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\$95,900 Granted to Audubon County Nonprofit Agencies

April 13, 2012 -- Brett Irlmeier, Chair of the Audubon County Community Foundation, is pleased to announce that \$95,900 was awarded today in grants to Audubon County nonprofit agencies.

The following nonprofit organizations, which submitted applications to the Audubon County Community Foundation by the February 1st deadline, were awarded grants by the Audubon County Board of Directors:

Organization	Project	Award
Audubon County Agricultural Society	Renovations of Agri Hall	\$8,000.00
Audubon County Conservation Club	Provide a well for public restroom and kitchen at ACCC facility	\$9,080.00
Audubon Recreation Foundation	Building project – architectural designs, site prep, and beginning building stage	\$48,000.00
Audubon Stage Committee	Renovate community state to fit 1900's theme	\$28,720.00
Exira Chamber of Commerce	Improvements to City Park	\$2,100.00

All grantees met the criteria as Audubon County nonprofit agencies or organizations with charitable missions in the areas of civic, cultural, health, education and social services. Only organizations providing services in Audubon County were eligible.

Audubon County agency representatives received their checks this week. During brief check distribution activities, Irlmeier commended the nonprofit agencies for their individual efforts to provide a better quality of life for the residents of Audubon County.

“Our Advisory Board is pleased to direct \$95,900 in grants to these important community efforts in Audubon County,” Irlmeier explained. “The Audubon County Community Foundation is one of nine counties that are collectively known as the Community Foundations of Southwest Iowa and meets or exceeds the Standards for Community Foundations as established by the Council on Foundations in Washington DC.”

The Audubon County Community Foundation works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create permanent funds that address the changing, vital community needs and interests. Donating to a permanently endowed fund helps your neighbors today AND you help build a stronger community tomorrow. Not only

that, you'll be eligible to receive a 25% Endow Iowa Tax Credit for each donation, in addition to any Federal tax benefits for which you may qualify.

The Audubon County Community Foundation invests and administers these funds and distributes grants to deserving, qualified nonprofit organizations. "This has grown from an annual event to twice a year, with one grant cycle in the spring and another in the fall," said Irlmeier.

Board members of the Audubon County Community Foundation are: Chair, Brett Irlmeier of Audubon; Vice Chair, Larry Beckendorf of Exira; Secretary/Treasurer Thomas R. Nielsen of Audubon; Joanie Heuton of Kimballton; Jonnie Meislahn of rural Gray; Jay Nelson of rural Brayton; and Daryl Olsen of Audubon.

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Nonprofit representatives receiving grant awards 1st row from left to right:

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