

Schmeeckle Foundation Awards \$201,817 in Grants

Martin County, MN., Date: February 10, 2023 – The Schmeeckle Foundation recently approved grants totaling \$201,817 for community enhancement projects in Martin County, Minnesota.

These grants support the Schmeeckle Foundation's three core focus areas: early childhood care and education, serving the disabled and elderly, and promoting the arts. The Schmeeckle Foundation is a private family foundation serving Martin County, Minnesota. Its mission is to carry on the legacy of long-time Martin County resident, Juanita Ellen (Teubner) Schmeeckle, to provide grants for the betterment of Martin County.

"The Schmeeckle Foundation Grants are designed to support projects which are innovative, involve collaboration, and achieve sustainable, measurable results." say the Schmeeckle Foundation Trustees. Grants are reviewed by the four trustees with assistance from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. Grants are awarded based on their likelihood to create measurable change within the Foundation's three core focus areas. This round of grantees includes:

- \$10,000 to Action 169 for Restorative Arts Project
- \$20,020 to CREST for Services for All
- \$50,000 to Fairmont City Band for Sylvania Park Band Shell when Fairmont City Band has all money sourced
- \$9,000 to Martin County West Schools for Basic Guitar Skills Class Instruments
- \$20,000 to Martin County West Preschool
- \$3,000 to Open Arts Minnesota for Aktion Club Theatre
- \$20,000 to Project 1590 for Lead for AmeriCorps Fellow
- \$5,000 to Arc for Training Workshops and Listening Sessions
- \$4,000 to Minnesota Women of Today for Community Doula Support
- \$25,000 to Twin Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, for Scouting in Martin County
- \$35,797 to Fairmont Opera House for Stage Lighting Upgrades

Applications for the next grant period are due August 31, 2023.

For details on applying for a Schmeeckle Foundation Grant, or to learn about our trustees, please visit our website at schmeecklefoundation.org.

If your organization would be interested in a presentation regarding the Schmeeckle Foundation, please contact Ron Kopischke at Profinium, telephone 507-236-3179 or email RonK@Profinium.com