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Otto Bremer Trust awards 150 grants totaling $8.9 million

SAINT PAUL, October 3, 2017 — The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded $8,856,705 in grants as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle.

“We’re proud to support organizations that are providing essential resources for their communities,” said Brian Lipschultz, co-CEO and trustee, OBT. “These grant recipients are making a positive impact throughout the region.”

The Otto Bremer Trust, based in St. Paul, Minn., 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 more than $600 million in organizations throughout Minnesota, North Dakota and western Wisconsin. Visit ottobremer.org.

A complete list of grants by state is included below.

Western North Dakota

**Burleigh County Housing Authority**, Bismarck, ND, **$62,000**. To develop permanent, service-enriched, affordable housing for chronically homeless individuals in Bismarck-Mandan using the Housing First Model.

**Cankdeska Cikana Community College**, Fort Totten, ND, **$75,000**. For a building that will provide cultural education programs, host conferences, and promote artist-owned small businesses.

**Carrington Health Center**, Carrington, ND, **$100,000**. To create a bariatric suite that provides safe, dignified, healthcare for patients of higher weight levels.

**Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency**, Devils Lake, ND, **$35,000**. To provide emergency assistance to low-income households for housing and other basic needs.

**Dakota Resource Council**, Bismarck, ND, **$7,500**. To convene south central North Dakotans for listening, learning and sharing goals to begin community reconciliation.

**Lansford Rural Fire District**, Lansford, ND, **$55,000**. To upgrade outdated fire protection equipment.

**Maddock Park Board**, Maddock, ND, **$50,000**. To construct an indoor swimming facility to provide recreation year-round for children and families in the region.
**Mandan Golden Age Club**, Mandan, ND, **$50,000**. To renovate the club's kitchen, which is used to provide home-delivered and congregate-dining meals to elderly and disabled residents throughout Morton County.

**Minot Area Homeless Coalition**, Minot, ND, **$25,000**. For general operations to support an outreach coordinator to assist people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless in rural north central North Dakota.

**Sacred Pipe Resource Center**, Mandan, ND, **$50,000**. For the Return to Wellness Initiative focused on improving health outcomes for Native Americans in the Bismarck area through increasing access to traditional foods, teaching nutrition and cooking skills, and increasing physical activity.

**The Salvation Army, Northern Division**, Roseville, MN, **$25,000**. For general operations to provide emergency rent and mortgage assistance to households in Minot, North Dakota.

**Souris Valley United Way**, Minot, ND, **$20,000**. To develop Caleb's Clubhouse, an inclusive child care center for children with and without autism spectrum disorders.

**Tracy's Sanctuary House**, Bismarck, ND, **$30,000**. For general operations to help meet the basic needs of families in medical crisis situations.

**Ward County Park Board**, Minot, ND, **$8,250**. For improvements to the park's exercise trails.

**Red River Region**

**Abuse Resource Network**, Lisbon, ND, **$41,000**. For general operations to support the provision of comprehensive services to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault victims in Southeast North Dakota.

**American Cancer Society, Inc.**, Fargo, ND, **$77,245**. To increase access to colorectal cancer specialty care for high-risk patients in the Grand Forks area.

**American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest**, Brookfield, WI, **$50,000**. To improve North Dakota’s behavioral health care by integrating tobacco treatment into existing services.

**Arc Upper Valley, Inc.**, Grand Forks, ND, **$35,000**. For general operations to provide advocacy services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families to access support and services in the Grand Forks area.

**Clay County**, Moorhead, MN, **$100,000**. To improve mental health/behavioral health services through community-wide problem-solving that increases the effectiveness of services in Clay County, Minnesota.

**Emerado Public School District #127**, Emerado, ND, **$100,000**. To meet basic critical needs in the student population and increase the school's pre-school space to meet the needs of more children.

**The Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless Persons**, Fargo, ND, **$60,000**. For general operations to provide services to Cass County, North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota.

**Fraser, Ltd.**, Fargo, ND, **$168,675**. For general operations to support transitional housing programs, increase mental health support for homeless youth and staff development/support efforts.

**Greater Grand Forks Senior Citizens Association, Inc.**, Grand Forks, ND, **$50,000**. For general operations to support meeting basic needs of seniors in the Grand Forks area.
HERO Healthcare Equipment Recycling Organization, Fargo, ND, $35,000. For general operations to provide low- and no-cost medical equipment and supplies.

