



2019 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
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A DIFFERENCE**



Post Rock
Community
Foundation

An affiliate of the
Greater Salina Community Foundation

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From Our Board Chair

Dear Friends,

Over the past year, the Post Rock Community Foundation (PRCF) granted over \$105,000 to organizations in Sylvan Grove, Lincoln, Vesper, Hunter, Lucas, and Beverly, along with USD 298, USD 299, Bethany Church, and Post Rock Extension District. These grants were made possible through donations from our generous donors plus grant money provided by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

For the past few years we have hosted a match event to raise funds for our community action fund. The money raised during this period received matching money from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. This has been a wonderful gift for our granting funds, but we also are aware that this match money may not always be available. When you are ready to support local organizations, please remember what is important to you and why we need to sustain our rural communities for generations to come. Donations made to PRCF endowed funds will continue to build forever funds and provide support to area non-profit organizations.

The Post Rock Community Foundation thanks you for your generous support throughout the year. Working together we can continue to sustain and improve the rural lifestyle we've chosen.

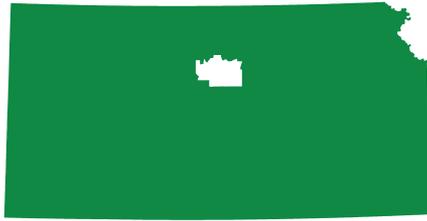
Sandy Labertew
Board Chair





OUR **MISSION**

is to build permanent endowment funds and meet charitable community needs.



ABOUT **THE FOUNDATION**

The Post Rock Community Foundation was founded in 2010 to benefit the communities of Lincoln County and those served by USD 298 and USD 299. The foundation is a permanent source of charitable funds used to meet both current and future needs.

The Post Rock Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation in Salina, Kansas.

HOW DOES THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WORK?



IT STARTS WITH PEOPLE



WHO SHARE THEIR GIFTS



Cash, Check & Credit Card



Retirement Accounts



Grain, Livestock & Property



Life Insurance



Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds

TO CREATE



Community Grant Funds

The **Post Rock Community Action Fund** is an unrestricted community grant fund. Gifts to this fund offer the most flexibility for meeting charitable community needs, both today and in the future.

BIG IMPACT!

Distributions from community foundation funds provide:



Grants to Charitable Organizations



Scholarships for Students



It Starts With **People**

Founding Donors

Our founders inspired the creation and growth of the foundation. We are forever grateful for the support of these generous donors!

Business Entities

Bank of Tescott
Wilson State Bank
Bennington State Bank
Meyer Land & Cattle Co.
Citizens State Bank & Trust Co.
Carrico Implement Citizens

Individuals & Families

Stan & Sandy Labertew
Tim & Janet Meyer

Sustaining Donors

Sustainers made a significant financial commitment to the operations of the community foundation.

Business Entities

The Bank of Tescott Lincoln Branch
Bennington State Bank
Blue Hill Masonic Lodge #198
Carrico Implement Co.
Citizens State Bank & Trust Co.
Dane G. Hansen Foundation
Grace Chapel United Methodist Church
Kansas Health Foundation
L. Eileen Broberg Trust
Lincoln County Historical Society
Lincoln High School Alumni Association
Luray Alumni Association
Meyer Land & Cattle Co.

Mildred & Rolland Middlekauff Foundation
Salina Regional Health Foundation
Wilson State Bank

Individuals & Families

L. Eileen Broberg
D'Avalon Durham
Lucille & Michael Heller
Leo and Joanne Klameth
Stan & Sandy Labertew
Lou Belle Meyer
Tim & Janet Meyer
Gary & Ruth Sorensen

With A Passion



By partnering with the community foundation, Grace Chapel United Methodist Church can build permanent support for their mission, both now and in the future.

Grace Chapel United Methodist Church Organizational Fund By Lucille Heller, Church Board Chairman

Grace Chapel Methodist Church in Hunter is a very small church with about 20 members attending each Sunday.

In 2015, members began to question how they could do mission work in their own North Central Kansas area. Estate money had been shared with the church previously, so church members looked at how to invest those funds to produce additional money that could be earmarked for local mission work. Post Rock Community Foundation offered the option of an "organization fund," with a basic commitment of only \$10,000. The church board voted to establish a fund with that amount and additional funds in July, 2016.

With the first receipts from the organizational fund in 2018, the church members voted to support the Mitchell County Food Pantry. They

made a cash donation in August 2018 and also planned an event to advertise the needs of the food pantry.

