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Otto Bremer Trust awards 148 grants totaling $9.1 million

SAINT PAUL, August 21, 2020 — The Otto Bremer Trust awarded $9,170,536 in grants and program-related investments as part of its May/June 2020 grantmaking cycle.

“We recognize these grants and investments are more critical now than ever,” said Charlotte Johnson, Co-CEO and Trustee, Otto Bremer Trust. “These organizations are doing vital work to support people and communities across the region during these challenging times.”

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.

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Western North Dakota

Companions for Children, Inc., Minot, ND, $40,000. For general operations to provide one-on-one mentoring for children in Minot and the surrounding area.

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation, Minot, ND, $100,000. For improvements to the Bremer building on the Ranch's Minot Campus, meeting a basic need for a safe and healthy environment for clients, residents, and employees.

Dakota Children’s Advocacy Center, Bismarck, ND, $50,000. For general operations to provide investigative and intervention services for children and families experiencing abuse, trauma, or victimization.

Guardian and Protective Services, Inc., Bismarck, ND, $55,000. For general operations to provide guardian, conservator, trustee, and protective arrangements for vulnerable adults in central North Dakota.

Mandan Golden Age Club, Mandan, ND, $47,000. For lighting and security updates to the Mandan Senior Citizen Center

Mercer County Women’s Action and Resource Center, Beulah, ND, $31,970. For general operations and to complete renovations to provide services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Tri-County Senior Meals and Services, Rugby, ND, $35,000. For general operations to provide older adults with nutritious meals.
Red River Region

**Adult Day Services, Inc.**, Bemidji, MN, **$40,000.** For general operations to provide day programming for seniors; to provide capital support for facility improvement of the day center for seniors.

**Altru Health Foundation**, Grand Forks, ND, **$29,450.** To purchase a 3D mammography unit and provide low cost or free breast cancer screenings.

**American Red Cross**, Fargo, ND, **$100,000.** To help families and communities in North Dakota and Northwest Minnesota prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

**Emerging Prairie**, Fargo, ND, **$25,000.** To continue and expand efforts towards inclusive and innovative economic growth in the Fargo-Moorhead Community.

**Farm Rescue**, HORACE, ND, **$50,000.** For general operations to support farm and ranch families who have experienced a major injury, illness, or natural disaster and need help with farm operations.

**Hope Evangelical Covenant Church**, Grand Forks, ND, **$44,000.** To expand financial capacity to improve food access and life skills development for residents in Grand Forks.

**Legacy Children’s Foundation**, Fargo, ND, **$50,000.** To provide after-school programming to support low-income students in academics, community engagement and personal development in Fargo.

**L.I.S.T.E.N. (Love is Sharing The Exceptional Need)**, Grand Forks, ND, **$50,000.** To teach a self-advocacy program ensuring that people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities live with dignity and respect in North Dakota.

**North Country Food Bank, Inc.**, East Grand Forks, MN, **$100,000.** To increase the distribution of fresh nutritious produce and improve access to healthier foods for individuals and families in northwest and west central Minnesota.

**Northern Lights Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Inc.**, Fargo, ND, **$25,000.** To support Scouting programs serving Native American youth on North Dakota reservations, United Tribes, and low-income youth in Bismarck/Mandan and the Fargo-Moorhead Area.

**Red Lake Nation College**, Red Lake, MN, **$50,000.** To increase facilitated, technology-based learning to improve student retention and success.

**TNT Kid’s Fitness**, Fargo, ND, **$25,000.** For general operations to support people with disabilities reach their potential through fitness activities, evidence-based curriculum and programs.

**United Way of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks & Area**, Grand Forks, ND, **$20,000.** For general operations to support the development of new leadership, infrastructure and programs to advance community impact in the Grand Forks area.

**White Earth Land Recovery Project**, Callaway, MN, **$60,000.** For general operations to nurture a vibrant community: addressing food security, building economic development, and fostering health and wellness.

**YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties**, Fargo, ND, **$60,000.** Capital funding to purchase a food delivery truck to serve Cass and Clay Counties.
Central and Northern Minnesota

The Center for Victims of Torture, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To serve Somali families in St. Cloud through culturally specific outreach, trauma-informed behavioral health services, and parenting classes.