Inspire Innovation Lab, Moorhead, MN, $20,000. For general operations to provide STE(A)M activities for middle school and high school girls in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

North Country Food Bank, Inc., Crookston, MN, $100,000. To build North Country Food Bank’s capacity to receive and distribute fresh produce to its members.

Presentation Partners in Housing, Fargo, ND, $80,000. For general operations to provide short-term housing assistance to prevent homelessness.

Rape and Abuse Crisis Center of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, ND, $125,000. For general operations to provide comprehensive services to victims of domestic/dating violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, trafficking/sexual exploitation and child sexual abuse in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

TNT Kid’s Fitness, Fargo, ND, $75,000. To develop a special needs business and curriculum model for a fitness program for youth with disabilities.

Wilkin County Public Health, Breckenridge, MN, $50,000. To prevent and reduce youth substance use in the Breckenridge, Minnesota, area.

YWCA Cass Clay, Fargo, ND, $75,000. To provide women and children with safe shelter, meet basic needs, and provide supportive services in the Fargo area.

Central and Northern Minnesota

Anishinabe Legal Services, Cass Lake, MN, $65,000. For general operations to provide direct client services to a larger and broader number of agency and community members.

CentraCare Health Foundation, Saint Cloud, MN, $250,000. To support the overall physical and psychosocial well-being of cancer survivors and their families by providing holistic care in recovery.

Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services, Inc., Monticello, MN, $40,000. To help low-income individuals develop skills to obtain employment with family-sustaining wages.

Family Pathways, North Branch, MN, $65,000. To provide intervention and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in east central Minnesota.

Friends Against Abuse, International Falls, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide crisis and basic services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and general crime.

Helping Hands Outreach, Holdingford, MN, $20,000. For general operations to provide home- and community-based services that enhance and strengthen the ability of senior adults and their caregivers to live in and contribute to the community.

Independence Center, Inc., Waite Park, MN, $100,000. For general operations to help adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities to obtain basic needs support, employment, and access to other community resources.

Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota, Saint Cloud, MN, $50,000. For general operations to improve data management, fund development, program evaluation and program impact for youth and families in the Talahi neighborhood in St. Cloud.

Rivers of Hope, Monticello, MN, $64,000. For general operations for an array of supportive services for victims of domestic violence in Sherburne and Wright Counties.
Tri-County Action Program, Inc., Waite Park, MN, $50,000. To provide free tax services and financial literacy education to low- to moderate-income residents of Central Minnesota by IRS-certified, well-trained volunteer tax preparers.

The Village Family Service Center, Fargo, ND, $65,000. To facilitate an office relocation and expansion of mental health services in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

The "Yes" Network, Saint Cloud, MN, $35,000. For general operations to provide out-of-school-time programs for youth and families in St. Cloud.

Western and South Central Minnesota

American Composers Forum, Saint Paul, MN, $94,000. To address community issues through the arts in Willmar, Minnesota.

Bridging Hearts, Inc., Carver, MN, $10,000. For general operations to provide social, civic, and community engagement opportunities to reduce social isolation for adults with developmental disabilities.

Dakota Wicohan, Morton, MN, $20,000. For general operations to promote Dakota language skills and life ways.

City of Fergus Falls, Fergus Falls, MN, $200,000. To support the construction and furnishing of an indoor play and learning space in the expanded Fergus Falls Public Library.

Greater Mankato Area United Way, Mankato, MN, $65,000. To support the Connecting Kids Program, which provides financial and community resources for low-income youth in Mankato to access youth enrichment programs.

Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, MN, $38,700. To assist with the purchase of pediatric simulation equipment for rural nursing college students.

Let’s Smile, Inc., Owatonna, MN, $10,000. For general operations to provide school-based preventive dental care, increase oral health literacy, and raise awareness about the importance of oral health’s impact on overall health.


Rice Health Foundation, Willmar, MN, $150,000. To provide oral health services to under-served children and adults.

Safe Avenues, Willmar, MN, $50,000. To provide after school visitation hours for children and families.

Sioux Trails Mental Health Center, New Ulm, MN, $60,000. For support of the Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program, which provides treatment to decrease self-destructive behaviors among high-risk clients.

