Evansville Fire and Rescue Department with the purchase of equipment critical to the safety of its unit.

Habitat for Humanity of Steele Waseca Area, Owatonna, MN, **\$55,000**. For general operating support to build the organization's capacity to provide affordable housing services in Steele and Waseca Counties.

Karen Organization of Minnesota, Roseville, MN, **\$65,000**. To strengthen culturally specific services and civic engagement training for refugees from Burma in Marshall, Minnesota.

The Miracle League of North Mankato, Mankato, MN, **\$75,000**. To build an inclusive, universally designed playground for children of all abilities.

Open Door Health Center, Mankato, MN, **\$150,000**. To purchase equipment for a new Open Door Health Center dental clinic in southwest Minnesota.

Owatonna Healthy Seniors Program, Owatonna, MN, **\$43,500**. For general operating support to provide volunteer support services for seniors in Steele County.

Project Turnabout, Granite Falls, MN, **\$100,000**. To update, improve, and expand Project Turnabout's financial information systems.

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties, Alexandria, MN, **\$30,000**. To provide backpacks of supplemental food for elementary students with high food insecurity through Douglas and Pope Counties.

Metro Area Minnesota

360 Communities, Burnsville, MN, **\$45,000**. For general operating support to provide basic needs and promote client stability and self-reliance.

Achieve Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. To support Step-Up, which empowers low-income Minneapolis youth through work readiness training and paid internship experiences.

Aeon, Minneapolis, MN, **\$25,000**. To conduct research and share results on how criminal history impacts successful residency in affordable apartment homes.

African Economic Development Solutions, St. Paul, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operating support to build wealth, civic engagement, and a sense of belonging within African immigrant communities of the Twin Cities region.

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Minneapolis, MN, **\$25,000**. To increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and facilitate culturally competent care for diverse, underserved, and/or low-income individuals in the Twin Cities.

Asian Economic Development Association, St. Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operating support to increase economic opportunities for Asian Americans in the Twin Cities.

Banyan Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, **\$110,000**. For general operating support to provide comprehensive programming and wraparound services to develop youth, strengthen families and build community in the Phillips neighborhood.

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, St. Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To create and maintain affordable and supportive housing and to open new supportive housing for youth transitioning from homelessness to stability.

Bhutanese Community Organization of MN, St. Paul, MN, **\$30,000**. To empower and expand the capacity of BCOM to support Bhutanese refugees in the Twin Cities to integrate and become economically self-sufficient and vibrant, contributing members of their new communities.

Citizens League, St. Paul, MN, **\$25,000**. To support underserved college students of color with internships that will expose them to the legislative process, develop professional networks, and open careers in policy.

Clare Housing, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operating support to provide supportive, affordable housing programs for low-income and unstably-housed individuals and families living with HIV in Minnesota.

Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties, St. Paul, MN, **\$72,000**. To provide reliable transportation to low-income households, creating stability and improved economic independence.

Community Mediation & Restorative Services, Inc., New Hope, MN, **\$70,000**. To provide mediation and restorative services to help low-income residents of Hennepin County resolve conflict and repair harm without generating court/police/school records that create barriers to long-term financial stability and civic participation.

Cultural Wellness Center, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,271**. To promote literacy in African-American adult learners through a culturally specific curriculum in St. Paul.

Dress for Success Twin Cities, St. Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operating support to promote the economic independence of low-income women.

East Side Learning Center, St. Paul, MN, **\$40,000**. For general operating support to provide one-on-one literacy support to young children.

East Side Neighborhood Services, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$125,000**. For general operating support to foster the healthy development and well-being of individuals and families while strengthening a diverse community, and for emergency funds to renovate a food support warehouse.

Face to Face Health and Counseling Service, Inc., St. Paul, MN, **\$150,000**. To support the capital effort and operations of SafeZone, a drop-in center in Ramsey County that provides youth experiencing homelessness with basic needs, supportive services. and case management.

The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, St. Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To support the Sprockets Social Emotional Learning Pilot, which equips youth development professionals and educators with skills, knowledge and abilities to support the social emotional learning needs of youth.

Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Minneapolis, MN, **\$50,000**. To provide home visits to families facing recurring crises through the 4th Day home visiting program.

Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Inc., St. Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To support a citywide, multi-sector coalition that uses multiple intervention strategies to curb the growing tide of youth crime and provide culturally specific programming, services and developmental supports in St. Paul.

