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Otto Bremer Trust awards 132 grants totaling $7.4 million

SAINT PAUL, August 26, 2020 — The Otto Bremer Trust has awarded $7,435,260 in grants and program-related investments as part of its most recent grantmaking cycle.

“During these challenging times, our focus is on the communities in the region that need help and assistance now more than ever, and on the people who depend on the programs and services we help support,” said Brian Lipschultz, Co-CEO and Trustee, Otto Bremer Trust.

The recent grantmaking cycle is in addition to $9,170,536 in grants and program-related investments OBT made in May and June and more than $10.5 million it distributed in grants and loans to more than 300 organizations as part of the first phase of its emergency fund to help community organizations in response to Covid-19.

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

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.

Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Inc., Minot, ND, $100,000. For general operations to provide trauma-informed, evidence-based intervention and prevention services for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Missouri River Educational Cooperative Foundation, Bismarck, ND, $20,000. To provide access to academic and social supports for Mandan Middle School and Wachter Middle School students living in poverty.

Mountain Plains Youth Services, Bismarck, ND, $105,000. To provide support to runaway, homeless, trafficked, and struggling youth and young adults in North Dakota.

Trinity Health Foundation, Minot, ND, $100,000 (program-related investment). To replace a linear accelerator nearing its end of life with a new linear accelerator to meet health and wellness needs in the region.
Trinity Hospital, Minot, ND, $500,000 (program-related investment). To replace a linear accelerator nearing its end of life with a new linear accelerator to meet health and wellness needs in the region.

United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, ND, $50,000. To renovate the education building on the UTTTC campus expanding opportunities for academic programs, cultural events, and community events.

Red River Region

Abuse Resource Network, Lisbon, ND, $48,500. For the general operations to provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Ransom, Sargent, and Barnes Counties, North Dakota.

Afro American Development Association, Moorhead, MN, $60,000. For the general operations to help New Americans to achieve financial stability and pursue their career goals in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

Care and Share of Crookston, Inc., Crookston, MN, $43,760. For general operations of a homeless shelter, soup kitchen, and food shelf in Crookston, Minnesota.

Community of Care, Arthur, ND, $42,500. For general operations to help older adults in rural Cass County, North Dakota, live well in their homes for as long as possible.

F5 Project, Fargo, ND, $75,000. For general operations to support ex-offenders in North Dakota and northern Minnesota as they transition from prison into society through housing and coordinated services.

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

Global Friends Coalition, Grand Forks, ND, $40,000. For general operations to provide wraparound support to refugee and immigrant communities in the Greater Grand Forks area.

L.I.S.T.E.N. (Love is Sharing The Exceptional Need), Grand Forks, ND, $70,000. For general operations for programs and services for individuals living with and without disabilities in the Grand Forks area.

Manidoo Ogitigaan, Bemidji, MN, $20,000. To support holistic health and address basic needs within Red Lake Nation.

South Sudanese Foundation, Moorhead, MN, $20,000. For general operations to provide intensive tutoring to refugee and immigrant students, English language learning for adults, and wraparound basic-needs support to new Americans in Fargo-Moorhead.

Spectra Health, Grand Forks, ND, $125,000. For general operations to provide comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health services for low-income residents in the upper northeast region of North Dakota.

Three Rivers Crisis Center, Inc., Wahpeton, ND, $40,000. For general operations to offer a spectrum of support to victims of domestic and sexual violence, and for prevention efforts to reduce acts of violence in Richland County, North Dakota.

YWCA Cass Clay, Fargo, ND, $100,000. To support the emergency shelter for women and children in the Fargo-Moorhead area.
Central and Northern Minnesota

**Advocates Against Domestic Abuse dba HOPE (Healing Opportunity Provided Equally),** Aitkin, MN, **$50,000.** For general operations to provide direct services, education, and advocacy to individuals and their children who are experiencing domestic violence in northcentral Minnesota.

**Aitkin County CARE, Inc.,** Aitkin, MN, **$30,000.** For general operations to provide services to aging adults in Aitkin County.

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud,** Saint Cloud, MN, **$150,000.** To provide housing and support needs for youth who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Central Minnesota.

**Falls Hunger Coalition,** International Falls, MN, **$40,000.** For general operations to address hunger relief and increase food access for households of low-income in North Central Minnesota.

**Goodwill Industries, Inc.,** Saint Paul, MN, **$80,000.** To provide a comprehensive model of employment services, mental health, and related support services to improve financial and family outcomes in Central Minnesota.

