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Otto Bremer Trust awards 137 grants totaling $10 million

SAINT PAUL, July 11, 2019 — The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded $10,036,807 in grants and program-related investments as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle.

“Our commitment to organizations in the region is reflected in the breadth and depth of investments OBT made in this grantmaking cycle,” said Daniel Reardon, 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 Minnesota, North Dakota, and western Wisconsin. Visit ottobremer.org.

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

Western North Dakota

Affordable Housing Developers, Inc., Dickinson, ND, $75,000. For renovation and repair of an affordable housing project for seniors in Rugby, North Dakota.

Central Dakota Forensic Nurse Examiners, Bismarck, ND, $50,000. For general operations to provide acute medical exams for victims of sexual assault in Bismarck, Minot, and Dickinson, North Dakota.

Minot Commission on Aging, Inc., Minot, ND, $75,000. To provide home-delivered and congregate meals to senior citizens.

Missouri Slope Areawide United Way, Bismarck, ND, $125,000. To provide emergency overnight shelter to individuals in Bismarck, North Dakota, and to provide training and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of Bismarck nonprofits.

Mountain Plains Youth Services, Bismarck, ND, $100,000. To provide support to runaway, homeless, trafficked, and struggling youth and young adults in North Dakota.

Richardton-Taylor Rural Ambulance District, Richardton, ND, $75,000. To replace an ambulance to meet state requirements and national safety standards.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Bismarck, Bismarck, ND, $150,000. To sustain and expand access to oral health care for underserved children aged 0-21 in western North Dakota.
Red River Region

**Afro American Development Association**, Moorhead, MN, **$56,000**. For general operations to support and empower New American individuals and families to become self-reliant citizens.

**Community Health Service Inc.**, Moorhead, MN, **$100,000**. For general operations to provide primary health care for low-income and underserved populations in North Dakota and Minnesota.

**Community Homes and Resources in Service to Many**, Fargo, ND, **$50,000**. To support a mentor program for underserved and at-risk youth.

**Global Friends Coalition**, Grand Forks, ND, **$50,000**. For general operations to foster refugee integration with New Americans and the Greater Grand Forks community.

**Hunter Park Board**, Hunter, ND, **$26,182**. To install new playground equipment and picnic shelters at a city park in Hunter, North Dakota.

**Ka Joog Nonprofit Organization**, Moorhead, MN, **$60,000**. To implement a Somali 4-H Club in Moorhead with focus on STEAM, academic support, and higher education.

**L.I.S.T.E.N. (Love is Sharing The Exceptional Need)**, Grand Forks, ND, **$70,000**. For general operations to provide programs and activities for people with and without disabilities in Grand Forks.

**Mind Shift**, Minnetonka, MN, **$30,000**. For general operations to provide individuals on the autism spectrum employment with business partners for long-term placement.

**Mississippi Headwaters Area Dental Health Center**, Bemidji, MN, **$82,020**. For technology improvements to provide dental care to underserved families in northwestern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota.

**New American Consortium for Wellness and Empowerment**, Fargo, ND, **$40,000**. For general operations to support New American families with wellness, cultural, and academic readjustment programs in Fargo and West Fargo.

**The Village Family Service Center**, Fargo, ND, **$250,000**. For renovations and relocation to expand behavioral health services through the Fargo, North Dakota, and Moorhead, Minnesota, clinics.

**White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians**, White Earth, MN, **$125,000**. For capital support of a new facility providing mental health and opioid treatment program services on the White Earth Reservation.

Central and Northern Minnesota

**Anishinabe Legal Services**, Cass Lake, MN, **$70,000**. For general operations and capital improvements to provide civil legal services and legal education outreach efforts throughout rural Anishinabe Reservations in Minnesota.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota**, Saint Cloud, MN, **$60,000**. For general operations to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring professionally supported, one-on-one mentoring relationships.