Hamline Midway Living At Home-Block Nurse Program, St. Paul, MN, **\$10,000**. To provide volunteer and professional assistance to enable elders to remain in their homes with independence, dignity and choice.

Hennepin Health Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, **\$80,000**. To improve patient health by distributing nutritious food at hospital and community clinics in the Twin Cities.

Hmong American Partnership, St. Paul, MN, **\$100,000**. To build the capacity of the organization's Economic and Community Development Corporation in order to serve an increasing number of immigrant and refugee entrepreneurs.

Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN, **\$40,000**. For instructional classes and resources to help New Americans earn their U.S. citizenship and acquire English.

HOPE 4 Youth, Anoka, MN, **\$50,000**. To support transitional housing and supportive services for homeless youth ages 18-24 in Anoka County.

Hospitality House Youth Development, Minneapolis, MN, **\$70,000**. For general operating support to provide positive youth development and academic support for youth in North Minneapolis.

Intercongregation Communities Association, Minnetonka, MN, **\$60,000**. To support and stabilize the lives of the low-income population in seven western suburban communities through food programs, homelessness prevention assistance and employment services.

Joseph's Coat, Inc., St. Paul, MN, **\$10,000**. For general operating support to provide clothing and other basic need items to low-income and homeless individuals.

Lakes Area Youth Service Bureau, Forest Lake, MN, **\$35,000**. For general operating support to provide mental health, substance abuse intervention, mentoring and job training for youth.

Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, **\$35,000**. To meet the self-sufficiency needs of low-income Lao community members requiring cultural and linguistic support services.

Launch Ministry, Chaska, MN, **\$10,000**. To support the Launch Ministry Drop-In Center, which provides homeless youth and young adults in Carver and Scott counties with supportive services.

Legal Rights Center, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$115,000**. For general operating support to address problems of over-criminalization by preventing entry into the juvenile system, providing defense representation, and helping those convicted overcome barriers for positive life outcomes throughout the Twin Cities.

The Lift Community Development Corporation, St. Paul, MN, **\$40,000**. To provide youth development and employment opportunities for at-risk youth in the Payne-Phalen community.

Mental Health Resources, Inc., St. Paul, MN, **\$40,000**. To employ a full-time certified peer specialist and increase the impact of Mental Health Resources' Seward Community Support Program.

Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN, **\$100,000**. To support racially and ethnically diverse RN nurses from the Central Corridor to earn BSN degrees through the Nursing Initiative, a collaborative program of the Central Corridor Anchor Partnership.

MicroGrants, Minneapolis, MN, **\$15,000**. To provide grants to low-income individuals and families in the Twin Cities to assist with financial stability and self-reliance.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. To provide and support legal representation for immigrant youth in Hennepin and Anoka Counties and greater Minnesota.

Migizi Communications, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. To interrupt the intergenerational cycle of poverty in the American Indian community by preparing Indian youth for living-wage jobs in Minnesota's growing green economy.

Minneapolis Police Activities League, Minneapolis, MN, **\$20,000**. For general operating support to engage youth and Minneapolis police officers in positive youth development activities.

Minnesota Food Association, Marine on St. Croix, MN, **\$30,000**. To assist and provide people of color with resources that will help them start and maintain a farming business.

MORE, St. Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operating support to provide resources and basic needs for immigrants and refugees.

Neighborhood Development Alliance, St. Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To increase NeDA's capacity to provide affordable housing and empower communities to create sustainability through financial education and guidance.

Neighbors, Inc., South St. Paul, MN, **\$80,000**. To provide emergency and supportive services to people with low incomes in northern Dakota County.

NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$300,000**. To support organization-wide integration of services including basic needs, prevention, family stability programming, medical, dental and behavioral health services .

People Incorporated, St. Paul, MN, **\$75,000**. To train mental health providers in the Twin Cities by creating professional on-the-job trainee positions.

People Serving People Charities, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$65,000**. To provide safe emergency shelter and comprehensive advocacy, education, employment, parent engagement and family services to children and families experiencing homelessness in the west metro.

Reach for Resources, Inc., Minnetonka, MN, **\$20,000**. To support the REACH Out program, which provides basic needs services, financial skills, and stability to adults with cognitive disabilities.

Senior Community Services, Minnetonka, MN, **\$20,000**. To assist seniors and their caregivers in achieving an optimal level of self-sufficiency, financial stability, and community engagement by providing them with access to affordable services and resources.

