Woods Charitable Fund’s Board of Directors approved grants in its fall grant cycle totaling $540,000 to 19 tax-exempt organizations at its November meeting.

The largest percentage of the granted funding – 51 percent – will support Human Services agencies. Additionally, 29 percent of the grants benefit Education programs and 10 percent are for Arts & Culture projects and organizations. Another 10 percent fund Civic & Community projects and organizations.

To date in 2020, Woods Charitable Fund has paid grants totaling $1,151,500. Woods Charitable Fund has paid grants totaling $102,609,307 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, call (402) 436-5971, visit 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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ACLU Nebraska Foundation, Inc. ($40,000) – Two-year support for a court-watching project in Lancaster County and related educational outreach

Bridges to Hope ($45,000) – Two-year continued staffing support for this organization providing household goods, clothing and personal items for those re-entering society after incarceration

Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties ($30,000) – Staffing support for the organization’s Financial Education and Coaching program

Dimensions Educational Research Foundation ($25,000) – Two-year funding for staff development for Lincoln early-childhood care professionals

Food Bank of Lincoln ($20,000) – A general-operating grant toward the Food Bank’s mission to alleviate hunger in Southeast Nebraska
**Girl Scouts-Spirit of Nebraska** ($10,000) – For a summer program for girls in outreach programming at Title I Lincoln Public Schools

**HUB Central Access Point for Young Adults** ($30,000) – General-operating support for this organization supporting youth transitioning to adulthood who are disconnected from family and the community

**Lincoln Arts Council** ($20,000) – For coordination of arts programming with Lincoln community and nonprofits organizations

**Lincoln Community Learning Centers** ($130,000) – Two-year support for leadership positions within this collaborative program providing services for Lincoln Public Schools’ students, their families and neighborhoods

**Lincoln Medical Education Partnership** ($10,000) – General-operating support for the School Community Intervention and Prevention Program, which works with community partners to provide mental, behavioral and emotional health care for students

**Malone Community Center** ($12,500) – General-operating support for the community center serving Lincoln’s African-American community and the Malone neighborhood

**Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach, Inc.** ($40,000) – Two-year support for the Homeless Diversion program, which works to find or keep housing options for those homeless or about to become homeless

**Mental Health Association of Nebraska** ($30,000) – Funding for staffing for its Living Room project, which provides a mental-health respite location in coordination with its REAL peer-support program

**Nebraska Cultural Endowment** ($10,000) – Project support for expansion of marketing for this endowment that matches funds pledged from the State of Nebraska to support arts and humanities programming across the state

**Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition (Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence)** ($12,500) – General-operating support for this advocacy organization committed to the prevention and elimination of sexual and domestic violence

**Nebraska Writers Collective** ($15,000) – Support for Louder Than a Bomb performance poetry program at Lincoln/Lancaster County public schools and the Writers’ Block program at the Lincoln Correctional Center

**Omaha Performing Arts Society** ($10,000) – Funding for participation of Lancaster County students in the Nebraska High School Theatre Awards program

**Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Inc.** ($20,000) – Continued support of educational staffing and programming in Lincoln
Rabble Mill ($30,000) – General-operating support for this organization providing life and professional skills for at-risk youth in Lincoln

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