Citizens for Backus AB, International Falls, MN, $50,000. For general operations to reduce food insecurity, support programs, youth development, and civic engagement at the Backus Community Center (BCC).

Community Aid of Elk River, Elk River, MN, $20,000. To provide food and basic needs for individuals and families living in Elk River and surrounding areas.

KOOTASCA Community Action, Inc., Grand Rapids, MN, $25,000. To support individuals and families experiencing homelessness or housing crisis in Koochiching and Itasca counties.

Mille Lacs Health System, Onamia, MN, $300,000. To assist with the expansion of the hospital and clinic to serve rural residents in central Minnesota.

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Reach Up, Inc., Saint Cloud, MN, $80,000. For general operations to provide early childhood education and support to families of low-income in Central Minnesota.

Rural Enrichment and Counseling Headquarters, Inc., Hawley, MN, $25,000. To provide basic needs services to residents near Hawley and Glyndon, Minnesota.

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Grand Rapids, MN, $80,000. 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.

Servants of Shelter of Koochiching, International Falls, MN, $16,953. For general operations to provide emergency housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Koochiching County.

Western and South-Central Minnesota

Bethesda Foundation of Willmar, Willmar, MN, $125,000. To assist with the construction of a senior wellness center in New London, Minnesota.

Caregiver Response Effort & Service Team (CREST), Fairmont, MN, $15,000. For general operations to provide services to an aging population and caregivers in Martin County.

Committee Against Domestic Abuse, Mankato, MN, $105,000. For general operations to serve victims of domestic and sexual violence in southern Minnesota.

Danube Area Athletic Club, Renville, MN, $40,000. To build an ADA-accessible playground and community center in Danube, Minnesota.

Empowering Kids Perham, Perham, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide early intervention services, social emotional learning skills, parent support, and education to individuals, families, and community members affected by autism in western Minnesota.

Mankato Youth Place, Inc., Mankato, MN, $75,000. For general operations to provide youth development opportunities in the areas of academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character to young people in Mankato.
New Ulm Ministerial Association Shelter Haus, New Ulm, MN, $25,000. For general operations to provide emergency shelter to women and their children in Brown County, Minnesota.

Partners for Affordable Housing, Mankato, MN, $60,000. For general operations to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing to people experiencing homelessness in south-central Minnesota.

Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. To provide reproductive health education programs and outreach to young people and community members in Rochester and Mankato.

Prairie Home Hospice, Inc., Marshall, MN, $55,000. For general operations to support terminally ill patients and expand options for home care and hospice services in the community.

Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, Inc., Marshall, MN, $40,000. To address workforce needs through increased career awareness and hands-on opportunities for students in southwest Minnesota.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Pelican Rapids, MN, $35,000. To support access to basic need services, referrals, and programs at the Welcome Place in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota.

Woodland Centers, Willmar, MN, $11,200. To purchase medical technology to improve anxiety and depression outcomes for patients in western Minnesota.

YWCA of Mankato, Mankato, MN, $80,000. For general operations to empower women and eliminate racism in Mankato.

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

Achieve Services, Inc., Blaine, MN, $20,000. To develop program capacity to provide individualized vocational interests support and secure integrated community-based employment opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities.

Aeon, Minneapolis, MN, $85,000. For general operations to provide permanent, quality affordable housing for low-income individuals and families in the Twin Cities.

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

Alliance for Metropolitan Stability, Minneapolis, MN, $30,000. To improve the employment opportunities for individuals of color in the Twin Cities.

American Indian OIC, Minneapolis, MN, $90,000. For general operations to provide career services and technical support to adults in South Minneapolis.

Anew Bam, Roseville, MN, $45,000. For general operations for a youth after-school program and teen science job training.

Annex Teen Clinic, Robbinsdale, MN, $42,000. For general operations to provide and increase access to health services and education to young people in northwest Hennepin County.

Anoka Technical College Foundation, Anoka, MN, $50,000. To provide support for at-risk students to navigate the college environment.

Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN, $30,000. To empower students through academic debate to become engaged learners, critical thinkers, and active global citizens.
Avenues for Youth, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operations to provide shelter, transitional housing, and supportive services for youth experiencing homelessness.