The event on October 28 included a dessert bar, entertainment, and a program by Beverly James, director of the food pantry program. Admission was an item or two for the food pantry. Christian music was provided by Dennis and Joyce Davenport of Osborne. Members of surrounding communities attended.

Following the event, Grace Chapel church members Tim and Karolee Wiles shared that the organizational fund was a "vehicle for our church to create dollars to enrich our local area and a means to give back to the community." Post Rock Community Foundation made it easy to achieve this goal of the church.

Who Love Their **Community**

Post Rock Community Foundation & **You**

THE STORY OF *Us*

DONATE IN FEBRUARY

Match Month Success

Through a month-long gift matching initiative in February, the community foundation raised over \$36,000 for community grants and operations. During Match Month, donors make gifts to the community foundation to support community grants. These gifts are then matched at 150% by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. The matching dollars support community grants and operations.

2019 Total Raised:

\$14,436

2019 Total Matched:

\$21,654

2019 Total Benefit:

\$36,090

Over the last three years, our Match Month campaign has raised a total of **\$174,231** for the community. Thank you!

To Create **Big Impact**

Anniversary Remembrance Event



The community foundation assisted in funding the 150th Anniversary Remembrance event in Lincoln County, memorializing the history of the Spillman Creek Indian raids on May 31, 1869. During the event, visitors were educated about the historic impact of the raids. Guided bus tours stopped at each location where the raids happened, and visitors then heard stories of the raids from reenactors.

The event was a success to the Lincoln community, and grantee Kathie Crispin had many positive remarks and thanks for the programs put on. "People were so appreciative to learn about the Indian raids and what their ancestors had to do to survive during that time period," said Crispin.

Finch Theatre Upgrades

After strong winds and a destructive hail storm, the Finch Theatre required a new awning and repair to their existing sign. With community foundation support, the theatre was able to both purchase a new awning and replace the previous glass fluorescent tubing in their sign with LED lights. The upgrades would be less susceptible to damage in the future.

The theatre and community room strive to provide a safe and friendly environment for Lincoln County and the surrounding areas, and the renovations re-instilled pride among the employees and volunteers who ran the theatre.



"The amount we were granted was a substantial portion of the total project cost and the Post Rock Community Foundation's generosity was very much appreciated," said grantee James Metz.

Grant Spotlight



A grant from the community foundation allowed the American Legion in Sylvan Grove to undergo major upgrades.

Kitchen and Window Remodel for the American Legion

The American Legion building is the only building in Sylvan Grove that is large enough to handle events happening in the community each year. It has been outdated and neglected over time, and needed renovation. Over the past year, the American Legion #359 was awarded two separate grants totaling \$10,000 from the Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund to aid in these improvements.

The first phase of the project focused on a complete renovation of the restroom facility, which is now handicap-accessible and furnished with all new fixtures and flooring. Local volunteers helped in the building process of these renovations, totaling at least 70 hours of labor.

The second phase in the remodel handled the kitchen and window repairs. The funds were used to ►

purchase new appliances and aid in professional labor costs. Grantee Lester Walter expressed his gratitude for the repairs done to the building. "With new usable bathrooms, thanks to the foundation's help with a previous grant, and the building's updated kitchen, the building will now be safe for the general public to use at their disposal," said Walter.

On December 1, 2018 the city held their annual Christmas lighting ceremony, with the local 4H group sponsoring a soup supper. The refurbished building was well-received by everyone in attendance. With the funding from the foundation, the Legion members now have a space to be proud of.

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- Leste Walter, grantee





Helping Those That Help Us

The Lincoln County Rescue Squad was awarded a grant from the community foundation to replace the previously worn and outdated equipment on the rescue truck. With the funding, the rescue squad purchased a paratech bag system, new jaw spreaders and a technical rescue set. The objective of the Lincoln Rescue Squad is to help those in need in a timely manner. Obtaining

new equipment ensures that the lives of both the rescue squad and the life of the victim will be safe.

The members of the rescue squad now have confidence in the equipment on the truck. "It is important for the squad to know it is in good working condition, it will last, and they will not have to worry about it," said grantee Lisa Feldkamp.

Lincoln County-Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District Gear Upgrade

The Lincoln County-Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District was awarded a grant from the community foundation to purchase new bunker gear. The fire district purchased 10 full sets of gear with the grant funding. "Our firefighters are very pleased and excited about having new gear," said grantee Marc Lovin.

