

## Schmeeckle Foundation Press Release

Martin County, MN., Date: November 14, 2024 – The Schmeeckle Foundation recently approved grants totaling \$292,150 for community enhancement projects in Martin County, Minnesota. This \$292,150 continues the Foundation commitment to Martin County by granting in the last 8 years over \$5,500,000 to various organizations to benefit Martin County.

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:

Albert Lea Family YMCA	\$49,920	Forever Well in Fairmont
Apple Tree Dental	\$150,000	Fairmont Center Workforce Development Project
Let's Go Fishing	\$21,942	New Floating Dock at Gomsrud Park
Martin County Substance Abuse Prevention	\$23,788	Countywide Comprehensive Vaping Reduction Campaign
Open Arts Minnesota	\$4,000	Aktion Club Theatre of Fairmont Presents "The Talent Studio"
Twin Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America	\$25,000	Grow Scouting in Martin County
Upward Bound 5th Street Express	\$15,000	Renovation of Clubhouse Kitchen
Visit Fairmont	\$2,500	Greetings from Fairmont Downtown Mural

The Schmeeckle Foundation is making a difference in Martin County. Juanita Schmeeckle’s wish was to help people; and, therefore, the philosophy of our foundation has been focused on programming as opposed to bricks and mortar. It is also our desire that organizations work together, as the more people working towards a common goal of life betterment, the more goals that can be reached.

**Applications are online only**, so please check our website, [schmeecklefoundation.org](http://schmeecklefoundation.org), for the online forms and instructions.

For details on applying for a Schmeeckle Foundation Grant, or to learn about our trustees, please visit our website at [schmeecklefoundation.org](http://schmeecklefoundation.org).

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