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Otto Bremer Trust awards 142 grants totaling $11.8 million

SAINT PAUL, August 21, 2020 — The Otto Bremer Trust awarded $11,824,986 in grants and program-related investments as part of its February 2020 grantmaking cycle.

“OBT continued to make investments in programs and organizations that are focused on meeting important challenges across Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin,” said Daniel Reardon, Co-CEO and Trustee, OBT.

The Otto Bremer Trust is a bank holding company and a private charitable trust based in Saint Paul, Minn., that works at the intersection of finance and philanthropy. Created in 1944 by Otto Bremer, it is today one of the nation’s largest philanthropic organizations and is committed to supporting a better quality of life for residents of Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. OBT is the majority owner of Bremer Financial Corporation, a regional financial services company, and manages a diversified investment portfolio. Since its founding, OBT has invested more than $805 million in people, places, and opportunities in the Upper Midwest. Visit ottobremer.org for more information, including a list of grants and program-related investments. Visit ottobremer.org.

Western North Dakota

Charles Hall Youth Services, Bismarck, ND, $50,000. For startup support to implement engagement and wraparound services for foster children and their families.

Children’s Museum of Minot, Inc., Minot, ND, $75,000. To support a capital campaign in Minot to construct a new facility to provide children and families with opportunities to learn through hands-on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math experiences.

Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency, Inc., Devils Lake, ND, $40,000. To provide emergency assistance to lower-income households to assist in securing and maintaining safe, affordable housing in the Devils Lake area.

Northern Plains Children’s Advocacy Center, Minot, ND, $80,000. For general operations to facilitate effective prevention, detection, investigation, and treatment of child sexual abuse and crimes committed against children in the Minot area.

Red River Region

BIO Girls, Inc., West Fargo, ND, $50,000. To hire a program director to lead and expand youth development work with girls in rural communities.

CHI Health Connect at Home - Fargo, Fargo, ND, $72,850. To use telehealth technology to provide improved health care to elderly and other rural patients in North Dakota and Minnesota.
Churches United for the Homeless, Moorhead, MN, $200,000. For general operations to support people experiencing homelessness and hunger to move towards permanent supportive housing.

Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation Corporation, Fargo, ND, $50,000. To support the development and operations of a community land trust model to address the shortage of affordable housing in the Cass Clay area.

Fraser, Ltd., Fargo, ND, $115,000. To provide a transitional living program with housing, mental health services, and wrap-around supports to homeless youth in Fargo.

Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. To increase economic and social mobility for families headed by low-income single mothers in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library, Moorhead, MN, $56,500. To complete structural and interior improvements to the Mahnomen Public Library.

Lakes Crisis and Resource Center, Detroit Lakes, MN, $100,000. For general operations to support the provision of comprehensive services to domestic violence and sexual assault victims in Becker County.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Cass Lake, MN, $75,000. To assist with the construction and programming of a childcare center in Cass Lake.

Ours to Serve House of Hospitality, Inc., Bemidji, MN, $45,000. For general operations of the Village of Hope emergency shelter for families in Beltrami County.

Villa St. Vincent, Crookston, MN, $70,861. To purchase and install a new communication system to enhance the safety and well-being of nursing home residents in Crookston.

Central and Northern Minnesota

Access North Center for Independent Living of Northeastern Minnesota, Hibbing, MN, $50,000. For general operations to promote choice and eliminate barriers associated with daily living for people with disabilities in northeastern Minnesota.

Advocates for Reproductive Education, Brainerd, MN, $45,000. To provide access to reproductive health services and education for youth, young adults, and the uninsured/under-insured in Crow Wing County.

Apple Tree Dental, Mounds View, MN, $250,000. To expand access to integrated medical and dental care for low-income people of all ages and abilities in the Morrison County region.

Family Pathways, North Branch, MN, $125,000. For general operations to provide food, social, and personal safety supports to individuals in east-central Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

Hands of Hope Resource Center, Inc., Little Falls, MN, $30,000. For general operations to support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Morrison and Todd Counties.

Kinship Youth Mentoring of Princeton, Princeton, MN, $5,000. For general operations to coordinate a one-to-one mentorship program for youth aged 5-15 in the Mille Lacs County area.

Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, Duluth, MN, $30,000. To support the Private Attorney Involvement program to increase civil legal services currently available to low-income individuals in northeastern Minnesota.

