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EDITOR'S PICK

Foundation supports 65 nonprofit programs

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BLOOMINGTON — Illinois Prairie Community Foundation has awarded its largest number of grants to nonprofit organizations.

The foundation awarded \$146,705 to 65 programs in McLean, DeWitt, Livingston and Logan counties, thanks to donors, endowments and the Jerome Mirza Foundation.

Receiving general grants were Back 2 School Alliance, back packs for students; Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal, Summer Brain Gain; Carlock Public Library, summer reading program; Cedar Ridge Elementary School, Chess Club; Child Care Resource and Referral, car seat distribution and education; Church of Christ Uniting, Lexington Community Garden; Collaborative Solutions Institute, Trauma Intervention-OPTIONS; Community Health Care Clinic, dental clinic planning; Conexiones Latinas de McLean County, Roots to STEM-Our Future Leaders; David Davis Mansion, educational programs; El Paso Public Library, Treasure Chests of Knowledge; Faith in Action, transportation for seniors.

Also Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, life vests for summer campers; Home Sweet Home Ministries, mobile health project expansion; McLean County Wellness Coalition, Increasing Access to Healthy Foods and Eliminating Waste; Labyrinth Outreach Services to Women, client and case management software; Lincoln Heritage Museum, costumes

for living history; Livingston County Public Health Department, cooler for transport of vaccine to outlying schools; Livingston Family Care Center, patient medications; Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society, Cemetery Walk; PATH, diabetes self-management; Prairie Creek Public Library (Dwight), summer reading program; Prairie Pride Coalition, memorial AIDS quilt exhibition; Recycling Furniture for Families, beds for kids; Salem4youth (Flanagan), Bees Helping Boys; Salvation Army, youth program; West Bloomington Revitalization Project, tool library online workshops; and Write Stuff for Kids (Clinton), summer recreation and lunch program.

Receiving arts and culture grants were AsiaConnect, 2017 Asian Film Festival; Atlanta Public Library, Eureka!; Brass Band of Central Illinois, 2017 spring concert; Chenoa Public Library District, Acting Out at the Library; Children's Discovery Museum, Hello from Japan; Conexiones Latinas de McLean County, Ballet Folklorico de Central Illinois; Cultural Festival, jazz appreciation workshop; Festival of India; Heartland Head Start, art and music; Heartland Theatre Company, Young at Heartland Senior Acting Program; Illinois Shakespeare Festival, Fun for Families brochure; ISU, 2016 Concerts on the Quad and String Project; Illinois Symphony Orchestra, tickets for low-income students; Illinois Theatre Consortium, Seedling Encore; Illinois Wesleyan University, IWU Civic Orchestra Conductor's Institute and summer music; Inside Out Accessible Art, art education; Labyrinth Outreach Services for Women, Art Therapy for Recovery; Lincoln's Festival in Bloomington; Midwest Institute of Opera, MIOperatunities; Odell Public Library District, summer reading program; Share the Music; St. Mary's Catholic School, music education; Sugar Grove Nature Center, Pigs on the Prairie Puppet Shows; USA Ballet, ABC Dance; and YWCA McLean County, Young Wonders Early Learning music.

Receiving Sol Shulman Jewish life and education grants were Illinois Symphony Orchestra, Around the Town at the Temple and Celebrating the Life and Music of George Gershwin, and Moses Montefiore Temple, musical programming.

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