In honor of our 25th year, the Hutchinson Community Foundation Board of Directors approved granting $200,000 through the Fund for Hutchinson, more than ever before in a single year. Even so, the Grants Committee still faced the difficult task of choosing which proposals received funding and which did not. Because even with the increase in funds, they are not nearly sufficient to meet all of the pressing needs in the community.

The grant recipients this year will purchase much-needed equipment upgrades, expand services to new locations and new audiences, and create opportunities for underserved youth. Additionally, the Grants Committee has made several significant multi-year grants to support start-up costs for new positions and programming so the organizations can depend on funding as they work toward sustainability.

To most of these organizations, a Fund for Hutchinson grant of $1,000 to $15,000 is a small portion of their budget. We know that we cannot meet all of their needs. But what the Fund for Hutchinson can do is provide that boost, meet that gap, build capacity, leverage other funding, and purchase new equipment. It can inspire innovation and collaboration, experimentation and leadership. And the Fund for Hutchinson is our opportunity each year to educate the community about the programs and organizations that are providing essential services to make our community greater.

Investing in such a diverse range of projects is only possible through an unrestricted grantmaking fund. The Fund for Hutchinson application process enables Foundation representatives—board members, community volunteers, and staff—to learn about creative solutions and critical needs in our communities and to support the important work of a wide variety of nonprofit partners.

We are proud to announce the 2014-2015 grant recipients and look forward to sharing the impact of their projects with you in the coming year.

Dan Garber, Grants Committee Chair  
Kari Mailloux, Program Officer
Arts & Culture

**Family Community Theatre, $1,500**  
Introduce new audiences to the theatre in an interesting outdoor venue, the Dillon Nature Center, through interactive performances for children and adults surrounded by the beauty of nature.

**Hutchinson Symphony Association, $1,850**  
Celebrate the 50th season by bringing extraordinary soloists and ensembles to perform with the Symphony.

**Hutchinson’s Historic Fox Theatre, $6,515**  
Purchase stage platforms to expand and enhance the capabilities of the Fox, its arts partners, and renters to present live events and educational programs, as well as increase rental revenue.

**TECH, Inc., $1,704**  
Assist TECH clients in growing their entrepreneurial skills and connecting with the greater Hutchinson community through designing and selling silk scarves.

Civic Improvement

**City of Hutchinson, $5,700**  
Support for a Neighborhood Revitalization Workshop that engages 30 civic and neighborhood leaders to achieve consensus on neighborhood revitalization strategies in Hutchinson.

**Hope and Life Center, $6,000**  
Start up for Square One, the initial phase of South Main public square placemaking for hosting artful community events and serving as a destination for people living both north and south of the tracks.

**Hutchinson/Reno County Chamber of Commerce, $4,000**  
Conduct a study to discover why people may work in Reno County but live in another community, using the results to better community initiatives and programming to make Reno County a place of choice.

**Hutchinson Recreation Commission, $16,000**  
First year of a three-year grant to support the sustainability of community development efforts to create an attractive place to live and work by developing a more vibrant, active community.

**Interfaith Housing Services, Inc., $15,000**  
First year of a two-year grant to establish a central Projects Coordinator position that will coordinate community efforts in addressing Hutchinson’s housing needs, including critical repair and rehabilitation, by connecting organizations, programs, volunteers, and funding.

**Interfaith Housing Services, Inc., $15,000**  
First year of a two-year grant to support a Mutual Self-Help Housing program where families can achieve their dream of homeownership as they build their own homes, gain financial responsibility, learn life skills, and build equity into their home while working to develop our community.

**Rotary Club of Hutchinson, $2,500**  
Celebrate the Centennial of the Rotary Club in Hutchinson through the improvement and beautification of a distressed area in Avenue A Park.

Health & Human Services

**Circles of Hope Reno County, $6,000**  
Develop tailored programming and curriculum for children of Circle Leaders, training activities and parenting resources for Circles of Hope families, and counseling services to reinforce positive life changes and promote generational success.

**Kansas Children’s Service League, $8,000**  
Operational assistance for Healthy Families of Reno County, a home visitation program that provides primary child abuse and neglect prevention services to families by helping create family sufficiency and independence centered on the relationship with their child. Matched 1:1 by Medicaid.

**Kansas Legal Services, $600**  
Purchase computer monitors to assist office staff in their ability to serve clients.

**Reno County Drug Court, $3,150**  
Pro-social reinforcements and sustainability for intensive recovery support services to high-risk clients.

**Salvation Army of Hutchinson, $3,878**  
Replace antiquated office equipment with new computers in order to efficiently serve, record, and track clients.

**Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Center, $1,000**  
Materials for the Red Flag Campaign, a public awareness campaign to educate about and prevent dating violence at Hutchinson Community College.

**Trails West EMS, $9,300**  
Purchase needed equipment and uniforms, as well as fund operating costs, in order to ensure the highest level of care possible to the citizens of Western Reno County.

**The Volunteer Center, $9,000**  
Second year of a three-year grant of bridge funding to provide continuous service while implementing a sustainability plan.

Youth Development & Education

**Communities That Care, $10,000**  
Reduce youth substance use in Reno County through targeted research-based programming, policy changes, and coalition capacity building efforts.

**Dillon Nature Center, $8,200**  
Through a new exhibit, educate and engage children and adults in learning about our amazing planet and encouraging them to explore the world outside.

**Hutchinson Public Schools, $5,000**  
Second year of a three-year grant to support the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme. Matched 1:1 by the Davis Foundation.

**Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center, $15,000**  
Purchase interactive technologies for the Robotic Program to challenge and inspire young adults and offer teaching tools for educators.
Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center, $15,000
First year of a three-year grant to increase the Cosmosphere’s capacity to develop, deliver, and pursue external funding for applied STEM educational programming.

KPTS Channel 8, $2,500
Continue to bring the PBS KIDS programming to Reno County, making quality educational programming available to the youngest and most impressionable children in our community. Matched 1:1 by PBS viewers.

Helen Adams Hamilton Children and Education Fund
To foster the growth, education, and development of young people who are eighteen years of age and younger, with a preference for funding activities that result in an early intervention in an at-risk child’s life.

Boy & Girls Clubs of Hutchinson, $10,000
Scholarships for youth housed in the NOEL Lodge to attend the Boys & Girls Clubs free of charge, providing a place of stability with mentors who care about their success academically, physically, and mentally.

Early Education Center, $3,900
Erect a shade structure on the Early Education Center’s new playground, allowing children and adults protection from the sun during play time.

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland, $3,250
Curriculum and financial assistance for underserved girls in grades K-5 to participate in Girl Scout Clubs and get the Girl Scout Leadership Experience at no cost.

Kid Krossing, Inc., $6,630
Enhance the playground area at Nickerson United Methodist Church to provide an additional outdoor venue for the after-school program that encourages participation in outdoor activities and exercise.

Transitional Learning Center, $4,000
Purchase language arts materials for students so every learner is better prepared to return to their home-based school, graduate, and become a productive member of society.

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Thanks to these generous donors, the FUND FOR HUTCHINSON ENDOWMENT has grown by $72,205 in 2014, our 25th year.

The Fund for Hutchinson was established by the founding Board of Directors as a permanent resource for the changing needs of Reno County.

30 grants to 28 organizations, totaling $200,177
$2.7 million has been awarded since 1990
Grant funding is supplemented by these endowed funds:
- Grace Paul Endowment for Reno County
- Helen Adams Hamilton Endowment
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$3 million by 2017
$20 million by 2030

The board of directors has set two bold goals for the Fund for Hutchinson. We believe it can happen with your help.

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