Pillager Family Council, Pillager, MN, $75,000. To provide a home visiting program to support families and promote healthy child development in northern Minnesota.
Rise, Incorporated, Spring Lake Park, MN, $50,000. To serve ex-offenders in central Minnesota who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness, providing the services and support they need to make an effective re-entry and avoid re-incarceration.

United Way of Central Minnesota, Saint Cloud, MN, $80,000. To support literacy and language acquisition for young English learners and their parents by providing training and tools for out-of-school service providers in St. Cloud.

United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Chisholm, MN, $30,000. To support the Buddy Backpack program, which provides emergency food provisions to children in Koochiching County and Nett Lake.

Western and South-Central Minnesota

CommunityGiving, Saint Cloud, MN, $120,000. To support infrastructure and capacity building of community foundations in Carver County and Alexandria, Minnesota.

Dakota Wicohan, Morton, MN, $60,000. For general operations to increase belonging and wellbeing through the Dakota language and life ways.

Feeding Our Communities Partners, Mankato, MN, $60,000. For general operations to provide supplemental food to youth in grades K-8 who face food insecurity in south-central Minnesota.

Fergus Falls Area Family YMCA, Fergus Falls, MN, $6,949. To update the security system to ensure a safe and welcoming place for people of all ages.

Granite Falls Living At Home Block Nurse Program, Granite Falls, MN, $30,000. For general operations to provide services and programs for seniors and people living with disabilities.

Greater Mankato Area United Way, Mankato, MN, $35,000. To provide financial scholarships to low-income youth to participate in out-of-school time enrichment programs.

Marshall Food4Kids, Marshall, MN, $21,000. To support the Backpack Food Program to provide supplemental food to youth who face food insecurity in Marshall.

Medi-Sota, Incorporated, Dawson, MN, $18,200. To increase rural healthcare provider recruitment and placement through an online platform in western Minnesota.

City of New York Mills, New York Mills, MN, $50,000. To assist with the construction of a childcare center in New York Mills to serve the surrounding area.

Project Turnabout, Granite Falls, MN, $200,000. To assist with the construction of a campus to support women in recovery from addiction in Willmar.

United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties, Alexandria, MN, $25,000. To provide supplemental food to pre-kindergarten and elementary students who face food insecurity in Douglas and Pope Counties.

West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc., Elbow Lake, MN, $190,000. To increase fund development capacity and to provide free taxpayer assistance to low-income, disadvantaged individuals and families in west-central Minnesota.

Western Communities Action Network (WeCAN), Mound, MN, $50,000. To provide basic needs and support services to low-income individuals and families in far-western Hennepin County.
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

**African American Leadership Forum, Inc.**, St. Louis Part, MN, **$75,000**. For general operations to promote systemic changes to advance the educational, economic, and health needs of the African American community in Minnesota.

**African Immigrants Community Services**, Minneapolis, MN, **$30,000**. For general operations to provide direct services to Somali and East African refugees to improve employment opportunities, housing, community health, and youth leadership.

**Ain Dah Yung Center**, Saint Paul, MN, **$200,000**. To provide culturally responsive supportive housing for homeless American Indian youth aged 5-24.

**Asian Economic Development Association**, Saint Paul, MN, **$125,000**. For general operations to increase economic opportunities in Twin Cities Southeast Asian Communities.

**Athletes Committed to Educating Students**, Minneapolis, MN, **$50,000**. For general operations to reduce academic achievement and opportunity gaps for underserved youth in the Twin Cities.

**Avivo**, Minneapolis, MN, **$60,000**. To provide at-risk young people with individualized academic and career counseling support.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities**, Saint Paul, MN, **$50,000**. For general operations to provide K-12 academic and life skills support, early intervention, and age-specific youth development activities to ensure youth and teens are prepared for successful futures.

**Breaking Free, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, **$50,000**. For general operations to provide shelter, basic needs, and supportive services to young adult women and victims of sex trafficking.

**The Bridge for Youth**, Minneapolis, MN, **$125,000**. For general operations to provide crisis intervention, shelter, and supportive services for youth experiencing homelessness.

**CAPI, USA**, Brooklyn Center, MN, **$150,000**. For general operations to provide integrated basic needs, economic empowerment, and civic engagement programming that assists 6,000 Asian, African, Latinx, and U.S.-born people of color to lead successful and productive lives in Hennepin County.