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 programs for youth and families in the Phillips neighborhood.

Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. For general operations to improve the quality of life in our community through critical human services and fostering personal growth and leadership.

The Center for Victims of Torture, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To serve Karen, Oromo, and Hmong communities through trauma-informed health services, mental health, social work, and training for medical providers.

Community Area Busing dba WeCAB, Mound, MN, $10,000. For general operations to provide safe, affordable, and flexible supplemental transportation in the west metro.

DARTS, West Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. For the operations of services and programs for older adults residing in Dakota County.

Division of Indian Work, Minneapolis, MN, $80,000. For general operations to help American Indians tap into their potential and gain the tools and skills they need to take care of their families and themselves.

Dress for Success Twin Cities, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. For general operations to promote the economic self-sufficiency of low-income women in the Twin Cities.

Dunwoody College of Technology, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. To prepare low-income women for high-wage jobs in fields of technology and construction.

East Side Neighborhood Development Company, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $45,000. For general operations to create healthy, safe, affordable housing and to support small businesses on St. Paul’s East Side.

Eastside Meals on Wheels, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $25,000. For general operations to provide nutritious meals to home-bound persons in northeast and southeast Minneapolis.

EVOLVE Adoption & Family Services, Stillwater, MN, $75,000. For general operations to support foster care, family preservation, pregnancy, and outreach services to families in the Twin Cities and Western Wisconsin.

FamilyMeans, Stillwater, MN, $60,000. To provide out-of-school programming to K-12 youth in two Washington County mobile home communities.

The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To provide training and resources for youth-serving organizations in St. Paul to continuously improve their programming and increase youth engagement.

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 the general operations to offer holistic mental health support to individuals, 16 years and older, in the Twin Cities metro area.

Hmong American Farmers Association, West Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. For general operations to expand programming and services that build the capacity of Hmong farmers to be more self-sufficient and resilient.
Indigenous Peoples Task Force, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to strengthen health and education of Native Americans in Minnesota.

Inquilinx Unidxs por Justicia, Minneapolis, MN, $30,000. For general operations to provide support for tenants' rights to live in safe and dignified housing.

International Institute of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN, $55,000. For general operations to provide housing and healthcare navigation services for refugees and immigrants in the Twin Cities.

Joyce Preschool, Minneapolis, MN, $30,000. For general operations to provide bilingual early education with a strong focus on equity, helping close the opportunity gap by preparing children for kindergarten and providing low-income and/or Latinx parents with support and leadership development.

The Link, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For supportive housing programs that provide youth and young families experiencing homelessness with stable housing and other critical services.

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

Mental Health Collective dba Watercourse Counseling Center, Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. For the general operations to provide community-clinic and school-based mental health services for youth and families in Minneapolis.

myHealth for Teens & Young Adults, Hopkins, MN, $25,000. For general operations to provide health care, counseling, and education services for adolescents and young adults ages 12-26.

Neighborhood Development Center, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. To develop concentrated, visible neighborhood-based entrepreneurship that drives economic revitalization in the Twin Cities.

New American Development Center, Minneapolis, MN, $35,000. For general operations to build economic opportunities for East African immigrant youth and families.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors Program, Minneapolis, MN, $30,000. For wrap-around services to help seniors remain in their homes in the Nokomis area of Minneapolis.

North End South Como Block Nurse Program, St. Paul, MN, $15,000. To provide programs and services to seniors living in the North End-South Como neighborhood and a portion of Frogtown.

Northeast Youth and Family Services, Shoreview, MN, $50,000. To help youth develop the skills and fortitude to manage stress and mental health issues.

Northside Economic Opportunity Network, Minneapolis, MN, $55,000. For general operations to address the racial wealth gap in North Minneapolis by providing the resources necessary to develop successful entrepreneurs and sustain small businesses.

Our Lady of Lourdes of St. Anthony, Minneapolis, MN, $10,000. For academic scholarships in memory of Timothy Neeb.

Partnership Resources, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For the general operations of employment and day services for adults living with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Twin Cities area.
Power of People Leadership Institute, Minneapolis, MN, $40,000. To support African-American and second-generation immigrant girls and women in achieving academic and professional goals.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Burnsville, MN, $15,000. To support ongoing oral care and education services to uninsured and under-insured people in Dakota County and surrounding communities.

