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Otto Bremer Trust awards 126 grants totaling $7.9 million

SAINT PAUL, March 9, 2017 — The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded $7,943,122 in grants as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle to invest in people, places and opportunities in the Upper Midwest.

“We continue to respond to a diversity of programs and needs throughout the region,” said Daniel C. Reardon, co-CEO and trustee, OBT. “These grant recipients are making a positive impact in their communities and we are pleased that we can support the good work they do.”

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. The Trust is a bank holding company that owns 92 percent of Bremer Bank and also manages a diversified investment portfolio. In 2016, OBT invested more than $47 million in grants and program-related investments throughout Minnesota, North Dakota and western Wisconsin.

A complete list of grants by state is included below.

Western North Dakota

Charles Hall Youth Services, Bismarck, ND, $75,000. For general operating support to provide residential foster care programming for high-risk adolescents and teenagers in community-based care.

Devils Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Devils Lake, ND, $75,000. To purchase a new fire truck to better respond to accidents and emergencies.

Enhancing & Strengthening North Dakota Nonprofits & Communities, Minot, ND, $40,000. To provide one-on-one and small group capacity building for nonprofit professionals, nonprofit board members, and community volunteers through coaching, workshops, certificate program, and other services.

Hope Center Devils Lake, Devils Lake, ND, $100,000. For general operating support and roof repair.

Hope Center Devils Lake, Devils Lake, ND, $64,000. To support the Lake Region Community Shelter's addition of daytime hours to provides services for homeless men, women, and children, and to add shower and laundry facilities.

Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People, Inc., Bismarck, ND, $15,000. For general operating support to address homelessness across the Bismarck-Mandan region.
Northern Plains Children’s Advocacy Center, Minot, ND, $50,000. For general operating support to provide services for abused children and their families in north central North Dakota.

Young Women’s Christian Association of Minot, North Dakota, Minot, ND, $55,000. For general operating support for an emergency homeless shelter for women and children, and for staff training and technology needs.

Red River Region

Christian Unity Hospital Corporation, Grafton, ND, $310,692. To increase the number and quality of healthcare services in the Grafton area.

Churches United for the Homeless, Moorhead, MN, $75,000. To increase housing stability for families in temporary shelter.

City of Reiles Acres, Reiles Acres, ND, $50,000. To provide outdoor recreation opportunities for youth to increase physical activity.

Community Homes and Resources in Service to Many, Fargo, ND, $45,000. To meet basic needs through skill development workshops, and resource connections for families and adults in the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area.

Family Healthcare Center, Fargo, ND, $100,000. To expand the dental clinic to meet the increased demand for oral health in the Fargo area.

Fargo-Moorhead Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, Inc., Moorhead, MN, $100,000. For general operating support to provide emergency shelter services in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library, Moorhead, MN, $91,720. To redesign the library for greater efficiencies and usage.

Legacy Children’s Foundation, Fargo, ND, $100,000. To provide after-school programming in academics, community service and personal development to educate and empower at-risk, low-income students in Fargo.

Midwest Parkinson’s Initiative, Fargo, ND, $25,000. For general operating support to provide educational programs on Parkinson’s disease that support patients, their families, caregivers, hospital providers and skilled nursing facilities in Fargo.

North Dakota Autism Center, Inc., West Fargo, ND, $77,000. To support day programming and community building for families with autistic children in the Greater Fargo area.

South East Education Cooperative, Fargo, ND, $71,500. To help every child in North Dakota become a successful reader by the end of third grade.

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, $114,988. To expand mentoring services for nursing students from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds at the University of North Dakota (UND) College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines.

Villa Nazareth dba CHI Riverview, Fargo, ND, $92,000. To increase community participation and meeting basic needs of seniors in Fargo.

Central and Northern Minnesota

Aitkin County CARE, Inc., Aitkin, MN, $35,000. For general operating support to provide transportation, home services and Meals on Wheels to senior citizens in Aitkin County to support independent living.
**Central Minnesota Task Force on Battered Women**, Saint Cloud, MN, **$75,000**. For general operating support to provide comprehensive services for women and children experiencing domestic violence in Central Minnesota.