Senior Services Consortium of Ramsey County, St. Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To increase efficiency, improve service quality and respond to changing market needs by developing new business models for home-delivered meals and other community based services in Ramsey County.

Sexual Violence Center, Minneapolis, MN, **\$25,000**. To provide critical direct support to victims and survivors of sexual violence in Hennepin, Scott, and Carver counties.

The Saint Paul Foundation, St. Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. To support the Community Sharing Fund, which provides small, timely grants up to \$500 to assist East Metro area families and individuals facing an unexpected crisis.

St. Paul Youth Services, Inc., St. Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operating support to provide services to and advocate for youth and their families, as well as training and collaboration with nonprofits and public agencies.

Tubman, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. To provide program support for expanded shelter and comprehensive support services for youth who have experienced relationship violence and sex trafficking, and their children.

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, **\$20,000**. To support ThreeSixty Journalism, which brings diverse teen voices into journalism through intense college readiness, writing skills development and multimedia experience.

Urban Homeworks, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. To provide dignified housing, economic opportunities and community connectedness for low-income individuals living in North Minneapolis, South Minneapolis and Frogtown in Saint Paul.

Urban Strategies, Inc., St. Louis, MO, **\$25,000**. To support the economic engagement, youth development and academic enrichment for youth in North Minneapolis.

Vineyard Community Services, Burnsville, MN, **\$20,000**. To continue the expansion of a senior services program to meet the rapidly growing food insecurity crisis in the senior population.

Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People, Bloomington, MN, **\$50,000**. To support VEAP's integrated basic needs programs of food, social services, transportation and youth in the south metro.

We Win Institute, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$40,000**. To provide academic and social development activities for at-risk youth in the Twin Cities area.

Women Venture, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operating support to empower low- to moderate-income women to achieve economic self-sufficiency through the creation and growth of sustainable and profitable businesses.

Young Men's Christian Association of the Greater Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN, **\$60,000**. To provide placed-based after-school programming to youth experiencing disparities that inhibit them from reaching their full potential.

Wisconsin

Ashland Senior Community Center, Inc., Ashland, WI, **\$40,000**. To support physical improvements to this facility, which serves individuals ages 50 and over in and around Ashland, Wisconsin.

Assistance and Resource Center, Inc., River Falls, WI, **\$5,000**. For general operating support to provide short-term financial assistance to individuals and families in the River Falls School District.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI, **\$80,000**. For general operating support to provide children facing adversity with supportive adult mentors and to improve family and social relationships.

Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc., Menomonie, WI, **\$40,000**. To provide transportation services to persons with disabilities, the elderly, and low-income individuals with transportation barriers.

Citizens Employment & Training, Inc., Eau Claire, WI, **\$15,000**. For general operating support to provide job placement and financial support to older adults.

City of Glenwood, Glenwood City, WI, **\$25,000**. To assist the City of Glenwood with improvements to the local baseball field.

CORE Community Resources, Inc., Bayfield, WI, **\$35,000**. For general operating support to provide services and advocacy for seniors residing in South Shore communities.

Couleecap, Inc., La Crosse, WI, **\$120,000**. To support the organization's basic needs and self-sufficiency initiative.

Disability Rights Wisconsin, Rice Lake, WI, **\$150,000**. To provide youth with disabilities and their families the tools to obtain and maintain integrated, community-based employment in western Wisconsin.

Glenhaven, Inc., Glenwood City, WI, **\$30,000**. To support the development of an inter-generational childcare center.

Hospital Sisters of St. Francis Foundation, Inc., Springfield, IL, **\$50,000**. To support a project to update equipment, technology and environment serving women and infants at Sacred Heart Hospital.

Hudson Hospital Foundation, Hudson, WI, **\$10,000**. To promote the physical safety and independence of the senior population in the St. Croix River valley population by providing community education and individual home assessments.

Larsen Family Public Library, Webster, WI, **\$4,481**. To support technological upgrades to the library, which serves residents of Burnett County.

Northwoods Women, Inc., Ashland, WI, **\$40,000**. For general operating support of New Day Advocacy Center, which provides prevention services and crisis intervention for domestic violence and sexual assault victims and their children in Ashland and Bayfield counties.

St. Croix Valley Foundation, Hudson, WI, **\$15,000**. To support the cost of a feasibility study for a proposed endowment campaign, which would build capacity for the foundation and the St. Croix Valley communities it serves.

