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Schmeeckle Foundation  
Awards \$228,337 in Grants

**FAIRMONT, MN, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025** – The Schmeeckle Foundation recently approved grants totaling \$228,337.00 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. Its mission is to carry on the legacy of long-time Martin County resident, Juanita Ellen (Teubner) Schmeeckle, awarding grants to support the betterment of the residents of Martin County.

All grant proposals are reviewed by four Schmeeckle Foundation Trustees with the assistance of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. The Schmeeckle Foundation grants are designed to support project that are innovative, promote community collaboration, and achieve sustainable, measurable results. Grants are awarded based upon their likelihood to create measurable change within the Foundation's three are focus areas.

This round of grantees includes:

- \$15,000 to Project 169 for Restorative Arts Collective: Created to Create Project
- \$15,000 to Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota for Nourishing Meals and Self-Sufficient Living for High-Risk Older Adults in Martin County Project
- \$15,000 to Fairmont Area Kinship for Boost, Small Group Mentoring Project
- \$11,200 to Heaven's Table Food Shelf for Freezer Replacement and Reliable and Expandable Food Storage
- \$41,907 to Scouting America Twin Valley Council for Serving Youth in Martin County Programs
- \$24,300 to Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition DBA Empower Coalition for their Vaping Prevention Program
- \$15,000 to the Fairmont Track Association for Helping Youth Rise: Pole Vaulting Toward Their Best Selves through Growth and Grit Project
- \$80,000 for Habitat for Humanity's Saving a Home, Saving a Family- Reaching Out to Greater Martin County Project
- \$10,930 to Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center's Rosie Connectivity Project

Applications dates for the 2026 granting period will be posted on the website. Please visit our website for future dates and information at [www.schmeecklefoundation.org](http://www.schmeecklefoundation.org).

***About the Schmeeckle Foundation***

*The Schmeeckle Private Foundation is a family foundation serving Martin County, Minnesota. The Foundation is carrying on the legacy of long-time Martin County resident Juanita Ellen (Teubner) Schmeeckle to provide grants for the betterment of Martin County. A major intent of this grant program*

## SCHMEECKLE FOUNDATION

*“Enriching lives through  
innovation and creative  
collaboration.”  
Serving Martin County,  
Minnesota*

*is to receive and successfully implement new ideas, provide working relationships with other non-profit organizations, and spur new financial and other commitments from the community to show support for projects that will improve and benefit Martin County, Minnesota.*