



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF STORY COUNTY

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Story County Board of Supervisors Report February 10th, 2025

ASSET Financial Authorizations

FY 26: \$260,625 total - \$35,536 from Story County

FY 27: \$263,121 total - \$35,930 from Story County

On behalf of the members we serve, our staff, and community, thank you for your ongoing support and funding.

Calendar Year 2025 Overview

Mission Statement: To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens.

Overall Information:

- Ames clubs serve Kindergarten-12th grades, School year is open 2:45-7
- Nevada serves K-8th and is open 3-6pm,
- Summer Club June-August, 9-10 weeks long and open M-F 730-530,
- Ames traditionally hosts teen night once a week from 7-9pm. Recently Nevada started a middle school night for 5th-8th graders.
- Each day we provide our members with a safe environment to participate in character building programs focused on education, health and leadership. Last year the Nevada Club offered 30 different character-building programs, and the Ames Club offered 49 different programs.
- Our Ames Club renovation and expansion is complete. We were able to start our summer club on time on June 9th. Also, in the summer of 2025, we increased our Nevada capacity to 45 kids per day.
- In 2025 we served 322 total kids in Ames and Nevada, which was a 22% increase over 2024.
- We provide a warm cooked meal daily with snacks at both sites
 - Ames provided 12,022 meals
 - Nevada provided 3,954 meals
 - Total provided: 15,976 meals
 - That's an increase of almost 2,000 meals served over 2024
- Our Grab N go Area provided 10,300 lbs of food for families to take home
- Our hours show us to be an afterschool program, but we also provide quality services on early outs, teacher in services, holiday breaks and throughout the summer. We did increase our membership fees last year, but our average school year costs are still \$1.67 per day/per member during the school year
- Currently we employ 11 full-time staff and 20 PT staff
- Household demographics
 - 30% come from a single-parent home.
 - 40% come from families with income levels of \$50K or lower.



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Story County, Iowa American Rescue Plan Act Award

In July 2022 BGCSC was awarded \$275,000 to expand programming, infrastructure, and services to address the academic, social/emotional, and foundational life skills needs of school aged youth ages 6-18 created by the public health emergency.

Progress Made:

- After pausing our reimbursements last year due to a couple of grants that also covered staffing we restarted our reimbursements in January of 2025. Our grant money is currently on pace to run out in late 2026. We are being reimbursed for IT support, fiber internet at our Nevada Club, and staffing support.
 - Some of the academic programs provided this school year include STEM, Science Club, Robotics, and Digital Science. We also have a partnership with ISU and tutors from the America Reads/America Counts work study program visit our clubs almost every day of the week to provide tutoring to our members.
 - Other supplemental BGCA programs offered to develop life skills this semester are: Let's Cook, Yoga, SMART Moves, Journeys to Adulthood, Leadership, and Positive Club Climate. We also use Transfer VR headsets so that our teens can explore careers using virtual reality.
 - A class from ISU provided a series of activities focusing on nutrition, health, and hygiene to our members recently.
 - Results from a recent member survey that shows our impact on the community and our future:
 - 92% of members said they enjoy learning new things
 - 96% of members said they ask for help when they need it at school
 - 83% of members said they believe they can do well in school
 - All members reported getting passing grades on their report cards.
 - 82% of our members feel they can cope with their feelings when they are upset
 - 85% of our members believe they can make a positive difference in their community
 - 85% of our members do what is right, even if nobody is watching.
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- Our Ames Clubhouse Expansion/Remodel was chosen by the Ames Regional Economic Alliance as the 2026 Community Project of the Year.

In Appreciation



Ryan Santi, CEO