**City of Brainerd**, Brainerd, MN, **$44,650**. To provide an Innovator Lab, where the community can gather to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover using technology, materials and instruction.

**Crow Wing County Victim Services, Inc.**, Brainerd, MN, **$50,000**. To provide direct services and support for victims of crime.

**Cuyuna Range Youth Center, Inc.**, Crosby, MN, **$25,000**. For general operating support to provide educational, recreational and community service programs.

**Koochiching County Community Television**, International Falls, MN, **$40,000**. For general operating support to inform the public through digital media and community programming while promoting digital literacy for youth.

**Lakes Area Interfaith Caregivers**, Baxter, MN, **$15,000**. For general operating support to provide transportation and in-home assistance to low-income seniors and persons with disabilities so that they may remain safe in the comfort of their own home.

**Minnesota Education Equity Partnership, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, **$60,000**. To address racial disparities in K-12 education through community planning and school board leadership development in north central and southwestern Minnesota.

**Ours to Serve House of Hospitality, Inc.**, Bemidji, MN, **$45,000**. For general operating support to promote self-worth and independence through the provision of temporary shelter and supportive services for families experiencing homelessness.

**RESOURCE, Inc.**, Minneapolis, MN, **$90,000**. To assist immigrants and refugees to build skills for postsecondary education and/or employment, which will enable greater stability as well as acceptance in the greater St. Cloud, MN, community.

**Stearns-Benton Employment and Training Council**, Saint Cloud, MN, **$75,000**. To increase employment opportunities and provide career planning and education to immigrant youth and their families.

**The Center for Victims of Torture**, Saint Paul, MN, **$50,000**. To provide mental health first aid, psycho-education, and parenting support for the Somali community in St. Cloud.

**Volunteers of America-Minnesota**, Edina, MN, **$55,000**. To provide supportive housing and stability for previously homeless families in Central Minnesota who have family members with a chronic disability.

**Western and South Central Minnesota**

**Beds For Kids LLC**, Owatonna, MN, **$15,000**. For general operating support to provide beds to children in need who currently sleep in unsuitable sleeping conditions.

**City of Willmar**, Willmar, MN, **$150,000**. To build an inclusive playground to serve children and adults of all abilities.

**Faith Lutheran Church**, Spicer, MN, **$30,000**. For general operating support to provide basic needs services in northern Kandiyohi County.

**Knute Nelson Foundation**, Alexandria, MN, **$150,000**. To expand access to quality childcare, attract and retain a quality workforce, foster intergenerational relationships and equip youth with successful early education opportunities.
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $25,000. To provide shelf-stable meals to older adults at risk of malnutrition in Western and South Central Minnesota.

Minnkota Health Project, Wadena, MN, $25,000. For general operating support to serve people living with HIV/AIDS in greater Minnesota.

Perham Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Perham, MN, $15,000. To support a revolving loan fund for security deposits on workforce housing rental units.

Presentation College, Aberdeen, SD, $19,980. To purchase nursing education equipment for college students in southern Minnesota.

Ruth’s House of Hope, Inc., Faribault, MN, $50,000. For general operating support to provide safe shelter and supportive services for homeless women and children.

Twin Cities Metro Area

AccessAbility, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $150,000. For general operating support and capital needs to provide services to individuals with disabilities and those recently released from incarceration.

African American Leadership Forum, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. For general operating support to increase capacity and effectiveness in promoting systemic changes to advance the educational, economic, and health needs of their community.

At Home Group, Inc. dba Small Sums, Saint Paul, MN, $37,500. For general operating support to provide Twin Cities homeless clients who have found jobs with the required work clothes and shoes, trade tools, professional licenses, and/or bus passes necessary to transition to more stable lives.

Aurora St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation, Saint Paul, MN, $40,000. For general operating support to provide services in different areas of the asset-building arena, including networking, financial capability, affordable housing, job preparedness and job creation, business consulting and business development, etc.

Cedar Riverside People’s Center dba People’s Center Health Services, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operating support to provide comprehensive integrated health services to uninsured and under-insured patients.

Central Minnesota Legal Services, Minneapolis, MN, $65,000. To provide legal advice and representation to victims/survivors and their children in a specialty Domestic Violence Child Related Relief Court in the Fourth Judicial District.