**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis**, Minneapolis, MN, **$100,000**. To support Hope Street Shelter, which provides emergency shelter and case management for homeless youth and young adults in Minneapolis.

**Centro Tyrone Guzman**, Minneapolis, MN, **$80,000**. For general operations to provide family-centered, culturally responsive programs and services for Latine immigrant families.

**Century College Foundation**, White Bear Lake, MN, **$90,000**. To assist at-risk students with immediate crisis needs and longer-term support to help them stay in college and graduate.

**Change, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, **$75,000**. For general operations to empower communities challenged by transition and poverty through education, job training, social and emotional support.

**Children's Health Care Foundation**, Edina, MN, **$200,000**. To address trauma and reestablish healthy adolescent development for sexually abused and exploited runaway youth in Ramsey and Hennepin Counties.

**City of Lakes Community Land Trust**, Minneapolis, MN, **$105,000**. For general operations to create and ensure affordable housing for low-income households in Minneapolis.
Community Emergency Service, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $35,000. To improve food security for low-income seniors by providing healthy meals and grocery delivery to homebound seniors in Minneapolis.

CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation and Training Center, Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations to provide forensic, child advocacy, and family services to enable children, youth, and families to heal from the trauma of abuse and violence.

Cornerstone Advocacy Service, Bloomington, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide emergency intervention, basic needs, long-term safety, and economic stability services for victims of interpersonal violence and their children.

Dakota Woodlands, Inc., Eagan, MN, $60,000. For general operations to provide basic needs and supportive services for homeless women, children, and families in Dakota County.

East African Healing Services, Minneapolis, MN, $35,000. For general operations to provide culturally appropriate mental health and chemical dependency services.

East Side Elders, Saint Paul, MN, $20,000. For general operations to provide services that help seniors remain in their homes with safety, independence, and dignity.

Elpis Enterprises, Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. For general operations to provide young people experiencing homelessness or unstable housing with employment readiness training, paid work experience, and career pathway building support.

Face to Face Health and Counseling Service, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $115,000. For general operations to provide integrated mental health, medical and case management for youth as well as specialized services for youth experiencing homelessness.

Family Values for Life, Saint Paul, MN, $35,000. For general operations to build strong families in east St. Paul by providing support services, youth enrichment programs and family events to parents and children.

The Good Acre, Falcon Heights, MN, $25,000. For general operations to improve food systems in the Twin Cities.

Hope Community, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $70,000. For general operations to provide safe, affordable housing; community spaces; and skill-building and leadership opportunities for all ages.

Hope Dental Clinic, Saint Paul, MN, $100,000. For general operations to provide free dental care, education, and outreach to low-income, uninsured adults, children and families.

Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis, MN, $40,000. To increase economic and social mobility for families headed by low-income single mothers in the Twin Cities.

Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Minneapolis, Golden Valley, MN, $100,000. For general operations to provide evidence-informed, outcome-based services for people of all ages and backgrounds to increase their opportunities, help them sustain healthy relationships, ease their suffering, and provide support.

Kids-N-Kinship, Inc., Apple Valley, MN, $35,000. For general operations to provide mentor relationships to children and youth in the southern Twin Cities suburbs.

Learning Disabilities Association, Golden Valley, MN, $50,000. To provide prevention and intervention support to students to gain literacy success from pre-school through high school.
Lee Carlson Center for Mental Health and Well-Being, Fridley, MN, $70,000. For general operations to provide exceptional and affordable mental health services for families, children, youth, and adults in our community.

The Lift Garage, Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations to provide car repairs at below-market rates for low-income clients in the Twin Cities Metro area.

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

Minneapolis American Indian Center, Minneapolis, MN, $25,000. To support Native American elders to live with independence, health, and wellness through resources connection, health activities, and social cultural gatherings.

Montessori Training Center of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $70,000. To support the Birth to Five program.

Neighborhood Development Center, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $1,200,000 (program-related investment). Support for the capital campaign and construction of new headquarters.

Neighborhood Justice Center, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $80,000. For general operations to provide comprehensive, high quality criminal defense, expungement and crime prevention education services to low-income community members.

NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operations to meet basic needs, promote family stability, and move individuals and families forward by providing high-quality, integrated health and human services.

