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Otto Bremer Trust awards 141 grants totaling $9.1 million

SAINT PAUL, March 28, 2019 — The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded $9,156,284 in grants to organizations in Minnesota, North Dakota, and western Wisconsin as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle.

“OBT made strategic investments in a variety of organizations across the region, each committed to addressing challenges and opportunities in their communities,” said Brian Lipschultz, co-CEO and Trustee, OBT.

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 $700 million in organizations throughout the region. Visit ottobremer.org.

Western North Dakota

Companions for Children, Inc., Minot, ND, $65,000. For general operations to support school-based mentoring programs.

Custer Health, Mandan, ND, $50,000. To provide supportive services to individuals struggling with addiction and decrease the spread of infectious disease.

Dakota Children’s Advocacy Center, Bismarck, ND, $60,000. For general operations to provide evidence-based mental health services to children and families experiencing trauma and abuse.

TR 4 Heart & Soul, Inc., Bismarck, ND, $25,800. For capital support for accessibility improvements.

Red River Region

Abuse Resource Network, Lisbon, ND, $42,500. For general operations to provide outreach, crisis, and comprehensive services to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault victims in southeast North Dakota.

Access of the Red River Valley, Inc., Moorhead, MN, $70,000. To support the implementation of a document-management system to better serve people with disabilities.

Boys and Girls Club of Detroit Lakes, Inc., Detroit Lakes, MN, $35,000. To provide computer access to youth as part of programming and academic success in the Detroit Lakes area.
Centre, Community Extended Nuclear Transitional Residence for Ex-Offenders, Inc., Fargo, ND, $15,000. To provide holistic, evidence-based services to pregnant women in need of substance abuse services.

Clay County, Moorhead, MN, $100,000. To improve mental health/behavioral health services in Clay County, Minnesota, and Cass County, North Dakota.

Emerado Rural Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., Emerado, ND, $125,000. To increase the capacity of the fire station for more effective responses to the community and provide a more efficient training facility.

Fargo Public Schools Development Foundation, Fargo, ND, $30,000. To support a collaborative effort between parents, schools, organizations, and businesses to give children knowledge, career exploration opportunities, and financial preparation in the Fargo area.

The Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless Persons, Fargo, ND, $65,000. For general operations for ongoing work to end homelessness in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

Moorhead Public School District 152, Moorhead, MN, $50,000. To equip P-12 staff, administrators, and community members with the skills to implement culturally relevant, revitalizing, and affirming curriculum in the Moorhead Area Public Schools.

Northwest Indian Community Development Center, Bemidji, MN, $50,000. To improve workforce training and development and increase the safety and security of the new training center.

Rebuilding Together - Fargo Moorhead Area, Inc., Fargo, ND, $60,000. To provide housing rehabilitative services for low-income homeowners in Cass and Trail Counties, North Dakota, and Clay County, Minnesota.

Valley Community Health Centers, Grand Forks, ND, $200,000. For general operations for behavioral health integration into primary care.

YWCA Cass Clay, Fargo, ND, $85,000. To provide women and children with safe shelter, meet their basic needs, and offer supportive services in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

Central and Northern Minnesota

Advocates Against Domestic Abuse, Aitkin, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide services to domestic violence victims in Aitkin and surrounding counties, including advocacy, crisis line, emergency safe housing, and temporary transitional shelter.

African Development Center, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operations to help African immigrants start businesses, build wealth, and reinvest in the community, with particular emphasis on providing new resources to African communities in St. Cloud.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud, Saint Cloud, MN, $140,000. To provide shelter and supportive services to homeless youth and to provide housing coordination services for individuals with mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Citizens for Backus AB, International Falls, MN, $184,130. To support youth development, food security, and civic engagement at Backus Community Center and the development of affordable housing and community services in the Alexander Baker School Building.

Friends Against Abuse, International Falls, MN, $60,000. For general operations to provide crisis and basic services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and general crime.
Koochiching Aging Options, International Falls, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide support, services, and education on aging to older adults and caregivers in Koochiching County.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. To support the most vulnerable populations in the St. Cloud area, providing them with housing, financial assistance, and case management.

