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**WOODS CHARITABLE FUND APPROVES NEARLY \$500,000
IN GRANTS AT NOVEMBER MEETING**

Woods Charitable Fund's Board of Directors approved grants in its fall grant cycle totaling \$496,500 to 20 tax-exempt organizations at its November meeting.

Two of these grants serve agencies working to increase civic engagement and develop Nebraska's civic health. The Nebraska Civic Engagement Table has been awarded grant funding over three years to support its work with nonprofit agencies to build an electorate representative of all Nebraskans and encourage participation in the policy-making process. Also, Civic Nebraska has received a two-year grant to expand its civic health programming, create a statewide Civic Health Index and develop civil discourse and media literacy programming.

To date in 2018, Woods Charitable Fund has awarded grants totaling \$1,635,500. Woods Charitable Fund has paid grants totaling \$99,766,607 since the Fund's inception in 1941.

Woods Charitable Fund makes grants twice a year to tax-exempt organizations seeking funding for Lincoln-focused programs in the areas of Human Services, Civic & Community, Education and Arts & Culture and through its Breakthrough Initiative Grant program. For more information on funding guidelines, call [\(402\) 436-5971](tel:4024365971), visit the Fund's website at www.woodscharitable.org or write to Tom Woods, Kathy Steinauer Smith or Nicole Juranek at 1248 O St. Suite 1130, Lincoln, NE 68508, or at info@woodscharitable.org.

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Belmont Community Center, Inc. (\$10,000) – To support operating expenses for this neighborhood center offering preschool, before- and after-school and summer programming for elementary school-age children in the Belmont neighborhood

Center for Legal Immigration Assistance (\$25,000) – General-operating support for this organization that provides legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees

Civic Nebraska (\$50,000) – A two-year grant to support staffing and expansion of the organization's civic health programs

Downtown Lincoln Foundation (\$17,000) – For funding of Art in Odd Places: Lincoln, a visual and performing arts festival to promote Lincoln's art scene in fall 2019

Educare of Lincoln (\$10,000) – For purchase and implementation of a curriculum to work with families at this center that provides quality childcare and preschool for at-risk children

Fresh Start (\$21,000) – For general-operating support for this shelter and transitional program for homeless women

Guidance to Success Youth Club (\$25,000) – For general operations of this organization providing programming and resources for at-risk youth

Lincoln Orchestra Association (\$10,000) – In support of a partnership providing tickets and education for families in the Lincoln Public Schools' Family Literacy Program and for people served by Lincoln nonprofits to attend two Family Concerts in the 2018-19 season

Lincoln Public Schools (\$75,000) – Three-year support of a summer program for incoming ninth-graders at The Career Academy to introduce them to career paths and provide high school credit

Lux Center for the Arts (\$27,500) – Second-year support of the Artist in Residence program and support for the capital campaign for this Lincoln arts center

Malone Community Center (\$20,000) – General-operating support for the community center serving Lincoln's African-American community and the Malone neighborhood

Nebraska Civic Engagement Table (\$90,000) – Three-year support for this nonpartisan organization working to build an electorate representative of all Nebraskans

Nebraska Cultural Endowment (\$15,000) – To assist with operations of this endowment that matches funds pledged from the State of Nebraska to support arts and humanities programming across the state

Nebraska Writers Collective (\$10,000) – Continued support of the Louder Than A Bomb performance poetry program offered at nine Lincoln/Lancaster County public schools

Neighborhoods, Inc. (NeighborWorks Lincoln) (\$12,500) – General-operating support for this organization working for community and neighborhood revitalization and home ownership

NET Foundation for Television (\$5,000) – To provide for a series of educational literacy workshops for high-need Lincoln families using Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) curriculum

Projecto Cultural (\$3,500) – To support general-operating expenses for this organization providing Hispanic cultural enrichment programming including the Grupo Folklorico Sangre Azteca youth dance group

Rabble Mill (\$30,000) – To assist with data tracking and operations for this organization providing life and professional skills for at-risk youth in Lincoln

Stand for Schools (\$15,000) – General-operating support for this organization advancing public education in Nebraska

Voices of Hope of Lincoln, Inc. (\$25,000) – Continued support of 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