**The Brainerd Baxter Youth Center**, Brainerd, MN, **$30,000**. For general operations to build youth assets and skills in at-risk and homeless youth in Brainerd.
Central Minnesota Housing Partnership, Inc., Saint Cloud, MN, $45,000. To increase technological capacity to manage affordable housing units in central and northern Minnesota.

Falls Hunger Coalition, International Falls, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide the community with food while making a positive impact on their lives.

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines Council, Waite Park, MN, $47,500. To provide the Girl Scout Leadership Experience program in Greater Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin.

Helping Hands Outreach, Holdingford, MN, $30,000. For general operations to provide services and enrichment to seniors to be able to remain in their own homes.

Honor the Earth, Callaway, MN, $20,000. To increase economic opportunity on White Earth Nation through a solar manufacturing social enterprise and workforce development program.

International Falls Memorial Hospital Association, International Falls, MN, $90,664. To replace critical equipment to sterilize surgical tools.

Kinship Partners, Inc., Brainerd, MN, $60,000. For general operations to grow the current community-based mentoring program and develop new site-based/school-based mentoring programs to better support youth.

Leech Lake Financial Services, Cass Lake, MN, $50,000. For general operations to build assets and credit while supporting small business development on the Leech Lake Reservation.

Northeast Entrepreneur Fund, Inc., Eveleth, MN, $100,000. To support the Central Minnesota Women's Business Alliance.

Northland Counseling Center, Inc., International Falls, MN, $175,000. Capital support to build a new facility to increase accessibility and improve a wide variety of mental health services.

City of St. Augusta, Saint Augusta, MN, $21,800. To assist the department with the purchase of equipment critical to the safety of its firefighting unit.

Volunteer Attorney Program, Duluth, MN, $30,000. For general operations to enhance the civil legal services currently available to low-income individuals in Aitkin, Crow Wing, and Koochiching Counties.

Western and South-Central Minnesota

A Place to Belong, Fergus Falls, MN, $25,000. For general operations to support people with serious and persistent mental illness living in Otter Tail and Becker Counties.

Advocacy and Inclusion Matter of West Central Minnesota, Willmar, MN, $25,000. For general operations to provide advocacy, education, wellness, and social inclusion services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in west-central Minnesota.

Boy Scouts of America, Mankato, MN, $150,000. To build fundraising capacity to provide Scouting programs throughout southwest Minnesota.

Boys and Girls Club of Detroit Lakes, Inc., Detroit Lakes, MN, $75,000. To provide before-school, after-school, and summer programs to youth in Perham.

The Link of Northern Kandiyohi County, New London, MN, $35,000. For general operations to provide basic needs services in northern Kandiyohi County.
Mankato Public School District 77, Mankato, MN, $157,009. To provide academic support and supplemental instruction to improve educational outcomes for community college students in Mankato.

City of Minneota, Minneota, MN, $60,000. To assist the department with the purchase of equipment critical to the safety of its firefighting unit.

Outreach Food Shelf of Douglas County, Alexandria, MN, $24,000. For general operations to support food access and assistance in Douglas County.

Project GEM, Pemberton, MN, $11,000. For general operations to provide outreach program services to low-income and disadvantaged youth in the Mankato area.

Redwood Area School District 2897, Redwood Falls, MN, $100,000. To assist with the purchase of equipment only to prepare the workforce of tomorrow at the new career development and training center in Redwood Falls.

RUSC Kinship Mentoring, Morris, MN, $30,000. To provide mentoring opportunities for children, youth, and families in the Stevens County area.

Swift County-Benson Hospital Foundation, Benson, MN, $60,000. To assist with hospital improvements and the purchase of new equipment to meet medical needs in west-central Minnesota.


VINE Faith in Action, Inc., Mankato, MN, $54,000. To provide assistance, care, and education to senior residents and caregivers in Mankato.

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

African Economic Development Solutions, Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. For general operations to provide support to African entrepreneurs and small business owners in the Twin Cities.