Rivers of Hope, Monticello, MN, $50,000. For general operations to ensure immediate safety for victims of domestic violence through an array of supportive and preventive services for adults and youth living in Sherburne and Wright Counties.

Servants of Shelter of Koochiching, International Falls, MN, $12,000. For general operations to provide emergency housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Koochiching County.

Tri-County Action Program, Inc., Waite Park, MN, $55,000. To provide free tax preparation services and financial literacy training to central Minnesota residents with low to moderate incomes.

Western and South-Central Minnesota

Alexandria Opportunities Center, Inc., Alexandria, MN, $60,000. For purchase of vehicles to support community-based employment opportunities.

Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Mankato, MN, $100,000. For general operations to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence in Southern Minnesota.

Douglas County Car Care Program Inc., Alexandria, MN, $150,000. For general operations to provide car donations and repairs to low-income residents of Douglas County.

Empowering Kids Perham, Perham, MN, $35,000. To provide early intervention services, social emotional learning skills, and parent support to children with autism in western Minnesota.

City of Glenwood, Glenwood, MN, $53,924. To assist the department with the purchase of equipment critical to the safety of its firefighting unit.

Greater Fergus Falls Corporation, Fergus Falls, MN, $50,000. To support economic development through new and expanded businesses in Fergus Falls.

Kinship of the Perham Area, Perham, MN, $30,000. For general operations to provide individual and group mentoring programs for youth in west central Minnesota.

Leisure Education for Exceptional People, Inc. (LEEP), Mankato, MN, $60,000. For general operating support to provide education and recreation opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in south-central Minnesota.

Lower Sioux Indian Community, Morton, MN, $220,000. To complete an expansion on the community center to promote intergenerational gathering, physical activity, healthy eating, cultural arts, and learning opportunities in the Lower Sioux Indian Community.

Minnesota Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, $55,000. To provide outreach, education, and advocacy to protect the civil liberties of immigrants and refugees in southern Minnesota.

Otter Tail County HRA, Fergus Falls, MN, $100,000. To assist with the construction of a child care center in New York Mills to serve the surrounding area.
Productive Alternatives, Inc., Fergus Falls, MN, $50,000. To create a six-month transitional housing and employment program for adults in Perham.

Redwood County, Redwood Falls, MN, $70,000. To provide regional access for child sexual abuse and serious physical abuse allegations in a safe and neutral setting.

Ridgeview Foundation, Waconia, MN, $300,000. To assist with emergency department capital improvements to meet medical needs in west-central Minnesota.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Pelican Rapids, MN, $30,000. For support of programs and activities that strengthen community relationships, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families, and provide financial support for individuals and families.

United Way of Otter Tail & Wadena Counties, Fergus Falls, MN, $14,000. For general operations and to upgrade technology systems to create healthier communities in Otter Tail and Wadena Counties.

Watertown-Mayer Public School District 111, Watertown, MN, $75,000. To assist with the remodel of a school building to provide increased early childhood education and services to senior citizens in the Watertown area.

West Central Initiative, Fergus Falls, MN, $60,000. To raise awareness about the importance of oral health and increase access to dental care for children in Minnesota.

West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc., Elbow Lake, MN, $88,000. To provide free taxpayer assistance to low-income, disadvantaged individuals and families in west-central Minnesota and to increase fund development capacity.

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

Achieve Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN, $120,000. To provide Minneapolis students with advising, training, and paid work experiences needed to identify and attain career aspirations.

Aeon, Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations to provide quality affordable housing for low-income individuals and families in the Twin Cities.

African Community Services in Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, $40,000. For general operating support to provide employment assistance and social services to African refugees and immigrants.

American Indian Family Center, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide an array of support services for the American Indian community in the east metro.

American Indian OIC, Minneapolis, MN, $70,000. To support sector-specific vocational training paired with complementary career services.

Anew Bam, Roseville, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide a culturally based youth development program for African American youth in Saint Paul.

Annex Teen Clinic, Robbinsdale, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide confidential health services and education to young people in northwest Hennepin County.