Steele County Food Shelf Inc., Owatonna, MN, $20,000. For general operations to provide basic needs and promote stability and self-sufficiency for families and individuals in Steele County, Minnesota.
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

American Indian Family Center, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide American Indian families with youth, family, employment, education, mental health, and substance use services enriched by traditional American Indian values and culture.

Anew Bam, Saint Paul, MN, $25,000. For general operations to provide academic support opportunities, along with social and emotional development support.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide out-of-school time programs to at-risk youth in the Twin Cities.

Breakthrough Twin Cities, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. For general operations to prepare under-resourced students for college success with academic support, social-emotional skill building, and case management.

The Bridge for Youth, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operating support to provide crisis intervention, shelter and support services to homeless youth and to provide affordable housing options to older homeless youth.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN, $150,000. To support Hope Street which provides emergency shelter and services to homeless youth aged 18-20.

Community Partners with Youth, New Brighton, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide out-of-school-time programming for at-risk youth in grades K-8.

Conservation Corps dba Conservation Corps Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. To expand and enhance opportunities for diverse youth to lead and serve in their communities while preparing them for further education and future jobs.

Cornerstone Advocacy Service, Bloomington, MN, $25,000. To increase safety, financial stability and financial capability for survivors of domestic violence.

Dakota Woodlands, Inc., Eagan, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide basic needs and supportive services for homeless women and children in Dakota County.

DARTS, West Saint Paul, MN, $15,000. To support the Learning Buddies Program which engages seniors to help elementary students reach basic reading proficiency levels.

Domestic Abuse Project, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $45,000. To provide trauma-informed therapy, advocacy, and case management services to whole families in order to break the intergenerational cycle of violence and build healthy and safe families.

East Side Elders, Saint Paul, MN, $25,000. For general operations to provide services to help seniors to remain in their home of choice for as long as they are able, safely, with independence and dignity.

Eastside Meals on Wheels, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $25,000. To upgrade equipment and for general operating support for meal delivery to aging and disabled neighbors in NE and SE Minneapolis and St Anthony Village.

ESR, Inc., Stillwater, MN, $20,000. To help adults with disabilities in Washington County secure and maintain employment in independent community jobs.

EVOLVE Adoption & Family Services, Stillwater, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide foster care and outreach services to families in the Twin Cities and Western Wisconsin.

The Family Place, Saint Paul, MN, $100,000. To provide homeless and precariously housed families with education and empowerment with a goal of achieving permanent stability.
Family Promise in Anoka County, Ramsey, MN, $39,280. To provide case management services for families outside the shelter to move more quickly into secure housing, and to provide follow-up to ensure long-term housing independence.

Family Tree, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $60,000. For general operations to provide inclusive, intersectional and intentional reproductive and sexual health care services.

Family Values for Life, Saint Paul, MN, $25,000. For general operations of Family Values for Life to provide workshops for single parents, after-school youth enrichment, and family events for residents of St. Paul's East Side.

HIRED, Minneapolis, MN, $55,000. For general operating support to provide employment training for low-income disadvantage job seekers from across the Twin Cities.

Hope Community, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $70,000. For general operations to provide safe, healthy, affordable housing and community spaces, and engage community members in opportunities to create stronger lives for themselves and their families.

Hunger Solutions Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $40,000. To build the capacity of Twin Cities metro area food shelves by supporting the improvement of anti-hunger services provided to low-income and vulnerable groups.

Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis, MN, $40,000. To support low income single mothers in attaining a college degree and preparing their children for school.

Joyce Preschool, Minneapolis, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide bilingual early childhood education along with support and leadership development for low-income and/or Latinx parents.

Keystone Community Services, Saint Paul, MN, $200,000. For general operating support of this multi-service organization that provides basic needs, youth and senior services for individuals and families in Ramsey County.

Learning Disabilities Association, Golden Valley, MN, $50,000. To provide literacy support for low-income children and youth to achieve success in school, college, and life.

The Lift Garage, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide car repairs at below-market rates for low-income clients in the Twin Cities Metro area.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $100,000. To provide housing services for Twin Cities refugees and families transitioning out of homeless shelters.

MAD DADS, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to promote public safety and youth development in Minneapolis.

Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, Saint Paul, MN, $25,000. To assess how a bus circulator system on St. Paul's East Side may broaden the accessibility of residents to the social and economic opportunities within their neighborhoods and across the Twin Cities region.