Alexandra House, Inc., Blaine, MN, $55,000. For general operations to provide a continuum of advocacy and support services for victims of domestic, sexual, and dating violence.

Canvas Health, Inc., Oakdale, MN, $45,000. For general operations to provide behavioral health services for people in poverty.

Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf, Oakdale, MN, $40,000. For general operations to aid food insecure populations in Oakdale, Woodbury, Landfall, and Maplewood.

CLUES, Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. To provide employment, career pathways, and financial health training, navigation, and support for Latinos in the Twin Cities.

Community Partners with Youth, New Brighton, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide dynamic, youth-informed after-school and all-day summer programming in north suburban Ramsey County.

Domestic Abuse Project, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $45,000. For general operations to provide holistic healing to every member of the family through therapy, advocacy, and case management support.

East Side Freedom Library, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. For general operations to build organizational capacity and increase access to a community resource.
Emerge Community Development, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operations to provide workforce development and anti-poverty programs in North Minneapolis and Cedar Riverside.

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Family Tree, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $165,000. For general operations to provide health care and education to underserved communities in the Twin Cities and to build a new health care facility.

Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Minneapolis, MN, $65,000. For general operations to end child abuse and neglect and create strong, healthy families.

HOPE 4 Youth, Inc., Coon Rapids, MN, $50,000. For support services and transitional housing to youth experiencing homelessness.

Hospitality House Youth Development, Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations to provide academic support, social emotional learning, and life skills training to inspire and equip youth.

House of Charity, Minneapolis, MN, $85,000. For general operations to provide basic needs, chemical and mental health services, and supportive housing to individuals experiencing homelessness in Minneapolis.

Impact Services, Inc., Coon Rapids, MN, $10,000. To provide meals and well-being checks support for seniors and people with disabilities in Anoka and Hennepin Counties.

Jobs Foundation, Saint Paul, MN, $55,000. For general operations to support and expand a job training program for adults in the Twin Cities facing severe barriers to employment.

Lake Street Council, Minneapolis, MN, $20,000. To support Lake Street entrepreneurs through a comprehensive small business support program.

Language Central, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $15,000. For general operations to provide adult basic education and English literacy for immigrants and refugees in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Loaves and Fishes Too, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operations to provide free meals to improve the health, well-being, and welfare of hungry Minnesotans.

Loppet Adventures, Minneapolis, MN, $25,000. To provide opportunities for the development of social-emotional skills and healthy behaviors through outdoor activities for underserved middle school students in North Minneapolis.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To support the Community Financial Ambassador project.

Metropolitan Center for Independent Living, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $35,000. For general operations to promote choices and remove barriers associated with daily living for individuals with disabilities in the Twin Cities.

MicroGrants, Minneapolis, MN, $35,000. For general operations to assist low-income individuals and families with financial stability and self-sufficiency.
Midwest Special Services, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. To assist adults with developmental, physical, and/or mental health disabilities reach their personal development and employment goals and achieve their full potential for productivity and inclusion.

Minnesota Computers for Schools, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to increase career opportunities for at-risk teens and adults by providing IT certification and employment opportunities.

Minnesota One-Stop for Communities, Saint Paul, MN, $60,000. For general operations to provide one-on-one mentoring for families involved in the child protection system to support positive outcomes for children.

Minnesota Recovery Connection, Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. For general operations to assist and stabilize individuals and families who seek care, services, and resources that help facilitate their long-term recovery from addiction.

MORE, Saint Paul, MN, $35,000. For general operations to provide refugees and immigrants with education and social services.

Muscular Dystrophy Association, Edina, MN, $30,000. To provide financial support for children ages 8-17 with neuromuscular disease to attend summer camp in Minnesota.

Native American Community Clinic, Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. To supported improved, integrated mental health and substance abuse treatment services.

Neighbors, Inc., South Saint Paul, MN, $85,000. For general operations to provide quality food, clothing and individual services to people in Dakota County.

Open Cities Health Center, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To provide diabetic health services and education to high-risk, low-income communities of color in St. Paul.