Replacing the outdated, worn out gear results in better safety and protection of the firefighters. A safer work environment also offers a better service to the community. "The Sylvan Rural Fire District would like to thank the Post Rock Community Grant Foundation for their generous contribution," said Lovin.



Lincoln County's Master Plan

With support from the community foundation, the Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation hired an engineering firm to develop a countywide master plan for improvements and renovations. Schwab Eaton was hired to develop base maps,

schematic designs and cost projections for each of the projects within the Healthy Living Master Plan set by the development foundation.

The master plan includes sidewalk, park and walking trail enhancements in the Lincoln, Sylvan Grove and Barnard area. These developments have previously been discussed without a technical look at the projects. Schwab evaluated each project, outlining a scope of work and cost for the development. Last spring, a public presentation was held to educate and promote the committee's goals for the master plan. "We feel we have accomplished the project we set out to achieve and are excited about the next steps that can come from having a countywide master plan," said grantee Kelly Larson.

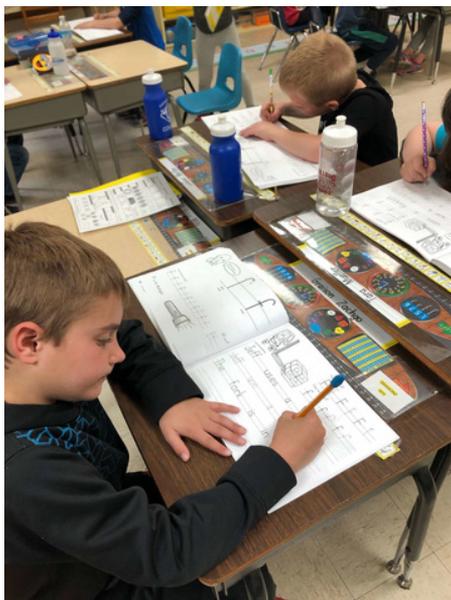


Restoration to the Andreson Building

The Denmark Preservation Foundation was founded in 2016, and its first project was to restore the historical five-unit business building in Denmark, Kansas. In 2016, the Hansen Foundation presented the Denmark Preservation Foundation with a cleanup grant to clear the fallen in roof and floor from the western portion of the building. After the cleanup, restoration was underway, and in two short years, the building gained new trusses and a roof on the

western portion, stonework restoration, re-purposed wood flooring, transom glass, front windows, and front doors. These steps secure the building against the weather and provide curb appeal. An interior wall has also been added to prepare for the future events to be held in the building. "Strides taken thus far to bring this historically significant structure back from the brink of ruin is nothing short of miraculous," said grantee Debra Parmenter.

Handwriting Without Tears



Handwriting Without Tears is a program targeting students pre-K to fifth grade. This program introduces developmentally appropriate activities that energize the classroom while improving legibility on daily assignments and fine motor skills. Not only does this program improve the children's skills, but it also includes information across the curriculum. Lucas-Sylvan Elementary was granted funding from the community foundation to send five teachers to a conference for training. Those teachers then trained the rest of the staff and are now able to utilize the materials in daily work.

Grantee Mary Hlad has seen the impact this program has made on students in the classroom. "We have patrons and fellow teachers walk down the hallway and get excited about seeing specifically, handwritte assignments in cursive that look beautiful," said Hlad.

Visual Communications Class with New Equipment

USD #299 was granted funding from the community foundation to purchase equipment for the visual communications class. This equipment replaced the outdated, shop-built press and dryer. The new six-screen, four-station press and conveyor dryer gave the students the ability to produce a multi-color print, in higher quantity. Along with grantee Ray Keller, the students were impressed with the set-up and use of the new tools. "We are so glad we were awarded funds to update," said Keller.

The addition of the equipment allows students to work more efficiently and produce quality prints for both elementary and high school functions. Producing more units per class generates funds to



keep prices affordable for students, with the possibility of adding more community customers to their client list.

2018-2019 Grant Recipients

The following organizations received either donor-directed or competitive grants from funds at the community foundation:



- ▶ American Legion Post #359
- ▶ Bethany Church of Lincoln County
- ▶ Bud Finch Memorial Community Theatre
- ▶ City of Beverly
- ▶ First Presbyterian Church
- ▶ Friends of S.P. Dinsmoor's Garden of Eden, Inc.
- ▶ Hunter Economic Development Corp
- ▶ Kansas State University Foundation
- ▶ Lincoln Art Center
- ▶ Lincoln County Historical Society
- ▶ Lincoln County Hospital
- ▶ Lucas Area Community Theater, Inc.
- ▶ Lucas Arts & Humanities Council, Inc.
- ▶ Lucas Medical Foundation
- ▶ Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc.
- ▶ Post Rock Extension District #1-Osborne Office
- ▶ Sylvan Senior Center
- ▶ USD 298
- ▶ USD 299
- ▶ Vesper Community Center

2018-2019 Scholarship Recipients

The following students received scholarships through the community foundation's competitive scholarship program.



