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Human Services Grant Examples

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“We were overwhelmed. It was like we got kicked in the gut,” said Dean Kaufert of Menasha.

Other grant results:

An additional 470 people are enrolling in English immersion classes this fall. Students also received materials to help learning to read in the Fox Cities Literacy Council.

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Community Foundation and seven family or corporate Foundation funds granted a total of $1.5 million.

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Shane Frenk says she wasn’t sure how to get into college after graduating from Waupaca High School in 2007, but with the FETC Promise scholarship and financial aid, she was able to study nursing at Fox Valley Technical College. Now she plans to become a registered nurse.

Other grant results: Shasi Pierotti says she wouldn’t have gone to college after graduating from Waupaca High School. An additional $50,000 in part-time scholarships will help students who are language learners or have other literacy problems.

Arts & Culture Grants Examples

Hundreds of paper cranes created by people of all ages are on exhibit throughout the community as an ongoing origami exhibition within the Fox Valley Museum of Art. The exhibit of 1,060 paper cranes, created by community groups and individuals, was sponsored by a renowned artist in the ancient paper folding technique.

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Brewer Village resident Doug Vahle gets his groceries as he can to live his health issues prevent from him from driving. If you’d ask his doctors, they’d say it’s a miracle he’s alive. Thanks to a $5,000 grant from the Community Foundation, Doug has a shopping cart that he can use to get out and see the house and get to the store. Doug is slowly becoming part of team Fox Valley and he is more comfortable at home than ever before.

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Breuwster Village resident Doug Vehage puts bicycling as the air he can’t live without. Health issues prevent him from enjoying a daily outdoor walk, but he’s grateful that the nonprofit Community Foundation of Fox Valley, Inc. has awarded funding through its Kaukauna Community Foundation’s Fox Cities Greenways Grant program. Doug is able to get out and enjoy the house and new bike after Doug’s eight children are operating on team Fox Valley's bikes through the Community Foundation of Fox Valley.

Other grant results:

- An additional 120 people are now English-language learners in their homes. 115 workers have received training to look for local Citizens Library Council.
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Environmental Grant Examples

The City of Appleton’s Bubolz Nature Preserve has been educating students about the surroundings in the suburban area since the 1970s. The project will now shift to a more comprehensive study of the environment. The City of Appleton has received $3.3 million in funding from the Community Foundation of Fox Valley Foundation.

Other grant results:

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To join the Legacy Circle and see the list of members, visit cffoxvalley.org/Legacy

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“We thought of our family, and of those who have served our community and to generations to come.” — Shannon and Jean Kenevan, Appleton

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Grants 2013–2017

To make it possible to continue distributing grants for generations to come, the assets of charitable funds managed to provide stability and growth.

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