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**WOODS CHARITABLE FUND APPROVES \$373,000 IN GRANTS  
AT MARCH MEETING**

Woods Charitable Fund's Board of Directors approved grants totaling \$373,000 to 15 tax-exempt organizations during its March grant cycle.

The largest percentage of the granted funding – 34 percent – will support five Human Services organizations serving Lincoln and Southeast Nebraska. Additionally, 27 percent will aid Arts & Culture projects, while 24 percent supports Civic & Community organizations. About 14 percent of the awarded funds will go to other types of nonprofit organizations, and 1 percent supports an Education program.

Three of the grants, totaling \$125,000, support organizations as they undergo renovations or develop a new location. The Bridge Behavioral Health and Lux Center for the Arts have received grants to support two positions as they renovate their buildings in the upcoming year. Additionally, Nonprofit Hub Foundation has received a grant to support development of a co-working space in downtown Lincoln for use by nonprofit associations.

Woods Charitable Fund makes grants three times a year to tax-exempt organizations seeking funding for Lincoln-focused programs in the areas of Human Services, Civic & Community, Education and Arts & Culture. For more information on funding guidelines, call (402) 436-5971, visit the Fund's website at [www.woodscharitable.org](http://www.woodscharitable.org) or write to Kathy Steinauer Smith, Tom Woods or Angie Zmarzly at 1248 O St. Suite 1130, Lincoln, NE 68508, or at [info@woodscharitable.org](mailto:info@woodscharitable.org).

**Approved for Funding by Woods Charitable Fund Inc.,  
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***Asian Community and Cultural Center (\$25,000)*** – For general-operating support for this cultural center dedicated to serving the needs of Lincoln's Asian community

***The Bridge Behavioral Health Inc. (\$40,000)*** – A two-year grant to add a new Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor position at this center specializing in treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction

**Center for Rural Affairs (\$20,000)** – In support of civic-engagement work among Latinos in Nebraska and development of town-hall forums in the Lincoln area

**Community Development Resources (\$50,000)** – Additional pass-through support for startup costs to create a new low-income federal credit union in Lincoln

**Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries (\$18,000)** – For the addition of a staff position for this organization that supports Lincoln’s public libraries

**Hear Nebraska (\$20,000)** – Second-year general-operating support for this organization supporting live music and culture in Lincoln and across Nebraska

**Heartland Big Brothers-Big Sisters (\$10,000)** – Second-year support of an intensive mentoring program for 3<sup>rd</sup>-, 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade students at two Lincoln schools

**Lincoln Housing Charities (\$5,000)** – Second-year support of Expanding Horizons, a summer enrichment program for children in Lincoln’s Air Park neighborhood

**Lux Center for the Arts (\$50,000)** – A two-year grant in support of an Operations Manager for this arts center

**Museum of Nebraska Art (\$15,000)** – For production of Video Profiles of Nebraska Artists, a project to profile Nebraska artists and incorporate the videos into the statewide fine arts teaching standards for K-12 students

**Nonprofit Hub Foundation (\$35,000)** – Toward development of a co-working space for nonprofit organizations in downtown Lincoln

**OpenSky Policy Institute (\$20,000)** – For general-operating expenses of this organization working to expand economic opportunity for all Nebraskans by promoting public discussion and informed action through research, analysis and outreach

**Tabitha Foundation (\$15,000)** – In support of a new volunteer management system for Tabitha Inc., which provides elder care services

**Voices of Hope Lincoln Inc. (\$35,000)** – To expand capacity and staffing for work with threat assessment teams in Lincoln for this agency that assists and advocates for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault

**Willa Cather Foundation (\$15,000)** – In support of a Program/Development Coordinator for this organization that promotes appreciation and understanding of the life and works of author Willa Cather