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Community Foundation Awards Nearly \$25,000 in Grants

On behalf of the donors to the Community Foundation, the Board of Directors is pleased to announce \$25,000 in awards to nonprofit organizations serving Benton County through the Community Grant Program.

The following are the projects that the Foundation was able to fund this year:

- **Benton EELS Swim Team**- \$170; Megaphone with starter/whistle
- **Boswell Happy Seniors** - \$970; Refrigerator/freezer for Senior Center
- **Boswell-Grant Township Fire Department** - \$4,900; Turn-out gear and blue emergency lights
- **Boswell Baseball-Softball Association**- \$5,000; Replace field backstop
- **Benton County Head Start**- \$2,500; Playground upgrades
- **Town of Oxford**- \$10,000; Pavement improvements at the Oxford Fire Station
- **Town of Ambia, Park Department**- \$1,000; Mulch for playground

“The Foundation was surprised that our number of applications were down this year,” stated Destin Haas, Chairperson of the Grants Selection Committee, “Yet we did feel the requests were all for worthwhile projects that would benefit our community. When reviewing the applications we try to look for projects that reach a lot of people, improve the ability of the organization to serve the community over the long term, serve Benton County residents, and are run by nonprofit organization. Hopefully there will come a day when the Foundation has raised enough local contributions that we will be able to support all of the worthwhile programs in the County.”

For more information about the Community Grants or the Community Foundation, please contact Executive Director Ashley Bice at 765.884.8022 or via email at ashley@bentoncf.org.

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