Funding Resource Guide
for Sustainable Initiatives in an Evolving Community

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CATALOGS & DIRECTORIES

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
www.cfda.gov
A compendium of over 1400 federal programs offering grants, loans, gifts, etc.

Council on Foundations
www.cof.org
http://www.cof.org/resources/grants-management
The site is a directory of private foundations and funding sources.

Charity Channel
www.charitychannel.com
This site acts as a compendium of public and private giving.

Federal Register Digest
www.federalregisterdigest.com
This site is a fee-based, weekly service about important regulations, grants and deadlines; primarily for educators.

Foundation Center
http://fdncenter.org
A non-profit information clearinghouse that collects, organizes, and analyzes information on foundations, corporate giving and related subjects.
Foundations On-line
www.foundations.org/grantmakers.html
A comprehensive directory listing of foundations and grant makers along with associated website links.

Nonprofit.Org
www.nonprofit.com
Internet non-profit center links to a variety of funding sources geared toward non-profit organizations.

The Grantsmanship Center
http://www.tgci.com/
This site helps non-profit organizations and government agencies write strong proposals. This fee-based site contains free information for tips and abstracts of proposals.
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Administration for Children and Families
www.acf.hhs.gov
The Administration for Children & Families (ACF) is a division of the Department of Health & Human Services. ACF promotes the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities. Click on the tab labeled “Grants” to explore grant opportunities, forms, and how to apply.

Bureau of Indian Affairs
http://www.bia.gov/index.htm
The United States has a unique legal and political relationship with Indian tribes and Alaska Native entities as provided by the Constitution of the United States, treaties, court decisions, and Federal statutes. Within the government-to-government relationship, Indian Affairs provides services directly or through contracts, grants, or compacts to 566 federally recognized tribes.

United States Department of Agriculture
An agency dedicated to expanding economic opportunity through innovation. USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management.

USDA Rural Development
Follow the above link for funding information on rural business investment and community development initiatives. The site includes a link to the application packet at grants.gov. Grants available:

- Rural Business Investment Program
- Rural Community Development Initiative
United States Department of Commerce

http://www.commerce.gov/about-commerce/grants-contracting-trade-opportunities#grants

The U.S. Department of Commerce promotes job creation, economic growth, sustainable development, and improved standards of living for all Americans by working in partnership with businesses, universities, communities, and our nation’s workers. Click on the link above for grant opportunities.

United States Department of Education

http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grants-apply.html?src=ft

Its mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. To find grant opportunities click on the link above.

Department of Health and Human Services – Healthy People Initiative


An organization guided by science-based 10-year national objectives, which improve the health of all Americans. Healthy People uses an approach of established benchmarks and monitored progress. The outcome is a list of strategies that encourage and empower communities while also measuring the impact of its activities. For health centered funding opportunities, click on the link listed above.

United States Department of Homeland Security

http://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/find-and-apply-grants

The Department of Homeland Security distributes grant funds to enhance the ability of regional authorities to prepare, prevent, and respond to terrorist attacks and other disasters. Localities use grants for planning, equipment, training, and exercise needs.
United States Department of Energy
http://www.energy.gov/public-services/funding-financing
The mission of the Energy Department is to ensure America’s security and prosperity by addressing its energy, environmental, and nuclear challenges through transformative science and technology solutions. Click the link above for grant and funding opportunities.

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
HUD’s mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD awards grants to organizations and groups for a variety of purposes. To participate in the HUD grants program, you are required to register with Grants.gov.

United States Department of the Interior
http://www.doi.gov/oia/grants.cfm
The U.S. Department of the Interior protects America’s natural resources and heritage, honors our cultures and tribal communities, and supplies the energy to power our future. Click on link to explore grant opportunities.
United States Department of Justice
http://www.justice.gov/ati/grant-info.html
http://www.justice.gov/business/
The Department offers funding opportunities to conduct research that supports law enforcement activities in state and local jurisdictions. The activities focus on training and technical assistance to implement programs that improve the criminal justice system. Explore both web portals to identify existing grants and funding opportunities.

United States Department of Labor
http://www.dol.gov/dol/business.htm#grant
To foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights. Click the link above for grant information and resources.