CommonBond Communities, Saint Paul, MN, $100,000. For general operating support for this organization that provides affordable, supportive housing.

CROSS Christians Reaching Out In Social Service, Rogers, MN, $20,000. For general operating support to provide food, housing, clothing, and outreach to the poor, elderly, and disabled in the northwest metro.

Dayton's Bluff District 4 Community Council, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To expand access to social and economic opportunities in communities of color that live and work on St. Paul's East Side.

DinoMights, Minneapolis, MN, $12,500. To provide out-of-school programs for at-risk urban youth.

Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis, MN, $500,000. To create new classroom, office, and collaborative learning spaces on campus in support of the College’s strategic plan.
**Elpis Enterprises**, Saint Paul, MN, **$25,000**. For general operating support to provide job readiness and paid work experience for homeless youth and young adults.

**Gigi's Playhouse Twin Cities**, Saint Louis Park, MN, **$30,000**. To provide developmental programs for youth with Down Syndrome.

**Groves Academy**, Saint Louis Park, MN, **$35,000**. To provide transformative learning experiences to young people who need them the most in order to improve literacy levels and close the reading achievement gap.

**Hamm Clinic**, Saint Paul, MN, **$50,000**. For general operating support to provide mental health services to under-served adults.

**Inquilinos Unidos por Justicia**, Minneapolis, MN, **$25,000**. To support the Tenant Assembly Project, which helps gain improvements to housing conditions, protects tenants from displacement, and develops a base of empowered tenant leaders that can ensure existing housing law is enforced.

**Jewish Federation of Greater St. Paul**, Saint Paul, MN, **$62,500**. To address the social and nutritional needs of the vulnerable elderly by delivering nutritious kosher meals.

**Ka Joog Nonprofit Organization**, Minneapolis, MN, **$25,000**. For general operating to provide youth development programming for East African youth.

**Kaleidoscope Place**, Minneapolis, MN, **$50,000**. For general operating support to provide afterschool, summer enrichment, and academic support programs for low-income children and youth in the Phillips neighborhood.

**La Oportunidad, Inc.**, Minneapolis, MN, **$50,000**. For general operating support to provide supportive services and educational enrichment programs for low-income Latino immigrant youth and their families.

**Language Central, Inc.**, Minneapolis, MN, **$12,000**. For general operating support to provide empowering language and life skills that build economic opportunities and self-reliance for the immigrants and refugees of Minneapolis.

**Listening House of St. Paul, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, **$40,000**. To support the remodeling of a new site to enable the organization to serve a broader constituency and launch new creative arts and enrichment programs for homeless adults.

**Loaves and Fishes Too**, Minneapolis, MN, **$25,000**. For capital support to address food insecurity.

**Metro Meals on Wheels, Inc.**, Minneapolis, MN, **$75,000**. For general operating support to address food insecurity within growing senior populations.

**Nokomis Healthy Seniors Program**, Minneapolis, MN, **$20,000**. For general operating support to enhance the lives of seniors by helping them continue to live independently in their own homes.

**Normandale Center for Healing and Wholeness**, Edina, MN, **$30,000**. For general operating support to provide health and wellness education, resource consultation, volunteer and other supportive services for seniors and their families.

**Northeast Youth and Family Services**, Shoreview, MN, **$20,000**. To support quality afterschool and summer programming for at-risk youth at the Unity Center at Roseville Middle School.
Open Arms of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. For general operating support to decrease food insecurity among vulnerable low-income Minnesotans living with serious illness and to improve nutrition and promote better health outcomes.

People Reaching Out to Other People, Eden Prairie, MN, $50,000. For general operating support for hunger prevention programs and wraparound services to help individuals and families find a path toward stability.

Prevention Health Care Agency DBA Isuroon, Minneapolis, MN, $80,000. To strengthen the leadership, management and organizational structures of the eight health and social service member organizations of the Coalition of Somali American Leaders.

Project for Pride in Living, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $200,000. To provide a continuum of customized services for low-income individuals and families that empower them to achieve greater equity and self-sufficiency.

Rebuilding Together - Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. For general operating support to preserve affordable homeownership for low-income families in the Twin Cities by providing critical repair and accessibility modification services.