- ▶ **Mikayla Breneman, Lincoln**
Ottawa University
- ▶ **Katlin Brummer, Lincoln**
Hutchinson Community College
- ▶ **Aubry Donley, Lincoln**
Friends University
- ▶ **Aundrea Haberer, Luray**
Fort Hays State University
- ▶ **Rudolph (R.J.) Haberer, Luray**
Bethany College

**Additional renewable scholarships may also have been awarded to previous recipients. Students may have also received more than one scholarship.*

2019 Impact Numbers

30 Number of Grants & Scholarships Awarded

\$110,719 Total Grants & Scholarships

19 Competitive Grants Awarded

\$105,222 Competitive Grants

6 Donor-Directed Grants Awarded

\$2,997 Donor-Directed Grants

5 Scholarships Awarded

\$2,500 Scholarships Awarded

Foundation Funds

Endowed funds produce charitable income every year and help donors create a legacy of giving. **New funds created in fiscal year 2019 are bolded.**

Donor-Directed Grant Funds: Established by someone to support their unique charitable wishes. The foundation board does not determine grants.

Designated Funds

Provide annual support for specific charities selected by the donor.

Blue Hill Masonic Lodge #198 A.F. & A.M. Legacy Fund

Forrest D. Meyer Fund for the 1st Presbyterian Church

Kansas Health Foundation Operating Fund for Post Rock

L. Eileen Broberg Fund

Robert Durham Trust for the Friends of S.P. Dinsmoor's Garden of Eden Fund

Robert Durham Trust for the Lucas Area Community Theater Fund

Organization Funds

Provide annual income for nonprofit organizations in support of their charitable work.

Grace Chapel United Methodist Church Fund

Lincoln County Historical Society Fund

Other Funds:

Administrative Fund

Supports foundation operations.

Post Rock Administrative Fund

Foundation Funds

Competitive Grant Funds: Awarded through an application process; grants are made at the discretion of the community foundation board.

Community Fund

Support the foundation's community grantmaking.

Post Rock Community Action Fund

Field of Interest Funds

Enable donors to support a designated cause or geographic area. (e.g. the arts, a specific community, etc.)

Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund - Post Rock

Kansas Health Foundation Fund for Post Rock

Post Rock Healthy Living Fund

Sylvan Area Fund

Wilson-Langley Fund for Luray

Scholarship Funds

Assist and encourage promising students, including those challenged by educational costs.

Lincoln High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

Grow Your Gift

Your gift to the community foundation will grow over time, just like a tree!

Whether you plant a seed by starting a new fund or help a fund grow by giving to an existing fund, every gift to the community foundation helps provide “fruit” for the community through grants and scholarships.



Today...

You decide to make a permanent gift of \$10,000.



After 15 Years...

Your gift has grown to \$15,000 and has given \$10,000 to charity.



After 25 Years...

Your gift has grown to \$18,600 and has given \$19,000 to charity.



After 50 Years...

Your gift has grown to \$51,000 and has given \$35,000 to charity.

**For demonstrative purposes only; these numbers were calculated on a 5% annual payout, 1% administrative fee and 8.5% rate of return.*

Give Now or Later

Everyone has a gift!

No matter what or how you give, you can make a difference. Everyone has different assets, and the community foundation can accept many types of gifts, including:



Cash, Check
& Credit Card



Retirement
Accounts



Grain, Livestock
& Property



Life
Insurance



Stocks, Bonds,
Mutual Funds

You've enjoyed a good life in a great community. What will you do to ensure that future generations can say the same?

Do you have children or grandchildren who were born and raised in our community but have since left? Chances are, when you pass away, the money in your estate will leave this area forever.

Through your will, you can leave a gift that impacts our community far beyond your lifetime.

Every day, people just like you leave incredibly meaningful marks on our world through these types of gifts. By leaving just **5% of your estate** to our hometown needs, you could help provide **permanent funding** for our schools, hospital, parks, churches, charities, libraries and so much more. The process is simple and the impact of your generosity will live on for generations!



Your professional advisor will help you document your charitable wishes in your will.



