

# Community Grants Report

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**City of Esbon,  
Esbon Community Center Metal Roof Repair  
Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund,  
\$7,600, Awarded 11/26/2019**

**Project Summary:** The Esbon Community Center's metal roof is in need of repair. After it rains the metal roof has developed several small leaks. A professional roofing company has been contacted for their advice and an estimate to coat the roof.

**Use of Funds:** All \$7,600.00 was used to pay All Weather Roofing and Insulation to seal and coat the metal roof of the Esbon Community Center with 838 Coatings Top Coat Acrylic.

**Impact & Results:** We are truly pleased with the outcome of this project. We had tried many times to seal a leak in the metal roof of the Esbon Community Center with no luck. When it rained a small leak had started inside the building. We did not want the walls or ceiling to become damaged beyond repair. The grant we received from Dane G Hansen through the Greater Salina Community Foundation and Jewell County Foundation was greatly appreciated. It would have taken the community several years to raise enough money to have the roof professionally sealed. This delay could have caused some major damage. With the grant plus money raised by fundraisers, our goal was accomplished. After the roof was sealed, volunteers painted the ceiling and wall inside the building, where it had leaked. After several rains, the roof did not leak. **The roof repair was a success! The community center has been a wonderful addition to the community in the last five years. This project helped preserve the building for future use in the years to come.**



**Jewell County Wellness, Help House Hansen Interns  
Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$4,832, Awarded 05/29/2019**

**Project Summary:** We've been awarded free interns again this year! Each county is responsible to pay housing costs, even if we don't pay their salary. This is outside of our regular budget, so we are asking for assistance in this for our two interns this year.

**Use of Funds:** Paying for the housing of our intern for this summer

**Impact & Results:** Dane G. Hansen interns have been an invaluable part of our summer for the last three years. Not only have we formed lasting relationships with these interns, we

**Hansen intern now working in Jewell Co.**

Jewell County Community Development Association has welcomed Katelyn Harbert as 2020 Dane G. Hansen Foundation Intern. She will be working in Jewell County throughout the summer.

Harbert is a senior at Kansas State University majoring in agricultural communications and journalism with a secondary major in global food systems leadership. She looks forward to bringing her knowledge and skills to the county. She is the daughter of Joseph and Darla Harbert of Kingman and the granddaughter of Robert and the late Colleen Malmquist of Courtland.

"Having family roots in the area, I am passionate about Jewell County and eager to serve the community," Harbert said. "I look forward to applying my agricultural communications education."

Harbert will be working on a variety of projects aimed at growth in Jewell County.

Jenny Russell, Jewell County community development coordinator and summer intern supervisor, said, "The Dane G. Hansen Foundation internship program allows us to bring great talent to work on projects in Jewell County. This is the third year we have been blessed with these positions. Katie will be a great asset in marketing Jewell County, Jewell County Community Foundation, and the Rural and Remote program! Be looking for Katie out in the communities and make plans to attend her presentation of work at the end of this summer."

The Jewell County Community Foundation is paying for Katie's housing at Jewell.



have actually hired a former intern full-time and we plan to hire our architecture intern from last year when she gets licensed in three years. This years round of intern candidates have been no less impressive. We had such amazing numbers and quality of intern candidates this year, that it was truly difficult to decide who was going to get the position. Katie is above and beyond impressive in talent and experience. She has rural ties and was over-the-moon excited to actually find an opportunity in a rural area. These interns helped us to build major foundational work like the Foundation, Land Banks, Downtown Revitalization, County Marketing, Event Development, and Educational Elements.

We would not have had the time, talents, or resources to move these projects along as well or as quickly without these positions. Also, two of the years we had actual architecture students to be able to provide this niche of expertise that we are very limited on in our area and often cannot afford to hire as a community. These interns also get exposure and an appreciation for rural that they might not have had before. The program enables them to visualize how they can come back to NWKS after college and that is very important to the areas ability to thrive. **Thank you for the opportunity to house our intern.**

**City of Mankato, Mankato Golf Course Equipment  
Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, \$6,000, Awarded 11/26/2019**

**Project Summary:** The Mankato Golf Course is applying for Dane G Hansen Community Grant Funds for the purpose of purchasing a zero turn mower for maintenance done completely by volunteer labor on the course.

**Use of Funds:** The funds were used to locally purchase a Hustler Fatrak 60" Zero Turn Mower for golf course mowing

**Impact & Results:** The awarding of this grant for the purchase of the mower has had a tremendous impact in the volunteer hours spent at the golf course this spring. With only a handful of volunteers that regularly perform all of the mowing, the zero turn mower has dramatically cut down on mowing time because of the increased reliability and efficiency. We continually get compliments on how great it is to have this grant program available so that underfunded programs can purchase items such as that mower that otherwise would be unattainable.