Ready Set Smile, PA, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide preventive oral health services and education to children and families of low-income in Minneapolis.

RECLAIM, Saint Paul, MN, $45,000. For general operations to provide mental health services to LGBTQ youth and families in the Twin Cities area.

The Saint Paul Foundation, Saint Paul, MN, $35,000. To provide emergency assistance to stabilize individuals and families from crisis in the east metro.

St. Paul & Ramsey County Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide services to victims of domestic violence in Ramsey County.

The Salvation Army, Northern Division, Roseville, MN, $100,000. To support Booth Brown House’s 16-bed Emergency Shelter for youth experiencing homelessness.

SEWA-AIFW, Minneapolis, MN, $35,000. For general operations to support the health of South Asians in the Twin Cities.

Seward Redesign, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $45,000. For general operations to increase livability and economic health of the Seward and Longfellow neighborhoods through small business development and housing.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Saint Paul, MN, $60,000. For general operations to provide adult immigrant and refugees with English language education and transitional housing support.

Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women, Belle Plaine, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide support services to victim-survivors of domestic violence and to build organizational and program capacity in Scott and Carver counties.

Southside Family Nurturing Center, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. For general operations to provide therapeutic early childhood education and culturally relevant family support/home visiting services for families.

Think Small, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. To provide new and existing childcare businesses with the skills, confidence, and competencies necessary to sustain and expand.

True Friends, Annandale, MN, $45,000. For general operations to provide flexible, essential care to people with severe disabilities.

Urban Roots, Saint Paul, MN, $35,000. For general operations to provide educational and employment opportunities to youth living on St. Paul’s east side.

Urban Ventures Leadership Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. To continue and expand programs so that families secure economic stability.

Vail Place, Hopkins, MN, $50,000. For general operations to meet the growing demand for comprehensive mental health services and social supports.

Wellshare International, Minneapolis, MN, $60,000. For general operations to deliver programs that improve the health of immigrant and refugee families in the Twin Cities.
**West Side Citizens Organization**, Saint Paul, MN, **$20,000**. For general operations to give St. Paul's West Side residents resources to find stable housing, maintain successful local businesses, and build a healthy community for all.

**Women of Nations**, Saint Paul, MN, **$40,000**. For general operations to provide support services to women and children fleeing from domestic and/or sexual violence.

**Women's Advocates, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, **$75,000**. For general operations to provide shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence.

**Youth Farm Program**, Minneapolis, MN, **$20,000**. For general operations to build youth leadership and strong communities through educational activities around urban agriculture and food systems.

**Youth Service Bureau, Inc.**, Stillwater, MN, **$100,000**. For general operations to provide mental health, chemical health, diversion, youth and family education, and military family support programs for young people and their families primarily in the east metro.

**Youthprise**, Minneapolis, MN, **$60,000**. To expand the Nutrition Program, which increases access to quality nutritious meals during out-of-school time programs.

### Southeastern Minnesota

**Aging Services for Communities**, Montgomery, MN, **$50,000**. For general operations to provide services to senior citizens and disabled persons to enable them to remain in their own homes.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota**, Owatonna, MN, **$75,000**. For general operations to provide one-on-one mentoring to at-risk children in Steele, Dodge, Rice, and Waseca Counties.

**A Chance to Grow, Inc.**, Minneapolis, MN, **$50,000**. To support the development and implementation of SMART Steps through partnerships with childcare providers in southeastern Minnesota and to upgrade IT equipment and systems to increase the organization's capacity to support early childhood learning.

**Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester**, Rochester, MN, **$25,000**. For general operations to support sacred music to communities and care facilities in southeastern Minnesota.

**Hospitality House of Owatonna, Inc.**, Owatonna, MN, **$30,000**. For general operations to provide emergency transitional housing and access to services for homeless men.

**Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association of SE Minnesota, Inc.**, Rochester, MN, **$100,000**. For general operations to provide and expand services for immigrants and refugees in southern Minnesota.

**Let’s Smile, Inc.**, Owatonna, MN, **$30,000**. For general operations to improve access to oral health care and increase oral health awareness for youth of low-income in southeastern Minnesota.

