



**Project Food and Fellowship** assists family readiness coordinators, military community volunteers and event coordinators with creating and hosting social gatherings for active duty, reservists, veterans, Gold Star families and all military families.

The goal of **Project: Food and Fellowship** is to help enhance or create memorable and enriching experiences for members of our military and build and strengthen relationships within the community.



## EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

- Community recognition of active, reserve, veteran and Gold Star Families during significant days and observances for the United States Armed Forces (Veteran's Day, Armed Forces Day, etc.)
- Community or unit-based programs that provide unique/special needs to military families—i.e. adopt a family, back to school supplies, children's gifts, etc.
- Unit-based holiday gatherings coordinated by unit leadership and/or family services coordinators
- Community welcome home or send-off events
- Military child and youth programs

## HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Military event coordinators complete the funding request for housed on the "Foundation" page of [www.iowaselect.com](http://www.iowaselect.com). Funding will be granted on a rolling basis. You can expect a decision within two weeks of your submission.

- These grants should help you create gatherings that provide a fellowship opportunity for military families or provide recognition of their service and sacrifice.
- Project: Food and Fellowship grants are reimbursement-based. You should keep your itemized receipts and submit them for reimbursement after the event takes place.
- Reimbursement dollars typically range from \$250 to \$2,500.
- Funds are to be used on items such as food, event materials, event supplies, activities and accommodations that enhance the experience of being together.
- Preference is given to Homegrown Iowa communities—rural communities of Iowa Select Farms, but all Iowa efforts are eligible.
- Travel costs, sponsorship fees, capital campaigns, administrative staffing costs and general operational costs are not eligible for reimbursement.
- Once the event is completed, organizers are required to submit a story of the event along with photos to share with the Iowa Select Farms and Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation community.