United States Department of Transportation
http://www.dot.gov/grants
The mission of the Department is to serve the United States by ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future.

United States Department of Veterans Affairs
http://www.research.va.gov/funding/
The department’s primary function is to support Veterans in their time after service by providing benefits and support. A current initiative in the Department is to prevent and end Veterans’ homelessness. The VA works with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness to address these issues.
United States Economic Development Administration  
http://www.eda.gov/grants/

The EDA solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA’s Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

United States Institute of Museum and Library Services  

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The mission of IMLS is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. They provide leadership through research, policy development, and grant making. Searchable databases of available grants are found by clicking the link above.

Institutes of Health  
www.nih.gov/grants

An agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, it is the primary agency of the United States government responsible for biomedical and health-related research. The NIH conducts both its own scientific research through its Intramural Research Program (IRP) and provides major biomedical research funding to non-NIH research facilities through its Extramural Research Program.
United States National Endowment for the Arts
http://arts.gov/grants
The National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency that funds and promotes artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities.

National Science Foundation
www.nsf.gov
With an annual budget of $7.2 billion (FY 2014), it is the funding source for approximately 24 percent of all federally supported basic research conducted by America's colleges and universities. In many fields such as mathematics, computer science, and the social sciences, NSF is the major source of federal backing.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
http://www.ojjdp.gov/funding/funding.html
The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) provides national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization. OJJDP supports states and communities in their efforts to develop and implement prevention and intervention programs.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
http://beta.samhsa.gov/grants
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.

Computers for Learning
http://computersforlearning.gov/
The CFL program's ambitious goal is to make modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom so that every child receives an opportunity to be educated to his or her full potential.
Eligibility: K-12 public, private, and parochial schools; and 501(c) (3) educational organizations that serve PreK-12 students.
Funds: Computer equipment (Generally, the school or educational nonprofit organization must pay for the shipping and handling of the computers.).
Benefits:
- Helping the grant community learn more about available opportunities
- Facilitating interaction with the federal government
- Simplifying the grant application process to save applicants costs, time and hassle
- Making it easier to research and find federal grant opportunities
- Making electronic grant application processing easier
- Providing a secure and reliable source to apply for federal grants

Contact Us: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Phone: 1-800-518-4726
Email: support@grants.gov

User Guide:
Click the image for the full user guide.

Need more help working through Grants.gov?

United States Senator John Hoeven for North Dakota
http://www.hoeven.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/grant-support
Hoeven’s staff is happy to help as you seek grant support for your programs and projects in North Dakota. Whether you are just starting the grant process or have already submitted your proposal, the staff can help provide information, write a letter of interest to grantors, or facilitate communication with federal agencies.

United States Senator Heidi Heitkamp for North Dakota
http://www.heitkamp.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/grants
Heitkamp’s resources include informational material on her website to assist in the process of federal grants. Heitkamp’s site contains links to websites that can aid in the grant writing process.
Organization Registration Checklist

The following checklist provides registration guidance for a company, institution, state, local or tribal government, or other type of organization. The registration process is a **one-time** process, which is **required** before representatives of an organization can submit grant application packages electronically through Grants.gov. The registration process can take **one to three weeks** depending on your organization.

**Note:** If you are a grant applicant, who is submitting a grant application on your own behalf and not on behalf of a company, institution, state, local or tribal government, or other type of organization, refer to the [http://www.grants.gov/documents/19/18243/GrantsGovApplicantUserGuide.pdf](http://www.grants.gov/documents/19/18243/GrantsGovApplicantUserGuide.pdf). If you apply as an individual to a grant application package designated for organizations, your application will be rejected.