One2One, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to increase academic achievement through mentoring and social/emotional support to Brooklyn Park middle school students and build long-term school capacity.

Open Access Connections, Saint Paul, MN, $35,000. To provide communication tools of free Community Voice Mail and Lifeline supported cell phones to homeless and low-income people and help older people with a history of homelessness develop leadership and community connections.

Oromo Community, Inc. Mpls, St. Paul, Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. To assist members of the Oromo community with workforce development and placement.

Our Saviour’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.

Rebound, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $35,000. To provide housing and support for girls and young women involved in the justice system.

RELATE, Inc., Minnetonka, MN, $60,000. For general operations to provide mental and chemical health services for residents of the west metro suburbs.

RS EDEN, Minneapolis, MN, $125,000. To support a capital campaign and provide supportive housing for low-income individuals and those who have long-term chronic histories of homelessness.

Rêve Academy, Minneapolis, MN, $20,000. For general operations to provide underserved students the opportunity to build marketable skills in business, technology, and design through innovative programs and impactful real-world experience.

St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, MN, $60,000. To provide supports and services focused on ending homelessness in Washington and Ramsey Counties.
St. David's Center, Minnetonka, MN, $75,000. To improve parent-child relationships and child outcomes when trauma has impacted family relationships and child development.

St. Louis Park Emergency Program, Saint Louis Park, MN, $40,000. For general operations to support programs that address food insecurity and other basic needs in St. Louis Park.

City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To expand and improve the career-readiness training for St. Paul youth through their participation in the Right Track program.

Simpson Housing Services, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $110,000. For general operations to provide emergency shelter and supportive housing to families and individuals experiencing homelessness, along with developmental and educational services for children and youth.

Sojourner Project, Inc., Hopkins, MN, $40,000. For general operations to increase the safety of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse and foster safer communities by providing safe shelter, legal advocacy and support, and violence prevention programs.

Solid Ground, White Bear Lake, MN, $85,000. For general operations to provide housing and supportive services to end homelessness for families in suburban Ramsey and Washington Counties.

Sub-Saharan African Youth & Family Services in Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $80,000. For general operations to support expanded services for African immigrants and refugees in the Twin Cities.

Summit Academy OIC, Minneapolis, MN, $150,000. For general operations to support adult education, training, and job placement services for low-income communities of color in the Twin Cities.

Ujamaa Place, Saint Paul, MN, $90,000. For general operations to assist young African American men released from criminal justice systems integrate into society with transformational holistic programming.

Urban Strategies, Inc., Saint Louis, MO, $45,000. To support youth development programs and the Green Garden Bakery.

Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment (WISE), Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $35,000. For general operations to support an after-school leadership and college preparation program targeting at-risk immigrant young women.

Zion Originated Outreach Ministry, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide affordable and supportive housing for homeless and low-income families in the Twin Cities.

Southeastern Minnesota

180 Degrees, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations to prevent youth incarceration, chronic homelessness, or repeated abuse.

LIFE Mower County, Austin, MN, $18,000. For general operations to provide recreational and social development opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

C.A.R.E. Clinic, Red Wing, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide culturally competent medical, dental, and behavior health services to under-served individuals and families in Goodhue County.
Channel One, Inc., Rochester, MN, $150,000. For general operations to address food insecurity.

CLUES, Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio, Saint Paul, MN, $65,000. To provide financial management workshops to improve socio-economic prosperity for cohorts in Austin and Willmar.

Engage Winona, Winona, MN, $30,000. To support the community leadership program to increase civic engagement, economic mobility, and capacity among diverse communities in the Winona area.

Family Service Rochester, Inc., Rochester, MN, $50,000. To support the Clinical Academy to attract and increase the capacity and competency of mental health professionals to serve southeastern Minnesota communities.

Grace Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN, $10,000. To support the Food for Backpacks Program, which provides weekend food to elementary and middle school students in Albert Lea.

Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. To support single mother-headed families in Rochester/southeast Minnesota on their journey towards greater economic mobility.

Legal Assistance of Olmsted County, Rochester, MN, $45,000. For general operations to provide free civil legal services to low-income residents of Olmsted County.

Recovery Is Happening, Rochester, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide services and support to individuals in recovery in southeastern Minnesota.