**Northfield Healthy Community Initiative**, Northfield, MN, **$50,000**. For the TORCH program, which provides academic enrichment and college preparation to under-served, low-income, and first-generation college-bound junior and high school students in Northfield and Faribault.

**Parenting Resource Center, Inc.**, Austin, MN, **$50,000**. For general operations to provide resources, services, and prevention education programs to parents and guardians.
Young Men’s Christian Association of Albert Lea, Albert Lea, MN, $99,098. For facilities repairs and update.

Zumbro Valley Health Center, Rochester, MN, $100,000. For the development of an integrative medicine program.

**Wisconsin**

Alia, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. To support a demonstration project in cooperation with Eau Claire County to improve outcomes for youth placed in out-of-home care.

Amery Area Senior Citizens, Inc., Amery, WI, $35,000. For the operations of the Amery Area Community Center, a welcome place for residents to access services and social gatherings.

CORE Community Resources, Inc., Bayfield, WI, $40,000. For general operations to support work with elders and their families to enable them to thrive and remain engaged in their communities.

Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, Inc., Milltown, WI, $20,000. To provide services to Polk County seniors and adults with disabilities so that they can live at home longer.

The Lakes Community Health Center dba NorthLakes Community Clinic, Iron River, WI, $147,500. To provide counseling and services to those working to recover from substance abuse disorders.

Mashkisibi (Bad River) Boys & Girls Club, Inc., Odanah, WI, $50,000. For general operations and staff enhancements to provide positive after-school and summer programming for tribal youth.

Monroe County Shelter Care, Inc., Sparta, WI, $30,000. To support the Brighter Tomorrows program, which provides services to sexual assault and domestic violence survivors throughout Monroe Country.

The Open Door Clinic, Chippewa Falls, WI, $14,000. For general operations to provide physical and mental health services to populations facing economic challenges.

Restorative Justice of Northwest Wisconsin, Inc., Siren, WI, $50,000. For general operations to connect individuals, strengthen relationships, and build safe communities through the use of restorative justice principles.

St. Croix Valley Sexual Assault Response Team, Inc., River Falls, WI, $65,000. For general operations to provide forensic medical examination services and advocacy to victims of sexual violence in western Wisconsin.

The Salvation Army, La Crosse, WI, $50,000. To provide case management services to guide homeless individuals and families toward income stability, mental and physical health care, and permanent, stable housing.

United Pioneer Home, Inc., Luck, WI, $50,000. For capital support to provide transportation for seniors, improving access to medical and community resources.

Wisconsin Philanthropy Network, Inc., Brookfield, WI, $4,100. For membership support of this organization that helps donors maximize philanthropic efforts in Wisconsin communities.
Minnesota Statewide

**African Development Center**, Minneapolis, MN, **$133,265**. For general operations and technology updates to assist African immigrants in starting businesses, build wealth, attain economic self-sufficiency, and reinvest in the community.

**Anti-Defamation League**, Chicago, IL, **$25,000**. For training of law enforcement officers in Minnesota to address rising extremism and hate crimes and strengthen community-police relations.

**Children’s Law Center of Minnesota**, Saint Paul, MN, **$100,000**. For general operations to provide legal representation, education, and advocacy to ensure youth in the foster care system understand their rights and resources.

**Community Dental Care, Inc.**, Maplewood, MN, **$120,000**. For general operations to provide access to dental services for patients of low-income in the Metro and southeastern Minnesota.

**Farmers’ Legal Action Group, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, **$60,000**. To provide legal services and support to farmers and farm advocates and organizations in North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

**The Food Group, Inc.**, New Hope, MN, **$85,000**. For general operations to increase access to food and strengthen the food system for Minnesotan communities with a focus on health and equity.

**Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, **$80,000**. For general operations to build capacity of Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Minnesota.

**HOME Line**, Bloomington, MN, **$60,000**. For general operations to support information, education, and advocacy services to renters in Minnesota.

**Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota**, Saint Paul, MN, **$100,000**. To provide responsive, immigration-related legal, education, and advocacy services for immigrant and refugee communities in Greater Minnesota.

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

**Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, **$125,000**. To improve health outcomes for low-income persons through clinic-based access to legal assistance in the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota.

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