

SCHMEECKLE FOUNDATION

*"Providing Grants for the
Betterment of Martin County,
Minnesota"*

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Schmeeckle Foundation Awards \$90,000 in Grants

Martin County, Minn., January 12, 2018 – The Schmeeckle Foundation recently approved five grants totaling \$90,000 for projects in Martin County.

These grants support the Schmeeckle Foundation's three core focus areas: early childhood care and education, serving the disabled and elderly, and the arts. The Schmeeckle Foundation is a private family foundation serving Martin County, Minnesota, whose 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 that are innovative, involve collaboration and achieve sustainable, measurable results," says the Schmeeckle Foundation Trustees.

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Grants are reviewed by the four trustees with assistance from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and the Schmeeckle Foundation grant committee. Grants are awarded based on their likelihood to create measurable change in early childhood care and education, serving the disabled and elderly, and the arts. This round's grantees include:

- \$40,000 to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation in partnership with Adventure Playground Task Force for the creation of an accessible, inclusive playground space in Martin County which will serve to enhance the physical and social development of all children and particularly enhance the lives of children and adults with disabilities.
- \$10,000 to Apple Tree Dental for their project: Expanding Dental Access for Martin County Residents to be used for dental equipment to better serve Martin County residents who travel to the Apple Tree Dental's Madelia Center for dental care. Apple Tree Dental serves disadvantaged children, disabled adults and elders from Martin County and throughout the region.
- \$10,000 to Fox Lake Conservation League for their project: Outdoor Classroom with Emphasis on Native Grasses and Forbs to plant native seeds and forbs on a 6.1-acre parcel west of Martin County West School to be used as an outdoor classroom.
- \$20,000 to Martin Luther High School for their project: Fish, Flora and Fuel for the Future – Aquaponic Greenhouse Heated by Geothermal to build an external, environmental science classroom that will be used to teach about horticulture, renewable energies, fuel production, engineering concepts, and hydroponic agriculture.
- \$10,000 to Youth First in partnership with Project 1590 Kids Just Want to Have Fun for an indoor play area which will be placed at Five Lakes Centre in Fairmont.

Applications will be accepted for the next round of grants beginning January 1, 2018, and are due April 30, 2018. For details on applying for a Schmeeckle Foundation Grant please visit our website at schmeecklefoundation.org.

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