Three Rivers Community Action, Inc., Zumbrota, MN, $215,000. To support the capital costs to build an addition to the Zumbrota office; and program grant support to provide homeownership counseling and education to diverse households.

Women’s Resource Center of Winona, Winona, MN, $45,000. For general operations to provide assistance to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Young Men’s Christian Association of the Greater Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. To support the Rochester YMCA's youth programming and provide accessibility for low-income youth.

Wisconsin

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse, Inc., La Crosse, WI, $35,000. To support Franciscan Hospitality House, a daytime drop-in center for homeless men and women in La Crosse.

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Inc., Eau Claire, WI, $35,000. To support Girl Scout Leadership Experience programming in western Wisconsin.

Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation, Inc., La Crosse, WI, $100,000. For capital support to expand oral health services to economically challenged populations in La Crosse County and the surrounding region.

Kinship of Polk County, Inc., Balsam Lake, WI, $60,000. For general operations to meet the increased demand for mentoring services throughout Polk County, Wisconsin.

Literacy Volunteers - Chippewa Valley, Eau Claire, WI, $43,826. For general operations to provide free, flexible adult basic education services.
Moms and Dads Against Meth, Inc., Saint Croix Falls, WI, $50,000. For general operations to provide a safe, sober residence for women in recovery from alcohol or other drug dependency.

Our Neighbors' Place, Inc., River Falls, WI, $70,000. For general operations to provide comprehensive housing services and case management to homeless and at-risk families.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin Inc., Milwaukee, WI, $90,000. To provide affordable, accessible reproductive health services and community education in western Wisconsin.

Stepping Stones of Dunn County, Inc., Menomonie, WI, $67,000. For general operations to provide food, shelter, and services to economically disadvantaged individuals and families.

Washburn Public Library, Washburn, WI, $100,000. For capital support of external repairs to a community library.

Minnesota Statewide

The Advocates for Human Rights, Minneapolis, MN, $125,000. To increase legal representation for asylum seekers and trafficking victims and to expand court monitoring to improve the justice system.

American Heart Association, Eagan, MN, $65,000. To train people in North Dakota and Minnesota to respond to a sudden cardiac arrest outside of the hospital.

Barbara Schneider Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to train law enforcement, healthcare workers, and community members to manage and de-escalate situations caused by mental health disorders or substance abuse in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Charities Review Council of Minnesota, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $55,000. For general operations to strengthen donor and nonprofit relationships through accountability standards and capacity-building activities throughout Minnesota.

Hunger Solutions Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $60,000. For general operations to support programs and agencies that provide food to individuals and families facing food insecurity.

Ignite Afterschool, Saint Paul, MN, $60,000. For general operations to support continual improvement of after-school programs through partnerships and education.

Independent Sector, Washington, DC, $15,000. For membership renewal.

Mental Health Association of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. To provide people living with a mental illness across Minnesota with an opportunity to connect with peer support and reduce social isolation to avoid a crisis.

Minnesota Alliance with Youth, Saint Paul, MN, $85,000. For general operations to improve academic outcomes for middle and high school students and create opportunities for youth voice in decision-making spaces in Minnesota.

Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. For general operations to build capacity for Minnesota nonprofits and government entities through more efficient and effective volunteerism.

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Saint Paul, MN, $65,000. For general operations to provide leadership and resources for sexual assault programs while promoting a comprehensive response to victims and survivors.
Minnesota Council of Churches, Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. To provide direct services to refugees, deepen community engagement with refugees, and coordinate networks of service providers in the Twin Cities and southwest Minnesota.

MinnPost, Minneapolis, MN, $314,800. To provide in-depth, nonpartisan reporting on public policy issues affecting Greater Minnesota, filling a vital need for information and civic engagement.

My Father's House, Inc., Richfield, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide housing and support to individuals leaving the criminal justice system or chemical dependency treatment.

Philanthrofund Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. For general operations to build communities in the upper Midwest where lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people live free from discrimination, violence, invisibility and isolation.

Propel Nonprofits, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operations to improve the financial strength of nonprofits.

Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest, Minneapolis, MN, $55,000. For general operations to provide a home-away-from-home and a place of respite for families dealing with a child's serious illness, injury, or disability.

Twin Cities Public Television, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $750,000. To support the launch of an impact-driven, beat-focused program on deep, multiplatform, community-centered reporting that examines how racial disparities are established, experienced, and continue to persist in Minnesota.

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