### Grants.gov Registration Checklist

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<td>1. Has my organization identified its DUNS Number?</td>
<td>- The Federal government has adopted the use of DUNS numbers to track how federal grant money is allocated.</td>
<td>- Same Day. You will receive DUNS Number information online.</td>
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<td>- Ask the grant administrator, chief financial officer, or authorizing official of your organization to identify your DUNS number.</td>
<td>- DUNS numbers are required to identify organizations.</td>
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<td>- If your organization does not know its DUNS Number, visit Dun &amp; Bradstreet at <a href="http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do">http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do</a>.</td>
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<td>2. Has my organization registered with the System for Award Management (SAM, formerly managed by CCR)?</td>
<td>- Designating an E-Business Point of Contact safeguards organizations from individuals who may attempt to submit grant application packages without permission.</td>
<td>- Preparation: Allow 1-3 days to gather the internal organization information, obtain security information that needs to be mailed to the organization, and to prepare the application.</td>
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<td>- Ask the grant administrator, chief financial officer, or authorizing official of your organization if your organization has registered with SAM.</td>
<td>- Registering with the SAM is required for organizations to use Grants.gov.</td>
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<td>- If your organization is not registered, register online at <a href="http://www.sam.gov">http://www.sam.gov</a>. Check</td>
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the SAM website for additional instructions.

- When your organization registers with SAM, you will be required to designate an E-Business Point of Contact (E-Business POC). This person will be given a special password called an "MPIN." This password gives him or her the sole authority to designate which staff members from your organization are allowed to submit applications electronically though Grants.gov.

- Staff members from your organization designated to submit applications are called Authorized Organization Representatives (AORs).

- If your organization already has an Employment Identification Number (EIN) or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN): you should allow a minimum of 5 business days to complete the entire SAM registration.

- If your organization does not have an EIN or TIN: you should allow two weeks for obtaining the information from IRS when requesting the EIN or TIN via phone or internet.

3. Have the AORs who officially submit applications on behalf of your organization registered with the Credential Provider to obtain a username and password?

- AORs must register with the Credential Provider to obtain their usernames and passwords at http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/OrcRegister. They will need to know your organization’s DUNS number to complete the process.

- After your organization registers with the CCR, AORs must wait one business day before they can obtain their usernames and passwords.

- Receive a username and password to submit applications through Grants.gov.

- AOR usernames and passwords serve as "electronic signatures" when your organization submits applications on Grants.gov.

- Same Day. AORs will receive a username and password when they submit the information.

4. Have the AORs who will officially submit applications on behalf of the organization registered with Grants.gov for an account?

- AORs must register with Grants.gov for an account at

- This creates an account on Grants.gov that allows AORs

- Same Day. AORs will be registered when they
5. Has the E-Business Point of Contact (POC) approved AORs to submit applications on behalf of the organization?

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<td>When an AOR registers with Grants.gov, your Organization’s E-Business POC will receive an e-mail notification.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Your E-Business POC must then log into Grants.gov (using the organization’s DUNS number for the username and the &quot;MPIN&quot; password obtained in Step 2) and approve the AOR, thereby giving him or her permission to submit applications.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>When an E-Business POC approves an AOR, Grants.gov will send the AOR a confirmation e-mail.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>AORs can log in to the Applicant home page using their username and password (obtained in Step 3) to check if they have been approved.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Only the E-Business POC can approve AORs. This allows your organization to authorize specific staff members to submit grants.</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>This step depends on how long it takes the E-Business POC to log in and approve the AOR.</td>
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| Related Step | More Information |
The Life of a Grants.gov Application Package

Grants.gov
Grants.gov is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately $400 billion in annual awards.

APPLICANT

FIND
Applicant visits Grants.gov to Find Grant Opportunities

APPLY
Applicant downloads and completes a grant application package (this process can occur during registration)
Applicant submits completed application package Via Grants.gov

SUCCEED
Grant Awarded!

GRANTOR

Grantor establishes grant opportunity, funding criteria, and Funding Opportunity Number (FON)

Grantor utilizes forms found in Grants.gov Form Repository to create application package for specific grant opportunity

Grantor publishes application package for grant opportunity on Grants.gov

Grantor reviews application package

Grantor selects and notifies applicant of grant award

Grants.gov hosts the application package online in a searchable database.

Grants.gov screens application package for technical errors (e.g., virus) and transmits package to grantor agency
North Dakota Department of Economic Development & Finance
http://www.business.nd.gov/development_fund/

The North Dakota Development Fund coordinates efforts between all the sources of financing, the business, and the community. Any project considered for this financing must be feasible and have a reasonable chance of succeeding.