Minnesota Diversified Industries, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $30,000. To provide employee training (WorkSkills 101) to individuals with and without disabilities at the organization's Twin Cities facility.

Neighborhood Justice Center, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $65,000. For general operations to provide comprehensive, high quality criminal defense and crime prevention services to low-income people in the east metro.

Normandale Housing Corporation, Edina, MN, $30,000. For general operations to provide housing and supportive services for homeless individuals and families.
North East Neighborhoods Development Corporation, Saint Paul, MN, $150,000. To support the work of civic leaders in promoting citizenship, diversity and inclusion, through creation of a vibrant public space where people can assemble, learn about and reflect upon our common values and our different heritages.

Open Access Connections, Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. To provide free voice mail and supported cell phone service to the homeless and low-income community.

Open Hands Midway, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $3,500. To provide free food and household items for low-income individuals and families.

Our Savior’s Community Services, Minneapolis, MN, $30,000. To provide free English, math, citizenship, computer lab classes, and tutoring sessions for adult immigrant and refugee students in the Twin Cities.

Prevention Health Care Agency DBA Isuroon, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to strengthen organizational infrastructure to improve health and better serve Somali women and their families.

RELATE, Inc., Minnetonka, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide mental and chemical health services to individuals of all ages in the west metro Twin Cities suburbs.

RESOURCE, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. To provide Twin Cities young adults with supportive services to achieve career and education goals.

ResourceWest, Inc., Hopkins, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide services that assist the working poor in the western Twin Cities suburbs to move towards greater self-sufficiency.

Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to support children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

RS EDEN, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For a case management model that assesses, links, and supports every tenant along a spectrum related to vocation, life skills, and community engagement.

St. David’s Center, Minnetonka, MN, $60,000. To improve parent-child attachment, stabilize families and reduce child protection recidivism through comprehensive assessment and relational intervention with children aged 0 to 30 months in out-of-home placement and their primary caregivers.

Science Museum of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To support the Kitty Andersen Youth Science Center which exposes youth to digital and media technology.

Seward Redesign, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $40,000. For general operations to increase livability and economic health of the Seward and Longfellow neighborhoods through small business development, housing and transportation.

Simpson Housing Services, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $200,000. For general operating support to provide emergency shelter, supportive housing, and educational services for families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

Southside Community Health Services, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations to increase access to critical medical, dental, vision, and behavioral health services and reduce health disparities through comprehensive outreach and care coordination programs for south Minneapolis residents.

Ujamaa Place, Saint Paul, MN, $80,000. For general operations to provide education and employment skills training; safe and secure housing; and mental health for African American young men.
Western Communities Action Network (WeCAN), Mound, MN, $75,000. For general operations to enhance stability and self-sufficiency for low-income individuals and families in western Hennepin County.

Women of Nations, Saint Paul, MN, $35,000. For general operations for an emergency shelter that provides services to women and children fleeing domestic violence and sexual assault.

YWCA of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. To provide Minneapolis students in grades K-12 with after-school and summer programs that prepare youth to be learners, leaders and creators of change.

Zion Originated Outreach Ministry, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. To provide affordable and supportive housing for chronically homeless families with children and low-income households in the Twin Cities.

Wisconsin

Amery Area Senior Citizens, Inc., Amery, WI, $35,000. For general operations to provide programs and activities to members of the community.

Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, Inc., Eau Claire, WI, $40,000. To expand services to victims of gender violence and crime in Chippewa Valley and Dunn County communities.

Family Pathways, North Branch, MN, $50,000. To support the general operations of food shelves in Frederic and St. Croix Falls.

Glenwood City Ambulance Service, Glenwood City, WI, $40,000. To support the purchase of life-saving equipment for the community ambulance service.

Habitat for Humanity - La Crosse Area, La Crosse, WI, $40,000. For equipment purchases to build and maintain housing for economically challenged families in and around La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Kinship of Polk County, Inc., Balsam Lake, WI, $56,000. For general operations to meet the increased demand for mentoring services throughout Polk County, Wisconsin.

The Salvation Army, Wisconsin & Upper Michigan, Wauwatosa, WI, $30,000. For general operations to address short-term, acute basic needs for individuals and families in Ashland and Bayfield counties.

The Salvation Army, New Richmond, WI, $50,000. For general operations to serve homeless individuals and families in St. Croix, Burnett and Polk counties.