Opportunity Partners, Inc., Minnetonka, MN, $30,000. To provide training and assistance to enable people with disabilities to live independently in their own homes in the Twin Cities.

Peace House Community, Minneapolis, MN, $10,000. For general operations to provide shared meals and inclusive community for people experiencing homelessness in the Phillips Neighborhood.

People Incorporated, Saint Paul, MN, $170,000. To provide individuals experiencing homelessness in the Twin Cities with basic needs and connections to appropriate mental health and housing services.

Perspectives, Inc., Saint Louis Park, MN, $115,000. For general operations to provide supportive housing and quality early childhood and youth development programs for families exiting homelessness and to build additional programming space.

Portico Healthnet, Saint Paul, MN, $40,000. For general operations to help underserved individuals and families access health care coverage and care.

Regions Hospital Foundation, Saint Paul, MN, $250,000. For support of a new birth center in order to provide the very best care and experience to all families, no matter their medical needs, ethnic background or social-economic status.

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, Saint Paul, MN, $15,000. For general operations to provide at-home living assistance, wellness activities, and caregiver support to older adults in the Lauderdale and St. Anthony Park area.

Senior Community Services, Minnetonka, MN, $30,000. To provide older adults and their caregivers in the west metro with in-person and online services and resources that enable living at home with an optimal level of self-sufficiency and community engagement.
Southside Community Health Services, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations to ensure access to affordable health care for underserved and uninsured individuals and families in South Minneapolis.

Stepping Stone Emergency Housing, Anoka, MN, $70,000. For general operations to provide essential services and emergency housing for people experiencing homelessness.

Tennis & Education, Inc., Fort Snelling, MN, $30,000. To provide tennis instruction and life skills development to under-resourced youth in the Twin Cities.

Theresa Living Center, Saint Paul, MN, $100,000. For general operations to provide transitional/rapid re-housing support for women and single-parent families.

Urban Homworks, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations to provide affordable housing, economic opportunities, and community connections in the Twin Cities.

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. For support of the Integrated Model of Services work.

WomenVenture, Minneapolis, MN, $150,000. For general operations to help women attain economic self-sufficiency through the creation and growth of profitable and sustainable businesses.

YouthLink, Minneapolis, MN, $150,000. For general operations to provide wrap-around services for young people experiencing homelessness.

Southeastern Minnesota

The Center Clinic, Inc., Dodge Center, MN, $100,000. For support of a new facility to provide medical care for uninsured individuals and families in rural southeastern Minnesota.

Dyslexia Institute of Minnesota Inc., dba The Reading Center, Rochester, MN, $75,000. For general operations to support youth with dyslexia.

Exercisabilities, Inc., Rochester, MN, $74,742. For general operations and capital improvements to provide specialized physical activity and health promotion programs for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Family Service Rochester, Inc., Rochester, MN, $30,000. To increase operational efficiencies among nonprofits by developing shared service models.

Hiawatha Homes Foundation, Rochester, MN, $50,000. For technology upgrades and enhancements to support individuals with disabilities in their homes and community.

Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center dba Farmamerica, Waseca, MN, $29,550. To provide education and hands-on experiences for junior high students to explore career opportunities in agriculture.

Mower County Seniors, Inc., Austin, MN, $50,000. For general operations to support and serve seniors in Mower County.

Southeast Service Cooperative, Rochester, MN, $100,000. To support a job shadowing program that provides career exploration and improved career pathways for high school students in southeastern Minnesota.

Wisconsin

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI, $85,000. For general operations to support one-to-one mentoring for at-risk youth.
The Bridge to Hope, Menomonie, WI, $100,000. For general operations and capital support to serve victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Cia Siab, Inc., La Crosse, WI, $30,000. For general operations to build a culturally vibrant Hmong community in the La Crosse area through culturally specific and holistic programming and services.