Application Process:
http://www.business.nd.gov/development_fund/ApplicationProcess/

Programs:

**North Dakota Development Fund**
Loan is for North Dakota businesses located in cities with a population of 8,000 or less. The program also has a funding limit of $300,000.
Application:

**Revolving Rural Loan Fund**
Loan is for North Dakota Businesses located in cities with a population of 8,000 or less than or 5 miles outside city limits. The program has a funding limit of $300,000.

**Rural Incentive Growth Program**
Program is for cities with a population of less than 2,500. The loan award goes to the city then disbursed to the business. The business must be an essential service to the community. The program-funding limit is $75,000.

**Child Care Loan Program**
The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to North Dakota childcare providers. Eligible providers include licensed profit, non-profit and public childcare facilities. Approved uses of funds include equipment, real estate, and working capital. The maximum award is $100,000.
Application:

**New Venture Capital Program**
The borrower can be any primary sector business in North Dakota. The program’s has maximum funding is $300,000.
Application:
Entrepreneur Loan Program
The loan program is for any North Dakota business that uses the services of a certified Entrepreneurial Center. For every $4 of state funds, $1 of non-state matching funds is required.

Application:

Entrepreneur Center Loan Program
This is a 1 to 1 fund matching program with a business approved by the Entrepreneurial Center. The program has a maximum funding of $60,000 per year with an aggregate maximum of $300,000.

Application:

ND Small Business Technology Investment Program
The program is for any primary sector technology business at start-up stage, the program is in conjunction of the North Dakota Angel Fund. The funds for the project is for each $1 of state funds, $2 dollars of certified angel fund investment matching funds is required and must be in cash, the maximum investment is $50,000. The receipt of the program cannot receive it more than once.

Application:

Click on the following link for a brochure that provides more information on the referenced programs:
North Dakota Department of Tourism

http://www.ndtourism.com/industry/north-dakota-tourism-grants

Marketing and Event Grants are available from the North Dakota Department of Tourism for individual businesses, communities and tourism marketing organizations wanting to promote North Dakota tourism-related programs or projects.

Marketing Grant

The Matched Grant Program provides funds to individual businesses, communities, and tourism marketing organizations wanting to promote North Dakota tourism-related programs or projects for the 2015 season.

Guidelines:

Application:

Maximum Match: $5,000
Availability: Due the end of August annually

Event Grant

The Events Matched Grant Program has funds available for communities, and event promoters wanting to regionally promote their 2015 tourism-related event.

The Event:

- Must be two or more days in length.
- Must be an annual event (no centennial celebrations, etc.) or event with national significance.
- Must be a unique event (e.g., no Fourth of July, Labor Day, etc. celebrations).
- Must have visitor appeal and growth potential.
- Can occur anytime during the year.
- Cannot be religious or political in nature

Guidelines:

Application:

Maximum Match: $5,000
Availability: Due the end of August annually

Tourism Expansion Grant

The Tourism Expansion Matched Grants support new or expanding tourism or recreation facilities or designated development areas. Funds can only be used for buildings and equipment.

Guidelines:

Application:

Maximum Match: $24,000
Availability: Due in April 10, 2015
North Dakota Heritage Fund Grants

http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm

North Dakota’s Outdoor Heritage Fund, established in 2013 as a multi-million dollar program to provide grants to state agencies, tribal governments, political subdivisions, and nonprofit organizations.

- **Application and Budget Form**: Located on the website in a word document
- **Submission Dates**: August 1, 2014, November 1, 2014 & April 1, 2015
- **Grant Information Contact**: Karlene Fine at (701)-328-3722 with the Industrial Commission

North Dakota Housing Market Survey Grant

http://www.ndhfa.org/Development/HousingMarketSurvey.html

The Housing Market Survey Grant Program is a cost-sharing incentive program for rural communities to develop a local housing strategy. A housing strategy or plan is essential for a community striving to maintain or expand its population. This is true whether the community is pursuing economic and workforce development, or whether it is just trying to maintain its population by keeping aging housing stock viable and offering alternative housing solutions for its citizens. The critical first step to establishing a successful housing strategy is to conduct a market survey/analysis to determine the status of existing housing as well as, future housing needs.

