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Otto Bremer Trust awards 175 grants totaling \$10.9 million

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SAINT PAUL, June 6, 2023 — The Otto Bremer Trust awarded \$10,905,200 in grants in April and May 2023.

"These awards represent a diverse range of grants to organizations that help individuals, families, and communities overcome challenges," said Frank Miley, co-CEO and trustee, OBT. "The commitment of these grantees inspires us."

The Otto Bremer Trust is a private charitable trust based in St. Paul, Minn. Created in 1944 by business and community leader Otto Bremer, it is committed to supporting a better quality of life for residents of Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Since its founding, OBT has invested more than \$1 billion in people, places, and opportunities in its region.

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

NORTH DAKOTA STATEWIDE

Mountain Plains Youth Services, Bismarck, ND, **\$135,000**. For general operations to support homeless, runaway, trafficked, and at-risk youth and young adults, and provide youth development and leadership programs throughout North Dakota.

GREATER NORTH DAKOTA

AID, Inc., Mandan, ND, **\$40,000**. For general operations to provide emergency assistance and financial counseling to low-income working individuals and families in the greater Bismarck-Mandan, North Dakota, area.

Minot Area Homeless Coalition, Minot, ND, **\$30,000**. For general operations to assist people who are homeless or at risk of being homeless in rural north-central North Dakota.

Minot Area Men's Winter Refuge, Minot, ND, **\$60,000**. For general operations to provide emergency shelter, basic needs, and employment support for homeless individuals in the greater Minot region of North Dakota.

Missouri Valley Coalition for Homeless People, Inc., Bismarck, ND, **\$10,000**. For general operations to strengthen community partners committed to supporting those at risk of or experiencing homelessness in south-central North Dakota.

North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations, Bismarck, ND, **\$65,000**. For general operations to provide advocacy, training, resources, networking, and leadership to strengthen the North Dakota nonprofit sector.

North Dakota Community Foundation, Bismarck, ND, **\$65,000**. To expand the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation and help increase philanthropy in the two counties by integrating the former United Way annual campaign with the RWCF.

Safe Alternatives for Abused Families, Devils Lake, ND, **\$60,000**. To provide basic needs for safety to victims fleeing from domestic and sexual violence.

RED RIVER VALLEY

Abused Persons Outreach Center, Inc., Valley City, ND, **\$30,000**. For general operations to provide trauma-informed direct services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Altru Health Foundation, Grand Forks, ND, **\$30,000**. To build a strong, healthy, and supportive workplace through evidence-based Blue Zones practices to improve the health equity of healthcare workers.

BIO Girls, Inc., Fargo, ND, **\$65,000**. For general operations to provide low-cost/no-cost preventive mental health programs for adolescent girls.

CCRI, Inc., Moorhead, MN, **\$75,000**. To provide mental health and in-home family support to people with disabilities in Clay County.

Crookston Area Seniors Association, Inc., Crookston, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to make necessary repairs and continue to provide meals and services to Crookston area seniors.

East Grand Forks Food Shelf, East Grand Forks, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to serve good quality food for people with emergency food needs.

Fargo Union Mission, Inc. dba New Life Center, Fargo, ND, **\$115,000**. For general operations to provide shelter, basic needs, and programming to help move homeless men toward self-sufficiency.

Global Friends Coalition, Grand Forks, ND, **\$20,000**. For general operations to resettle refugees and foster immigrant integration and provide free or reduced-cost legal immigration services in the Greater Grand Forks community.

HERO Healthcare Equipment Recycling Organization, Fargo, ND, **\$40,000**. For general operations to provide access to affordable medical equipment and supplies through the distribution and collection of donated materials.

North Dakota Human Rights Coalition, Fargo, ND, **\$30,000**. For general operations to address inequity through research, education, and targeted training for law enforcement, schools, higher education, and public and private organizations.

Rural Enrichment and Counseling Headquarters, Inc (REACH), Hawley, MN, **\$60,000**. For general operations to address food insecurity, support basic needs, and provide case management and mental health services in northwest Minnesota.

Villa St. Vincent, Crookston, MN, **\$50,000**. For infrastructure repairs at a 75-unit assisted-living facility in Crookston, Minnesota.

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 victims/survivors and their children experiencing domestic violence in north-central Minnesota.

Advocates for Family Peace, Grand Rapids, MN, **\$35,000**. For general operations and capacity building to support survivors of intimate partner domestic violence and their children through advocacy, financial assistance, and emergency safe housing in Itasca and northern St. Louis County.