**The HousingLink,** Minneapolis, MN, **$50,000.** To support the Beyond Backgrounds program to help low-income renters with barriers in their backgrounds find stable affordable housing in Central Minnesota.

**Kinship Partners, Inc.,** Brainerd, MN, **$60,000.** For general operations to provide mentoring support and guidance to youth in central Minnesota.

**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.

**Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance,** Minneapolis, MN, **$75,000.** To support stability and safety for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking by providing wraparound civil legal services to victims in Stearns and Mille Lacs counties.

**Morrison County Food Shelf,** Little Falls, MN, **$7,500.** For general operations to increase food access for households of low-income in Morrison County.

**Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota,** Saint Cloud, MN, **$30,000.** For general operations to provide youth programming and wrap-around family services for families of low-income in Central Minnesota.

**Rivers of Hope,** Monticello, MN, **$40,000.** For general operations to provide advocacy services to survivors of domestic, family, and teen dating violence.

**Rural Renewable Energy Alliance,** Backus, MN, **$45,000.** To increase energy assistance to low-income households on White Earth Nation.

Western and South-Central Minnesota

**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.

**Fergus Falls Housing & Redevelopment Authority,** Fergus Falls, MN, **$30,000.** To provide permanent affordable housing and wrap-around services for people with chronic mental health or substance abuse issues in the Fergus Falls area.
Greater Fergus Falls Corporation, Fergus Falls, MN, $50,000. For general operations to support economic development through business expansion and technical assistance to early stage entrepreneurs in the Fergus Falls area.

House of Hope, Inc., Mankato, MN, $40,000. To provide peer support to assist individuals with chemical and behavioral health issues in the Mankato area.

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

Minnesota Head Start Association, Inc., Mankato, MN, $50,000. For general operations to support low-income families and ensure high standards of service for young children through a statewide network of Minnesota Head Start providers.

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

RUSC Kinship Mentoring, Morris, MN, $25,000. To provide mentoring opportunities for children, youth, and families in the Stevens County area.

Southern Minnesota Independent Living Enterprises and Services, Mankato, MN, $45,000. To purchase a new truck to assist with the construction of residential ramps for people with disabilities in southern Minnesota.

Young Men's Christian Association of Mankato, Mankato, MN, $30,000. To provide mentoring opportunities for children, youth, and families in the Mankato area.

Twin Cities Metropolitan Area

African Economic Development Solutions, Saint Paul, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide support to African entrepreneurs and small business owners in the Twin Cities.

Alexandra House, Inc., Blaine, MN, $70,000. For general operations to provide a continuum of advocacy and support services for victims of domestic, sexual, and dating violence, and elder abuse.

Ampersand Families, Saint Paul, MN, $120,000. For general operations and to support preserving family relationships for children in the foster care system.

Blindness-Learning In New Dimensions, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $20,000. For general operations to maintain and enhance blindness training programs that lead to increased independence and improved quality of life for blind people of all ages.

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.

Bridging Hearts, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $10,000. For general operations to support an online social network and group outings for adults with developmental disabilities.

Canvas Health, Inc., Oakdale, MN, $45,000. For general operations to provide innovative and nimble delivery of mental health services.

Christian Cupboard Emergency Food Shelf, Oakdale, MN, $50,000. To expand aid to food insecure populations in Oakdale, Woodbury, Landfall, and Maplewood.

CLUES, Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. To empower Twin Cities low-income Latino and other underserved communities to increase their economic stability.
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.

Conflict Resolution Center, Minneapolis, MN, $30,000. For general operations to provide free or low-cost conflict resolution programs and services to individuals, families, and communities.

Connections to Independence, Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations to support young people in and exiting foster care.

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. To prevent homelessness for renters in financial crisis and assist households in reaching economic stability.

Courage Kenny Foundation, Minneapolis, MN, $30,000. To provide holistic, individualized, vocational support to people with disabilities or chronic health conditions.

Domestic Abuse Project, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide advocacy, therapy, and case management to families who experience domestic violence to end the cycle of abuse.

Emerge Community Development, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operations to provide workforce development and supportive services for low-income individuals.

Frogtown Neighborhood Association, Saint Paul, MN, $25,000. To provide fresh produce and food to Frogtown residents.

Gillette Children’s Hospital Foundation, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. To update the adult inpatient unit in order to support the best possible care.

Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Minneapolis, MN, $70,000. For general operations to end child abuse and neglect and create strong, healthy families.