Western Dairyland Economic Opportunity Council, Inc., Independence, WI, **\$45,000**. To support the Fresh Start Program, which provides education, employment skills, and career direction for at-risk young adults.

Southeastern Minnesota

Boys & Girls Club of Rochester, Rochester, MN, **\$91,250**. To support the Big Hairy Audacious Goal to expand club programming to additional youth with a goal of serving 600 youth per day by 2020.

Community Dental Care, Inc., Maplewood, MN, **\$450,000**. For the construction of an 18-operator dental clinic in Rochester to provide oral health services to under-served patients in Southeastern Minnesota.

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valley, Inc., St. Paul, MN, **\$100,000**. To support ConnectZ, an all-girl, culturally responsive leadership program that helps youth learn, grow, and build skills for a successful future.

Kasson Public Library, Kasson, MN, **\$65,772**. To assist the library with the purchase of furnishings, equipment, and technology to support age-specific programming and resources.

Ronald McDonald House of Rochester MN, Rochester, MN, **\$250,000**. To support a capital campaign to expand the Ronald McDonald House, which provides a home away from home for families seeking medical treatment for their critically ill child.

Seasons Hospice, Rochester, MN, **\$55,987**. To provide grief support and education for the bereaved in Rochester and surrounding communities.

Minnesota Statewide

Ann Bancroft Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operating support to provide grants, leadership development, and networking for girls.

Apple Tree Dental, Coon Rapids, MN, **\$150,000**. For general operating support and for the Dental Residency Program, which provides dental services to underserved and special needs populations.

Corporation for Supportive Housing, Minneapolis, MN, **\$100,000**. To assist Minnesota tribes in addressing homelessness in reservation communities.

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines Council, Waite Park, MN, **\$50,000**. To improve technology systems, organizational structure, and business processes to better serve girls and volunteers in out-state Minnesota and northern Wisconsin.

Independent Sector, Washington, DC, **\$15,000**. For membership renewal for this organization that provides resources for both foundation's and nonprofit's.

Mental Health Association of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN, **\$75,000**. To provide support, referrals, coaching, and navigation services to remove barriers to mental health recovery.

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Inc., St. Paul, MN, **\$200,000**. To increase local capacity to address homelessness throughout Minnesota.

Minnesota Council on Foundations, Minneapolis, MN, **\$31,200**. For annual membership and support of this regional association of grantmakers.

Minnesota Housing Partnership, St. Paul, MN, **\$150,000**. For general operating support to assist communities in addressing affordable housing and community economic development.

Minnesota Medical Association Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, **\$30,000**. To support the Physician Volunteerism Program, which cultivates and coordinates placement of critically needed doctors to Minnesota's medically underserved communities.

Minnesota Oral Health Coalition, Plymouth, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations of this statewide membership organization, which works to improve oral health for Minnesotans.

My Father's House, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$47,000**. For general operating support to provide housing and support to men and women leaving the criminal justice system or chemical dependency treatment.

Open Your Hearts to the Hungry and Homeless, Minneapolis, MN, **\$75,000**. For general operating support to increase the capacity of basic needs agencies to address homelessness and food insecurity in Greater Bremer Minnesota communities.

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, St. Paul, MN, **\$31,500**. For support of strategic planning and financial software for this organization which prevents child abuse.

The Salvation Army, Northern Division, Roseville, MN, **\$292,000**. To support the greater Minnesota Salvation Army units located within Otto Bremer Trust communities by creating impact at the local level.

Second Harvest Heartland, Inc., St. Paul, MN, **\$175,000**. For support of the Produce Strategy, which aims to distribute increasing amounts of fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables to households that rely on food shelves and meal programs.

North Dakota Statewide

Impact Foundation, Fargo, ND, **\$75,000**. To increase the capacity of regional nonprofits through person-to-person coaching, skill-building, training, and ongoing digital support.

North Dakota Disability Advocacy Consortium, Bismarck, ND, **\$50,000**. To help consumers, families and service providers better advocate for healthcare, housing, employment and other needs of disabled individuals.

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND, **\$100,000**. To support North Dakota Compass, which provides information for data-based decision making for nonprofits, policy-makers, community leaders, and citizens of North Dakota.

The Consensus Council, Inc., Bismarck, ND, **\$100,000**. For general operating support to increase the organization's capacity and to support the ND Economic Security and Prosperity Alliance coalition supporting economic security for low and moderate income individuals and families.

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