Family Advocacy Center of Northern Minnesota, Bemidji, MN, **\$80,000**. For general operations and capacity building to provide comprehensive care for victims of child abuse, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence in northern Minnesota.

Manidoo Ogitigaan, Bemidji, MN, **\$30,000**. For general operations to improve the health, well-being, and basic needs of the Anishinaabe community in northern Minnesota.

North Shore Health Care Foundation, Grand Marais, MN, **\$30,000**. For general operations to develop, support, incubate, and lead healthcare solutions in rural Cook County, Minnesota.

Northwest Community Action, Inc., Badger, MN, **\$30,000**. For general operations to increase organizational capacity to improve outcomes for residents of northwestern Minnesota as they transition out of poverty and toward self-sufficiency.

One Roof Community Housing, Duluth, MN, **\$100,000**. For general operations to create and ensure safe, stable, affordable housing for low- to middle-income households in Duluth and northeastern Minnesota.

A Place For You, Pine City, MN, **\$35,000**. For general operations to provide shelter and supportive services to single, unhoused adults in Pine County and the surrounding area.

United Way Of Bemidji Area, Bemidji, MN, **\$20,000**. To increase the reach, effectiveness, and financial stability of Bemidji area nonprofits, thereby helping everyone in the greater Bemidji area thrive.

CENTRAL MINNESOTA

Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute, Osage, MN, **\$55,000**. To build local food resilience and support youth education and leadership development on White Earth Reservation.

The Center for Victims of Torture, Saint Paul, MN, **\$55,000**. To serve Somali families in St. Cloud through culturally specific outreach, parenting classes, and mentoring.

Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity, Saint Cloud, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to develop and preserve affordable housing in central Minnesota.

Crow Wing County Victim Services, Inc., Brainerd, MN, **\$55,000**. For general operations to provide direct services and support for victims of crime in Crow Wing County.

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines, Waite Park, MN, **\$55,000**. For general operations to provide youth development opportunities and programs for girls residing in Greater Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin.

Hornets Hive dba CornerStone, Frazee, MN, **\$10,000**. For general operations to support rural access to programs and services that foster community and youth development.

Initiative Foundation, Little Falls, MN, **\$100,000**. To build organizational capacity by providing training, consulting, and coaching for nonprofit organizations in central Minnesota.

Minnesota Head Start Association, Inc., Sauk Rapids, MN, **\$37,000**. 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.

Sherburne County Area United Way, Elk River, MN, **\$20,000**. For general operations to support and strengthen local nonprofits and capacity-building activities throughout the Sherburne County area.

TWIN CITIES METROPOLITAN AREA

30,000 Feet, Saint Paul, MN, **\$65,000**. For general operations and capacity building to provide intensive after-school and tech-based training and workforce development to at-risk youth on the east side of St. Paul.

African Career Education & Resource, Inc, Brooklyn Park, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to engage, educate, and support immigrant communities to advance equitable housing and economic opportunities in the Twin Cities.

African Economic Development Solutions, Saint Paul, MN, **\$500,000**. For capital to rehabilitate a long-vacant storefront building into a grocery and business support center, enabling AEDS to affirmatively create business opportunities for African immigrant entrepreneurs and expand existing services.

African Economic Development Solutions, Saint Paul, MN, **\$50,000**. For general operations to help provide culturally grounded support and services to businesses, leaders, and collaborations.

All Parks Alliance for Change, Saint Paul, MN, **\$15,000**. For general operations to provide education, training, and technical assistance to stabilize and preserve manufactured home parks in Minnesota.

Al-Maa'uun, Minneapolis, MN, **\$37,000**. For general operations to provide food programs, employment services, and housing programs.

Assistance League of Minneapolis St. Paul, Minneapolis, MN, **\$10,000**. To provide school uniforms, winter clothes, and supplies for low-income students in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Richfield.

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Saint Paul, MN, **\$60,000**. For general operations to create and maintain affordable and supportive housing in the Twin Cities.

Beyond New Beginnings, Chaska, MN, **\$15,000**. For general operations to support young families in Scott and Carver Counties through stable housing and case management.

Blindness-Learning In New Dimensions, Inc., Minneapolis, MN, **\$25,000**. For general operations to provide skills training programs that lead to increased independence and improved quality of life for blind people of all ages.