Eau Claire Area Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, Inc., Eau Claire, WI, $40,000. To support culturally competent education and services to Hmong victims of domestic or sexual violence and additional crimes to Chippewa and Dunn Counties.

Feed My People, Inc, Eau Claire, WI, $300,000. For capital and general operations support to improve and expand a regional food bank.

Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, Inc, Eau Claire, WI, $25,000. For general operations to provide financial literacy, career exploration, and key economic education opportunities for youth in northwestern Wisconsin rural communities.

La Crosse Area Underwater Rescue and Recovery Unit, Ltd., La Crosse, WI, $40,000. To support renovations of a building to house a volunteer underwater rescue and recovery service in La Crosse County.

La Crosse County, La Crosse, WI, $30,000. For capital support to expand transit service for four counties and 15 cities and villages in western Wisconsin.

Miller-Dwan Foundation, Duluth, MN, $70,000. For capital support of partial hospitalization programming to address mental health and substance abuse in northwestern Wisconsin.

Northwoods Women, Inc., Ashland, WI, $140,000. For capital support and general operations to expand prevention, crisis intervention and other services for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Positive Alternatives, Inc., Menomonie, WI, $80,000. For capital support to expand treatment options to support youth with mental health and substance abuse needs.

Rice Lake Area Free Clinic Volunteers in Medicine, Rice Lake, WI, $17,000. For general operations to provide free healthcare for low-income and underserved residents in six Western Wisconsin counties.

Village of Siren, Siren, WI, $15,000. To purchase equipment and create access at Crooked Lake Park.

Washburn Area Ambulance Service, Washburn, WI, $11,000. To support the purchase of equipment to increase the safety and efficiency of this volunteer-based provider of emergency medical services.

YWCA of La Crosse, La Crosse, WI, $80,000. To support the development of restorative justice tools to increase student success in La Crosse-area schools.

Minnesota Statewide

Ampersand Families, Saint Paul, MN, $120,000. For general operations and to increase fund development capacity to provide adoption for older youth in the child welfare system.

Candid, New York, NY, $10,000. 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.

PEAK Grantmaking, Washington, DC, $3,500. For membership renewal to help improve grantmaking by advancing the knowledge, skills and abilities of grants management.
professionals and leading grantmakers to incorporate effective practices that benefit the philanthropic community.

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, Washington, DC, $14,000. For membership renewal of this organization that helps grantees achieve meaningful results and promotes strategies and practices that contribute to grantee success.

Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas, Minneapolis, MN, $250,000. For general operations to strategically build connections, promote civil rights, combat anti-Semitism, teach the lessons of and commemorate the Holocaust, and provide security expertise to places of worship in communities throughout Minnesota and North Dakota.

Lifetrack Resources, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $15,000. To support and promote home visiting programs in greater Minnesota communities to deliver high quality early childhood services.

Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. For general operations to elevate the capacity of programs, systems and policies to strengthen youth mentoring relationships in Minnesota and the region.

Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $150,000. For general operations to increase local capacity to address homelessness throughout Minnesota.

Minnesota Housing Partnership, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. For general operations to assist communities in addressing affordable housing and community development.

Minnesota Justice Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, $74,600. For general operations to provide law students with volunteer opportunities to leverage legal aid resources for low-income communities.

Neighborhood Development Center, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $177,240. For technical assistance and business development to bring concentrated opportunity to areas of concentrated poverty in greater Minnesota.

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to preserve affordable housing by converting investor-owned manufactured home parks and apartment complexes to resident-owned cooperatives.

OutFront Minnesota Community Services, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide opportunities for leadership development, civic engagement, legal support, training, and education to build understanding for LGBTQ Minnesotans.

Page Education Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, $115,000. For general operations and scholarships for students of color attending post-secondary institutions in Greater Minnesota.

Prepare + Prosper, Saint Paul, MN, $150,000. For general operations to increase the financial capability of low- and moderate-income individuals through free tax preparation, financial planning, and goal setting, and to pilot the FAIR initiative.

North Dakota Statewide

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