STEP Foundation announces grant awards (KMZA)--The Nemaha County Step Foundation Board of Directors has announced recipients for the second-round of 2019 grants.

According to a news release from the STEP Foundation, two organizations will be receiving a total of \$ 8,400 from the Foundation general endowment fund.

Seneca Boy Scout Troop 71 has been awarded \$7,300 to purchase a new trailer and camping gear.

Camp Coordinator Doug Dalinghaus said in the application that with the increase in the number of Boy Scouts going to Scout camp each year and other camping events, their current trailer does not accommodate the needs of the Troop. Dalinghaus also said their current camping gear is in poor condition and outdated.

Centralia USD 380 schools was awarded \$1,100 to upgrade library materials and decor.

The grant funds will be used to upgrade books that are often read but in poor condition, purchase additional books to enhance selections and upgrade decor to reflect a positive atmosphere. Library aide Lydia Steinlage said the overall goal is to have an inviting library with easy access to quality books.

The release said more \$57,000 in grant funding was requested this round.

Grants are available twice a year through the STEP Foundation, with the next deadline being January 15, 2020.

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