Ascension Place, Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. To provide emergency and supportive services for homeless women and their families in Minneapolis.

Baby's Space: A Place to Grow, Minneapolis, MN, $65,000. For general operations to provide holistic, nurturing, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed early childhood education with family supports.
**Banyan Foundation**, Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations to provide comprehensive wrap-around programming for youth and families in the Phillips neighborhood.

**Breakthrough Twin Cities**, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. For general operations to prepare under-resourced students for college success through six years of rigorous academic support and social-emotional skill building.

**Children’s Law Center of Minnesota**, Saint Paul, MN, $140,000. For general operations to support the expansion of legal representation and advocacy services to foster care children and youth, and for relocation expenses.

**Courage Kenny Foundation**, Minneapolis, MN, $30,000. To provide vocational services for people living with disabilities.

**Creating IT Futures Foundation**, Edina, MN, $50,000. To train and place low-income Twin Cities residents in the information technology workforce.

**Division of Indian Work**, Minneapolis, MN, $80,000. For general operations to provide support services for American Indian individuals and families in Minneapolis.

**Dunwoody College of Technology**, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. To help low-income women prepare for and secure high-wage jobs in non-traditional fields.

**East Side Neighborhood Development Company, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, $85,000. For general operations to create healthy, safe, affordable housing.

**EVOLVE Adoption & Family Services**, Stillwater, MN, $225,000. For general operations and increased organizational capacity to provide foster care and outreach services to families in the Twin Cities and Western Wisconsin.

**FamilyMeans**, Stillwater, MN, $60,000. To support youth development and implement in Cimarron and Landfall.

**Friends of the Hennepin County Library**, Minneapolis, MN, $24,000. To help children and teens in under-resourced neighborhoods succeed academically and master 21st-century skills.

**Genesys Works - Twin Cities**, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. To provide post-secondary and career exploration services and placement for students interested in STEM careers.

**Guild Incorporated**, Saint Paul, MN, $100,000. For general operations to support individuals aged 16 and older who struggle with mental illness.

**Holy Rosary Church and School**, Minneapolis, MN, $20,000. For general operations to provide educational opportunities and human service programs for immigrant and refugee families.

**Inquilinxs Unidxs por Justicia**, Minneapolis, MN, $25,000. For general operations to provide support for tenants wishing to exercise their right to live in safe, dignified housing.

**Listening House of St. Paul, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, $35,000. For general operations to provide emergency and supportive services for low-income and homeless adults in the east metro.

**myHealth for Teens & Young Adults**, Hopkins, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide health care, counseling, and education services for adolescents and young adults aged 12-26.

**New American Development Center**, Minneapolis, MN, $35,000. For general operations to build economic opportunities for East Africans.
North Metro Pediatrics, P.A., Coon Rapids, MN, $125,000. For general operations to provide low-income children and families in the north metro with quality, affordable, and comprehensive health care.

Northside Economic Opportunity Network, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to serve entrepreneurs of color in North Minneapolis through the development and growth of small businesses.

Penumbra Theatre Company, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. To support the summer youth development program.

People Responding in Social Ministry (PRISM), Golden Valley, MN, $45,000. For general operations to support communities of the northwest Twin Cities suburbs with basic needs services.

Prevention Health Care Agency dba Isuroon, Minneapolis, MN, $55,000. For general operations and to expand organizational capacity to provide services that increase the health, wellness, and self-sufficiency of Somali women and families.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Burnsville, MN, $15,000. For general operating support of Mission Outpost Dental Clinic to provide low-cost dental care for uninsured individuals in Dakota and Scott counties.

Ready Set Smile, PA, Minneapolis, MN, $42,000. For general operations to provide preventive oral health services and education to low-resource children and families in Minneapolis.

ResourceWest, Inc., Hopkins, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide supportive services that assist low-income families in the western suburbs.

The Saint Paul Foundation, Saint Paul, MN, $25,000. To provide emergency grants for east metro families and individuals.

St. Paul & Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Saint Paul, MN, $45,000. For general operations to reduce and respond to domestic violence in Ramsey County.