The community foundation will take special care to honor your wishes and protect your gift's value.



Your favorite organizations will receive annual support from your gift, **forever**.

To learn more about leaving a gift in your will, contact your professional advisor or the community foundation.

2018-2019 Donors

Large or small, every gift contributes to the community foundation's ability to serve the community. We have made every effort to include all gifts from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. **If you believe there is an error or need to make a correction, please contact us.**

David & Marla Abell	Eunice Goldgrave
American Legion Post #359	Mary Ann Gourley
Russ & Jan Anderson	Rose Gourley
Anonymous Donor	James L. Hammer & Cindy Entriiken
Terry B. Ayers	Eldon & Phyllis Hampl
The Bank of Tescott	Dane G. Hansen Foundation
The Bank of Tescott Lincoln Branch	Timothy & Deannette Harries
Barnard Lions Club	Vergie Heffel
Anonymous Gift	Greg & Kathy Heinze
BC Diesel LLC	Michael & Lucille Heller
Michael & Patricia Biggs	Terry & Ann Heller
Jerry & Carolyn Bigham	Home Oil Service & Convenience Store, Inc.
Elizabeth Bryan	Hunter Lions Club
Janice E. Bryan Trust	Wanda Jepsen
Bill & Joni Bunker	Max & Kally Keller
Greg & Wilma Burger	Ray & Richelle Keller
Maurita Cederberg	O. A. & Barbara Kingery
City of Barnard	Gwen Knight
City of Lincoln	Stan & Sandy Labertew
City of Sylvan Grove	Craig & Ginger Langdon
Jack & Joletta Cochran	Edward Larson
Jack & Kathie Crispin	Kelly Larson
Art & Justine Dohl	Lincoln Business Women
D'Avalon Durham	Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation
Mitch & Sharon Errebo	Lincoln High School Alumni Association
Family Hair Flair, LLC	James & Leanna Meeks
Farmway Credit Union of Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato & Osborne	Breanna Meier
First Presbyterian Church	Clifford & Vivian Meier
Flyboy Brewery & Eats	Meitler Cattle
Ned & Maxine Garrigues	Richard & Kay Mettlen
Jean Ann Gedney	Daniel & Lynne Metz
Leigh Geyer	Chris & Pam Meyer
Pamela Geyer & Moshe Vardi	Pamela Meyer
Dell & Cheryl Gier	Ryan Meyer

2018-2019 Donors

Timothy Meyer
Billie or Elvira Michalk
Brock & Ruth Mueller
Barry & Jane Murphy
Jerry & Phyllis Oetting
Lorraine Oman
Royce Oppliger
Pack & Go Tours, LLC
Michael & Elaine Parrish
Randan, Inc.
Ladonna Reinert
Charles & Blanche Rolph
Wanda Rose
Thomas D. Schmeidler
Jason Seehafer
Catherine Seyfert
Ardene Smith
Gary & Ruth Sorensen
Roger & Susan Staats
Jude & Rachel Stecklein
Craig & Mary Ann Stertz
Kenneth & Kristin Stewart
Jean Stramel
Darlene Strunkel
Douglas & GERALYN Sulsar

Sylvan Grove Rural Fire Dept
Russell Tate & Lisa Manning
United Ag Service, Inc.
Rick & Phyllis Vaupel
Damon & Janet Vonada
Derek & Ashley Vonada
Emilie Wacker
Mike & Kathy Weatherman
Bill & Beverly Wiese
Wilson Telephone Company, Inc.

Memorials:

Lois Heinze
Janet Meyer

Honorariums:

Ted Turner & Nancy Dyer
Lou Belle Meyer
Chris & Pam Meyer
Kirk & Karen Meyer
April Meyer
Tim Meyer
Natalie Fitz & Gerald Casa Nova
Matt & Jennie Ohmie
Roger, Susan & Connor Staats

FY2019 Giving Breakdown by Gift Type:



Gifts of Cash
\$161,072



Gifts of Grain
\$2,017



Other Gifts
\$0

Financial Information

Asset Growth

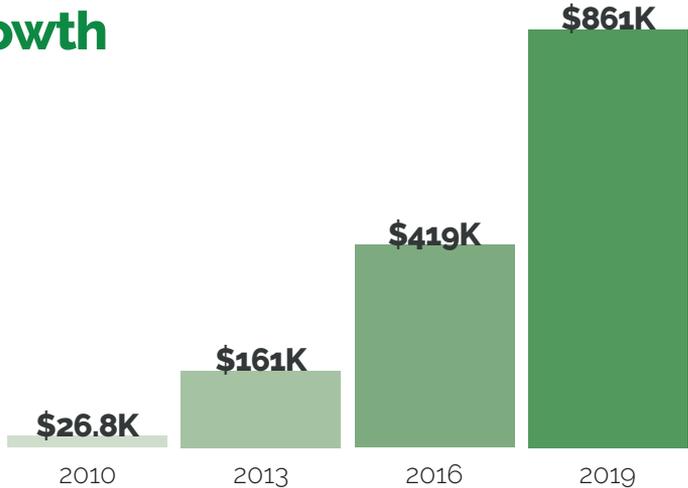
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Total Assets:

\$860,551

Number of Funds:

16



2019 # Donors:

103

2019 Total Gifts:

\$163,089

2019 # Gifts:

128

Grants & Scholarships

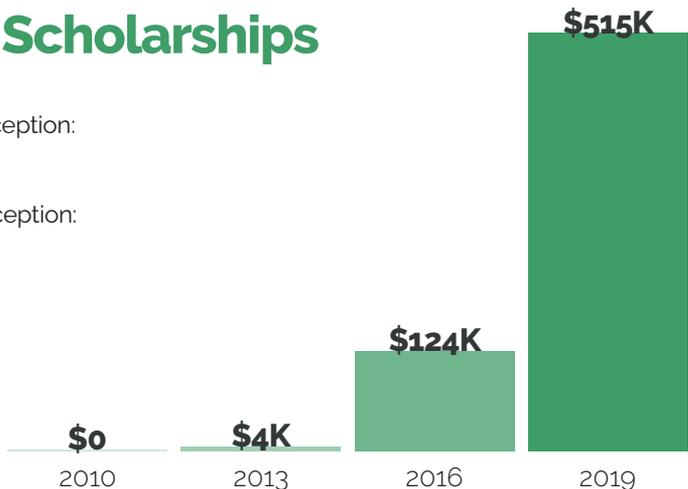
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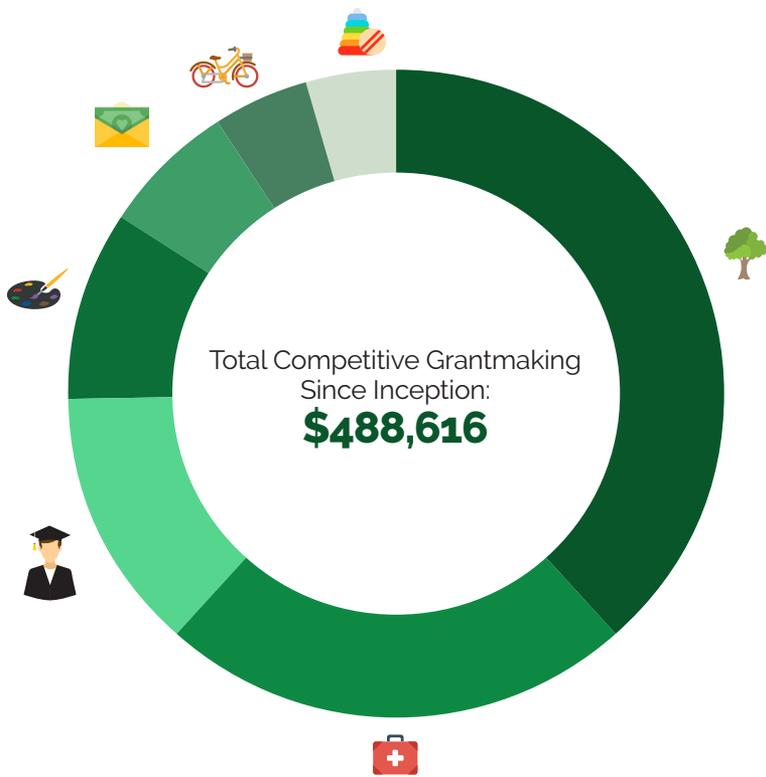
\$ Awarded Since Inception:

\$515,745

Awarded Since Inception:

168





 Community Development
\$187,486 · 38%

 Other Needs
\$31,965 · 7%

 Health & Human Services
\$114,203 · 23%

 Parks & Recreation
\$22,959 · 5%

 Education
\$64,470 · 13%

 Youth Development
\$21,433 · 4%

 Arts & Culture
\$46,100 · 9%

THANK YOU

None of this would be possible without people like you!
Your support makes a meaningful difference in
the Post Rock Area, both now and in the future.



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