Groves Academy, Saint Louis Park, MN, $50,000. To support student literacy by third grade through teacher training and reading assistance to low-income students in Twin Cities elementary schools.

Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, MN, $10,000. To provide long-term support to individuals living in poverty and homelessness, helping them move toward self-sufficiency.

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.

Hospitality House Youth Development, Minneapolis, MN, $80,000. For general operations to provide academic support, social emotional learning, and life skills training to inspire and equip youth.

Impact Services, Inc., Fridley, MN, $20,000. 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.

Karen Organization of Minnesota, Roseville, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide culturally informed services to Twin Cities refugees from Burma.

Kwanzaa Community Church, Minneapolis, MN, $40,000. To provide a safe drop-in space for survivors of traumatic experiences and out-of-school programming for children and youth to build healthy relationships and community connectedness in north Minneapolis.
Lake Street Council, Minneapolis, MN, $30,000. For general operations to support Lake Street entrepreneurs through a comprehensive small business support program.

Living Well Disability Services, Mendota Heights, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide vital health and wellness services to enable people with disabilities to live with independence in the Twin Cities.

Metropolitan Center for Independent Living, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $45,000. For general operations to promote choices and remove barriers associated with daily living for individuals with disabilities in the Twin Cities.

Midwest Special Services, Inc., Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. For general operations to assist adults with disabilities to reach their personal development and employment goals.

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 Recovery Connection, Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. For general operations to help individuals and families achieve and sustain long-term recovery from Substance Use Disorder through Peer Recovery Support.

MORE, Saint Paul, MN, $40,000. For general operations to provide refugees and immigrants with education and social services.

Native American Community Clinic, Minneapolis, MN, $85,000. To meet the physical, dental, and mental health needs of Native American children and youth through school- and clinic-based services.

Neighborhood HealthSource, Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operations to support high-quality primary and preventive health care and support services for medically underserved communities in north and northeast Minneapolis.

Neighbors, Inc., South Saint Paul, MN, $90,000. For general operations to provide basic needs and supportive services that stabilize families in the east metro.

Normandale Housing Corporation, Edina, MN, $15,000. For general operations to provide housing and supportive services to individuals and families who are homeless.

Northside Achievement Zone, Minneapolis, MN, $50,000. To support programs to narrow the achievement gap for children in North Minneapolis.

Park Nicollet Foundation, Saint Louis Park, MN, $25,000. To provide mental health support and education to students who have experienced the death of a family member or friend.

Peace House Community, Minneapolis, MN, $10,000. For general operations to provide a safe space for homeless and disenfranchised adults during the day.

People Responding in Social Ministry (PRISM), Golden Valley, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide basic needs and services to the northwest suburbs of Hennepin County.

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

Prevention Health Care Agency dba Isuroon, Minneapolis, MN, $75,000. For general operations and to expand organizational capacity to provide services that increase the health, wellness, and self-sufficiency of Somali women and families.

ResourceWest, Inc., Hopkins, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide supportive services that assist low-income families in the western suburbs.
**St. Anthony Park Area Seniors**, Saint Paul, MN, **$15,000**. For general operations to provide services that enable older adults to remain healthy, independent, and engaged in the community.

**The SEAD Project**, Minneapolis, MN, **$30,000**. For general operations to support the social empowerment and leadership development of youth from Southeast Asian diaspora communities in Minnesota.

**Senior Community Services**, Minnetonka, MN, **$30,000**. To provide crucial supportive services for older adults and their caregivers to live healthy and connected lives while residing at home.

**Somali Success School**, Minneapolis, MN, **$50,000**. For general operations to provide education and supportive services to East African immigrants working towards self-sufficiency and citizenship.

**Southeast Seniors - A Living at Home Block Nurse Program**, Minneapolis, MN, **$10,000**. For general operations to provide services to enable seniors to remain safely in their homes with an enhanced quality of life.

**Stepping Stone Emergency Housing**, Anoka, MN, **$70,000**. For general operations to provide emergency housing and critical support services to adults experiencing homelessness.

**ThinkSelf, Inc.**, St. Paul, MN, **$30,000**. For general operations to provide adult education and advocacy services to individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing.

**Urban Boatbuilders, Inc.**, Saint Paul, MN, **$25,000**. To provide job training and career and future-readiness skill-building to underserved youth in the Twin Cities.

**Vietnamese Social Services of Minnesota**, Saint Paul, MN, **$60,000**. For general operations to provide critical social services to immigrant and refugee populations in the Twin Cities.