Sabathani Community Center, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $20,000. To provide Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) education and empowerment programming for at-risk youth ages 13-18 in South Minneapolis.

Sojourner Project, Inc., Hopkins, MN, $35,000. For general operating support to increase the safety of domestic violence victims and foster safer communities through responsive services.

Solid Ground, White Bear Lake, MN, $75,000. For general operating support to provide housing and self-sufficiency services for families experiencing homelessness.

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $65,000. To support a collaboration that addresses the social determinants of health in low-income individuals and families by integrating civil legal services into the primary health care model.

Southside Services, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $15,000. To support young adults with developmental disabilities through the Support, One-on-One, Awareness, Recreation (SOAR) program by meeting immediate needs, facilitating group experiences, promoting social awareness and encouraging self-sufficiency.

St. Louis Park Emergency Program, Saint Louis Park, MN, $50,000. For general operating support to provide food and essential basic needs in Saint Louis Park, Minnesota.

Store to Door, Roseville, MN, $45,000. To pilot a new care-giver focused strategy for families supporting seniors.

Sub-Saharan African Youth & Family Services in Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $42,000. For general operating support to expand programs and services for African immigrants and refugees in the Twin Cities.

Tasks Unlimited, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $40,000. To provide paid, on-the-job training for people with serious and persistent mental illness for placement in their choice of competitive or peer-supported employment.

The Arc Greater Twin Cities, Saint Paul, MN, $40,000. For general operating support to protect the human rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families so they may have a lifetime of full inclusion and participation in their communities.
The Blake School, Hopkins, MN, $20,000. To provide academic enrichment and college access support to high-potential students in Minneapolis Public Schools and train diverse college students to become excellent teachers.

The Center for Victims of Torture, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To address the underlying causes of poverty among refugees and asylum seekers by providing services that help torture survivors rebuild their lives and become productive members of the community.

The Food Group, Inc., New Hope, MN, $75,000. To support cultural equity programs and capital needs to address food insecurity.

The Link, Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. To provide seven site-based and scattered-site supportive housing programs for homeless youth.

The Open Door, Eagan, MN, $75,000. For general operating support for work to end local hunger in Dakota County through access to healthy food.

Urban Squash Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN, $10,000. For general operating support to provide academic and leadership opportunities for under-served, low-income middle and high school Twin Cities youth.

Valley Outreach, Stillwater, MN, $50,000. For general operating support to provide basic needs and relieve poverty in Stillwater and the surrounding area.

Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $70,000. For general operating support to provide comprehensive services and increase opportunities for Vietnamese and Karen immigrants and refugees in the Twin Cities.

Voyageur Outward Bound School, Saint Paul, MN, $55,000. To support low-income Twin Cities youth to develop their strength of character and leadership abilities through outdoor challenge and discovery.

Wayside House, Inc., Saint Louis Park, MN, $60,000. To support expansion of services at the Wellness Center, an outpatient substance abuse and mental health care clinic for women and their families.

Wisconsin

Chippewa Valley Health Clinic, Inc. DBA Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, Eau Claire, WI, $35,000. For general operating support to provide services to low-income and impoverished adults as the organization transitions to a new facility.

Community Referral Agency, Inc., Milltown, WI, $45,000. For general operating support to provide shelter and support to those who have experienced domestic violence and their children in Polk and Burnett counties.

Family Service Association of Sheboygan, Inc., Sheboygan, WI, $20,000. To provide community financial education to help individuals and families in the La Crosse area achieve and maintain financial stability.

Girl Scouts of the Northwest Great Lakes, Inc., Eau Claire, WI, $30,000. To increase overall wellness, social participation, youth mentorship and civic responsibility through Girl Scout programming in western Wisconsin.

Great Rivers United Way, Inc., Onalaska, WI, $20,000. To support Compass Now Needs Assessment, a collective impact project identifying community needs within a six-county region.
Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, Inc., Milltown, WI, $35,000. For general operating support to coordinate volunteers to help seniors and adults with disabilities residing in Polk County to live as independently as possible.

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc., Milwaukee, WI, $30,000. To provide supportive services to adults dealing with chronic, persistent mental health issues and homelessness in Eau Claire, WI.