The Salvation Army, Northern Division, Roseville, MN, $100,000. To support Booth Brown House’s 16-bed shelter, which provides safe housing and case management opportunities for homeless youth aged 18-21.

Somali Success School, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide adult basic education services for immigrants and refugees.

Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $65,000. To provide integrated civil legal services at the Bethesda primary care clinic.

Southside Family Nurturing Center, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. For general operations to provide trauma-informed therapeutic early childhood education and family support.

Think Small, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To provide new and existing childcare businesses with the skills, confidence, and competencies necessary to sustain and grow their child care programs.

Urban Roots, Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. For general operations to provide educational and employment opportunities to youth living on St. Paul's east side.

West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust, Minnetonka, MN, $30,000. For general operations to support affordable housing ownership in Western Hennepin County.

West Side Citizens Organization, Saint Paul, MN, $15,000. For general operations to support and maintain businesses and affordable housing on St. Paul's west side.
Women of Nations, Saint Paul, MN, $35,000. For general operations to support an emergency shelter that provides multiple services to women and children fleeing domestic violence and sexual violence.

Youth Service Bureau, Inc., Stillwater, MN, $100,000. For general operations to provide mental and chemical health support and education to youth and families.

Southeastern Minnesota

Bear Creek Services, Rochester, MN, $75,000. For general operations to provide personalized community life experiences for individuals who have developmental disabilities and brain injuries.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota, Owatonna, MN, $125,000. For general operations to provide one-on-one mentoring to at-risk children.

Child Care Resource & Referral, Inc., Rochester, MN, $150,000. To train family child care providers and for the Child Care and Training Center to increase quality child care capacity in southeastern Minnesota.

Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester, Rochester, MN, $31,000. For general operations to support and expand sacred music to communities and care facilities in southeastern Minnesota.

Elder Network, Rochester, MN, $72,117. For general operations and capital expansion to provide care for seniors and their caregivers in Olmsted and Winona Counties.

City of Ellendale, Ellendale, MN, $50,940. To assist the volunteer fire department with the purchase of critical equipment used to suppress wildland and brush fires.

Free Clinic of Steele County, Owatonna, MN, $20,000. For general operations to provide medical and dental care for underserved residents of Steele County.

Habitat for Humanity Winona-Fillmore Counties, Winona, MN, $100,000. To increase coordination of volunteers and to support the capital campaign for the Winona ReStore.

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Rochester, Rochester, MN, $20,000. For general operations to provide shelter and case management services to homeless families in southeastern Minnesota.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To provide services to address safety and stability for homeless youth in southeastern Minnesota.

The Main Street Project, Northfield, MN, $75,000. For general operations to build wealth and revitalize low-income immigrant communities through entrepreneurial opportunities in regenerative agriculture.

Parenting Resource Center, Inc., Austin, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide resources, services, and prevention education programs to parents and guardians.

Sports Mentorship Academy, Rochester, MN, $10,000. For general operations to prevent juvenile delinquency among African American male youth in Rochester.

Sunrise Care Facility, Inc., Spring Grove, MN, $100,000. To support a capital campaign to provide a safe, sober home for women in recovery from long-term substance abuse.

Winona Volunteer Services, Winona, MN, $48,950. For general operations and capital feasibility study to provide basic needs to individuals in Winona County.
Wisconsin

Alia, Saint Paul, MN, $100,000. To support a demonstration project in cooperation with Eau Claire County to improve outcomes for youth placed in out-of-home care.

American National Red Cross - Wisconsin Region, Altoona, WI, $80,000. To support disaster preparedness, response, and recovery services in Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Dunn, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Polk, and St. Croix Counties.

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

Bayfield Carnegie Library, Bayfield, WI, $80,000. For capital support of external repairs to the library.

Bolton Refuge House, Inc., Eau Claire, WI, $150,000. For capital support to expand transitional housing and services to individuals and families who have experienced domestic violence or sexual assault.

Cooperative Educational Service Agency #11, Turtle Lake, WI, $13,596. To support the purchase of equipment to provide vision screening to low-income children in west-central Wisconsin.

Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley, Inc., Baldwin, WI, $85,000. For general operations to provide education, resources, and support to families in the St. Croix Valley.

IM Education, Inc., Onalaska, WI, $17,500. For general operations to provide academic support in critical thinking and writing skills.

Monroe County Shelter Care, Inc., Sparta, WI, $25,000. To support Brighter Tomorrows, which offers services and shelter to sexual assault and domestic violence survivors.

Northwest Connection Family Resources, Hayward, WI, $150,000. To increase the availability, affordability, and quality of early childhood experiences and education.

City of Onalaska, Onalaska, WI, $1,500. To assist the Onalaska Fire Department with the purchase of equipment used in water rescues.

St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team, Inc., River Falls, WI, $60,000. For general operations to provide forensic medical examination services and advocacy to victims of sexual assault in western Wisconsin.

St. Croix Valley Shared Services, Inc., Baldwin, WI, $25,000. To provide in-home mental health and substance abuse services in west-central Wisconsin.

The Salvation Army, La Crosse, WI, $50,000. To support a program that assists vulnerable populations in avoiding homelessness.

Village of Somerset, Somerset, WI, $75,000. For capital support of an expansion and renovation of Somerset Public Library.

Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI, $23,427. To provide accessible health promotion and health education to vulnerable populations in the La Crosse area.

Wisconsin Alliance for Women’s Health, Inc., La Crosse, WI, $35,000. To support Providers and Teens Communicating for Health, which engages, educates, and empowers adolescents and adults to become partners in care.
Minnesota Statewide

Battered Women’s Legal Advocacy Project DBA Standpoint, Minneapolis, MN, $65,000. For general operations to provide legal services to victims of domestic and sexual violence and to train local advocates.

Cancer Legal Care, Arden Hills, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide legal care services to Minnesotans affected by cancer.

A Chance to Grow, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operations to support the SMART learning readiness strategy in southern Minnesota educational institutions and strengthen organizational capacity.

Coalition of Asian American Leaders, Saint Paul, MN, $40,000. For general operations to support professional networks, advancements in education and economics, and leadership development for Asian Americans throughout Minnesota.

Ed Allies, Minneapolis, MN, $55,000. For general operations specific to work on educator quality, school and district performance transparency, and college and career readiness statewide.

Hunger Impact Partners, Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. For general operations to leverage four high-impact federal nutrition programs to provide meals to children with food insecurity.

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Minneapolis, MN, $52,000. To provide comprehensive services for Minnesota veterans enduring or at risk of homelessness.

Minnesota Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $25,000. To improve statewide access to MnAEYC’s Leadership Capacity Building Programs: CARE Fellows and Leadership Journey Series, to increase participation by more diverse early childhood professionals throughout Greater Minnesota.

Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Cass Lake, MN, $35,000. To improve, enhance, and support economic stability and entrepreneurial opportunities for Minnesota Chippewa Tribe enrolled members by providing technical assistance services for small business ownership.

Minnesota Council of Churches, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. To support the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition.

Minnesota Council on Foundations, Minneapolis, MN, $33,900. For annual membership and support of this regional association of grantmakers.

Minnesota Elder Justice Center, Saint Paul, MN, $65,000. For general operations to provide state-wide services that prevent and alleviate elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.

Reach Out and Read Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. For general operations and strategic planning to develop and increase reading skills among young children and their families through pediatric providers across Minnesota.

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Grand Rapids, MN, $75,000. To help member agencies increase the quality and capacity of the services they provide to food-insecure individuals and families living in north-central Minnesota.

Women’s Foundation of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For a system and cultural transformation solution focused on ensuring economic opportunity, safety, and leadership for and with young women of color, American Indian young women, LGBTQ+, young women with disabilities, and young women from Greater Minnesota.
North Dakota Statewide

L.I.S.T.E.N. (Love is Sharing The Exceptional Need), Grand Forks, ND, $45,000. To teach a self-advocacy program ensuring that people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities live with dignity and respect in North Dakota.