**YouthLink**, Minneapolis, MN, **$110,000**. For general operations to provide wrap-around services for young people experiencing homelessness.

### Southeastern Minnesota

**Bear Creek Services**, Rochester, MN, **$75,000**. For general operations to provide support services for individuals with developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injury.

**Exercisabilities, Inc.**, Rochester, MN, **$30,000**. For general operations to provide specialized physical activity and health promotion to under-served individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities.

**Mower County Seniors, Inc.**, Austin, MN, **$60,000**. For general operations to support and serve senior citizens in Mower County.

**Southeast Service Cooperative**, Rochester, MN, **$40,000**. To engage students in meaningful opportunities to explore careers and develop a workforce talent pipeline in southeastern Minnesota.

**Sports Mentorship Academy**, Rochester, MN, **$10,000**. For general operations to reduce discipline disparities among African American male youth in Rochester.

**Winona Volunteer Services, Inc.**, Winona, MN, **$40,000**. For general operations to provide basic needs to individuals in Winona County.
Wisconsin

American National Red Cross - Wisconsin Region, Altoona, WI, $80,000. For general operations to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters in western 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.

Boys and Girls Club of Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Band, Inc., Hayward, WI, $50,000. For general operations to support a tribal-based youth development organization.

Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse, Inc., Superior, WI, $45,000. To support the provision of legal services in Bayfield and Ashland counties to low-income individuals and families victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault and/or child abuse.

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.

Free Clinic of Pierce and St. Croix Counties, Inc., River Falls, WI, $33,000. For general operations to provide free primary healthcare, medications and preventative health education for Pierce and St. Croix County residents.

Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Burnett County Inc., Danbury, WI, $45,000. For general operations to provide a variety of services for individuals and families in need.

L.E. Phillips Senior Center, Eau Claire, WI, $50,000. For capital support of an expanded senior education and fitness facility.

St. Clare Health Mission, La Crosse, WI, $35,000. For general operations to serve the healthcare needs of the working poor and uninsured.

Western Lake Superior Habitat for Humanity, Superior, WI, $20,000. For general operations to build, repair and increase the safety of homes for economically challenged populations.

Wisconsin Alliance for Women’s Health, Inc., La Crosse, WI, $20,000. 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, St. Paul, MN, $75,000. For general operations to provide legal aid to victims of domestic and sexual violence and to strengthen the capacity of local advocates and service providers.

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

Children’s Dental Services, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, $100,000. For general operations to provide comprehensive dental care for low-income patients across Minnesota.

Coalition of Asian American Leaders, Saint Paul, MN, $50,000. For general operations to support Asian leaders in building networks and shaping solutions for the economic, civic, and holistic well-being of Asian Minnesotans across sectors and geographic communities.

Community Action Center of Northfield, Northfield, MN, $30,000. To increase food access for low-income individuals in the communities of Northfield and Faribault.

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines, Waite Park, MN, $50,000. For general operations to provide youth development opportunities and programs for girls residing in Greater Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin.
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.

Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. For general operations to provide low-income households in Greater Minnesota with access to safe and secure long-term housing.

Housing Justice Center, Saint Paul, MN, $30,000. For general operations to preserve and expand affordable housing opportunities throughout Minnesota.

Loaves and Fishes Too, Minneapolis, MN, $120,000. For general operations to provide nutritious meals to alleviate hunger and enhance the dignity, quality of life, health, and well-being of Minnesotans in need.

Neighborhood Network for Seniors, Saint Paul, MN, $10,000. For general operations to provide services and assistance to senior citizens to live independently.

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, St. Paul, MN, $60,000. For general operations to provide the support and services needed to end Veteran homelessness in Minnesota.

Minnesota Elder Justice Center, Saint Paul, MN, $70,000. For general operations to provide services that prevent and alleviate abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of older and vulnerable adults across Minnesota.

Minnesota Housing Partnership, Saint Paul, MN, $75,000. For general operations to support affordable housing and community development activities across Minnesota.

Prepare + Prosper, Saint Paul, MN, $130,000. For general operations to increase the financial capability of low- and moderate-income individuals.

The Sheridan Story, Roseville, MN, $200,000. A matching fundraising grant to provide food to children during this unprecedented time of COVID-19 and unrest in our community.

Women’s Foundation of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, $85,000. To create economic opportunity, safety, and leadership for and with young women of color, American Indian young women, and young women from LGBTQ+, disabilities, and Greater Minnesota communities.

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