United Way St. Croix Valley, Inc., Hudson, WI, $90,000. To leverage relationships between food pantries and local farmers to reduce hunger in Polk County.

City of Washburn, Ashland, WI, $30,000. To support the Jackie’s Field community playground project.

YWCA of La Crosse, La Crosse, WI, $40,000. To support the development of restorative justice tools to increase student success in La Crosse-area schools.

Southeastern Minnesota

Ability Building Center (ABC), Rochester, MN, $75,000. For strategic technology infrastructure upgrades and improvements to provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
The Arc Southeastern Minnesota, Rochester, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Bear Creek Services, Rochester, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide personalized community life experiences for individuals who have developmental disabilities and brain injury.

Elder Network, Rochester, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide care for seniors and their caregivers in Olmsted and Winona Counties.

Family Service Rochester, Inc., Rochester, MN, $100,000. For support of the Clinical Academy to attract and increase the capacity and competency of mental health professionals to serve Southeastern Minnesota communities.

Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association, Inc., Rochester, MN, $100,000. To implement a Community Care Coordination model that integrates primary healthcare and community services to meet the health-related social needs and medical needs of adults residing in Olmsted County.

Riverland Community College, Austin, MN, $114,262. For support of focused academic guidance, counseling, and support services to under-served student populations.

Three Rivers Community Action, Inc., Zumbrota, MN, $57,700. To provide comprehensive counseling services and resources to emerging markets households to increase home ownership among households of color throughout southern Minnesota.

Winona Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Winona, MN, $81,000. To provide opportunities for high school students to take part in immersion experiences that focus on work preparedness, improved academic performance, and internships.

Winona Community Foundation, Inc., Winona, MN, $35,000. To build, energize, and sustain a collaborative, inclusive greater Winona community through community planning.

Women's Shelter, Inc., Rochester, MN, $75,000. For general operations to provide abused women and their children with a safe place to live and tools to help them live healthy, independent and violence-free lives.

YMCA of Rochester, Inc., Rochester, MN, $50,000. For general operations to support leadership transition, organizational restructuring, and youth development programming.

Minnesota Statewide

180 Degrees, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations to work with high-risk adults, youth, and families in Rochester, St. Cloud and the greater Twin Cities area.

The Foundation Center, New York, NY, $8,000. For membership renewal of this organization, which works to promote philanthropy in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin communities by providing free local access to resources in order to help make positive change.

Indian Child Welfare Law Center, Minneapolis, MN, $35,000. To provide culturally relevant direct legal services and systematic advocacy for Indian families impacted by county and tribal child protection systems in northern Minnesota.

Metro-Wide Engagement on Shelter and Housing, Minneapolis, MN, $120,000. For general operations to support technical assistance and capacity building work with communities, government, and nonprofits working on homelessness statewide.
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Saint Paul, MN, $59,645. For general operations to provide comprehensive services to Minnesota veterans and their families and for relocation of offices.

Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To build the capacity of childcare professionals in Greater Minnesota.

Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration, Maplewood, MN, $75,000. To build the capacity of nonprofits to expand volunteer engagement in Greater Minnesota.

Minnesota Council of Churches, Minneapolis, MN, $45,000. To strengthen an interfaith network of volunteers working for social justice, poverty solutions and interfaith relations.


Minnesota Council on Foundations, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. To support the Executive in Residence program, which advances the voice and leadership of a seasoned expert in philanthropy to increase activity in one or more areas of impact.

Minnesota Elder Justice Center, Saint Paul, MN, $85,000. For general operations to provide state-wide services that prevent and alleviate elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation.

Minnesota Justice Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, $25,000. To support a program that places volunteer law students in communities to expand legal services to additional clients.

Reach Out and Read Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to develop and increase reading skills among young children and their families through local pediatric providers.

North Dakota Statewide

Anne Carlsen Center for Children, Jamestown, ND, $100,000. To construct a new residential facility to better meet the needs of disabled children and their families.

North Dakota Center for Nursing, Fargo, ND, $15,000. For development of a high school outreach program to address a nursing workforce shortage in North Dakota, particularly in rural areas and reservations.

North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services, Bismarck, ND, $150,000. To fund the work of FUSE and the North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force to continue providing comprehensive services to victims and proactive investigations of human trafficking.

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