New Horizons Shelter and Outreach Centers, Inc., La Crosse, WI, $30,000. For general operating support to assist victims and families who have experienced domestic abuse, sexual abuse and/or human trafficking.

Osceola Community Health Foundation, Inc., Osceola, WI, $25,000. To support the execution of giveBIG St. Croix Valley, an online giving day that provides nonprofit organizations the ability to increase their fundraising capacity.

Riverfront Activity Center, Inc., La Crosse, WI, $50,000. To provide behavior support services for youth and adults with disabilities to ensure that they have the opportunities to achieve their goals for independence.

St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity, River Falls, WI, $50,000. To support the development of the Eco Center, a community engagement space and program that leverages the success of programs.

St. Croix Valley Restorative Justice Program, Inc., River Falls, WI, $30,000. For general operating support to focus on prevention, intervention and reintegration to assist in identifying and preventing risky behaviors.

United Way of Dunn County, Menomonie, WI, $35,000. To support the C3 Center, which provides resources to those in need of assistance during crisis situations.

Southeastern Minnesota

Boy Scouts of America, Rochester, MN, $141,612. To build fund development capacity to provide scouting programming in Southeastern Minnesota.

Community and Economic Development Associates, Chatfield, MN, $60,000. For general operating support to provide economic and community development services for rural communities in Southeastern Minnesota.

Project FINE, Inc., Winona, MN, $40,000. For general operating support to provide services, educational programs, and assistance for New Americans in the Winona area.

Rochester Area Foundation, Rochester, MN, $39,480. To connect health providers and patients to local, evidence-based health promotion programs in order to support people’s health in the communities in which they live.

Stewartville Fire Department, Stewartville, MN, $55,000. To assist the department with the purchase of equipment critical for sustaining and coordinating fire and rescue services during natural disasters and catastrophes.

Minnesota Statewide

Barbara Schneider Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, $40,000. For general operating support to provide training and build community collaboration between law enforcement, mental health professionals, advocates and community members in Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin.
**Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota**, Saint Paul, MN, **$50,000**. To increase the organization’s capacity to provide technical assistance and develop infrastructure and policies that support safe and convenient bicycling.

**Charities Review Council of Minnesota, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, **$50,000**. For general operating support to provide capacity building expertise to amplify the impact of nonprofit organizations and to strengthen the philanthropic community.

**Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas**, Minneapolis, MN, **$300,000**. For general operating support to strategically build connections, promote civil rights, combat anti-Semitism, teach the lessons of and commemorate the Holocaust, and provide services to communities in Minnesota and North Dakota.

**MacPhail Center for Music**, Minneapolis, MN, **$150,000**. To expand and enhance music education opportunities for rural pre-K through 12th grade students through online learning experiences.

**Minnesota Alliance with Youth**, Saint Paul, MN, **$100,000**. For general operating support to provide youth development opportunities through the Minnesota Youth Council, GradMinnesota and AmeriCorps Promise Fellows.

**Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce**, Saint Paul, MN, **$50,000**. To identify and pursue viable joint purchasing opportunities for Minnesota tribes that provide immediate savings and support further economic investments.

**Minnesota Community Health Worker Alliance**, Saint Paul, MN, **$55,000**. For the development of a trauma-based module for Community Health Workers to improve the health of African American, American Indian and refugee communities.

**Mission Investors Exchange**, Seattle, WA, **$4,000**. For membership renewal of this organization that helps foundations maximize impact in their communities.

**The Saint Paul Foundation**, Saint Paul, MN, **$195,000**. To expand the RealTime Talent public-private collaboration to prevent workforce shortages and improve alignment between employers and job seekers.

**Wilderness Inquiry**, Minneapolis, MN, **$50,000**. For general operating support to support inclusive outdoor experiences that transform individuals and communities.

**North Dakota Statewide**

**American Red Cross - Dakotas Region**, Fargo, ND, **$75,000**. To improve delivery of disaster services in North Dakota.

**North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations**, Bismarck, ND, **$60,000**. For general operating support to provide advocacy, training, resources, networking, and leadership in support of a stronger North Dakota nonprofit sector.