**Requirements:**

- Eligible applicants are communities or non-profit organizations representing or working in partnership with communities.
- Eligible communities must meet the USDA Rural Development definition of rural (populations of 35,000 or less).
- The maximum grant will be 50 percent of the out-of-pocket costs of the market survey, not to exceed $5,000.
- Applicant should submit written notification to the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) indicating intent to conduct a market survey and request participation in the Housing Market Survey Grant Program by completing the Housing Market Survey Grant Application (SFN TBA).
- NDHFA will issue a written commitment letter, as appropriate. Applicant must submit the completed market survey within six months from the date of approval to proceed.
- Upon completion of the market survey, the eligible applicant will submit the Housing Market Survey Grant Request for Payment (SFN TBA).
- Submission of payment requests must be within 60 days following completion of the survey.

**Grant Criteria:**


**Application:**


**Availability**: Year round
North Dakota Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office Grants
ND Energy and Infrastructure and Impact Office have different grants throughout the year. Check the website for more information and to see what grants they are offering at the time, the grant rounds vary throughout the year.

Grants can range from:
- City
- K-12 Schools
- Airports
- EMS Fire
- Sheriff/ Law Enforcement
- Higher Education
- Dust Control
- General Grant Fund

Schedule of Upcoming Grant Rounds:


Applications (Word or PFD):
http://www.nd.gov/energyimpact/Forms.aspx
REGIONAL

Agri-Bank’s Rural Community Grant Fund
http://info.agribank.com/communityinvolvement/rcgf/Pages/default.aspx

Farm Credit Services of Mandan and Farm Credit Services of North Dakota established a partnership known as AgriBank to provide the Rural Community Grant Fund. Disbursements through this fund are for projects and programs in rural western North Dakota communities. Grants up to $50,000 will be available within the Rural Community Grant Fund to facilitate infrastructure improvement and/or development initiatives encompassing housing projects, health, safety, and environmental programs, medical facilities, educational programs and more.

Past projects include:
- Multiple Family Housing;
  - Dwellings for the elderly needing assistance or on low or fixed incomes;
  - Young families and single parents on low incomes;
- Health, safety and environmental projects or programs;
- Medical services, such as hospitals, clinics and nursing care facilities;
- Emergency services, such as ambulance, fire, hazardous materials, police and first responders;
- Environmental and conservation efforts;
- Programs aimed at development of rural western North Dakota young leaders in agriculture, economic development and local leadership;
- Educational programs for kindergarten through twelfth grade;
- Recreational facilities; and
- Arts, museums, and historical projects.

Online Application: https://fs3.formsite.com/AgriBank/RuralCommunityGrantFund/secure_index.html
Submission Dates: April 30, August 31 & November 30 and must be submitted electronically
Qualifications: Preference given to a 501(c)(3)
Maximum Funding: $50,000
Location: Western North Dakota

Consensus Council
http://agree.org/communityinnovationgrants/
A program of the Consensus Council in Partnership with the Bush Foundation that offers grants designed for leading the process of creating community innovation. The Consensus Council and the Bush Foundation are committed to addressing racial and economic disparities. At least 50% of Community Innovation grants will be to projects that address these disparities. Funding awards range from $500 to $10,000. Grants over $10,000 are available directly from the Bush Foundation. (See Bush Foundation for more information.)

Application: Application with materials will be available on the web in early September
Availability of the grant: Opens and closes in September
Location: North Dakota
Minot Area Community Foundation
http://www.centerforcommunitygiving.com/

The Minot Area Community Foundation is a leading voice and catalyst for connecting donors, nonprofit organizations, professional advisors, community leaders, and other partners to inspire charitable giving and improve the quality of life in communities in our area. The organization works directly with donors, foundations, corporations, and nonprofit organizations to provide education about issues affecting communities while also providing support for its charitable goals.

Funds Available for:
Grants are awarded from the discretionary and field of interest funds. The Community Foundation maintains full discretion over all grantmaking decisions. MACF will consider funding for special projects, innovative programs, equipment, and building needs.

Most grants are in the $1,000 to $25,000 range; however, larger grants have been frequently awarded. Chances for funding approval increases if the program or project:

• Proposes practical solutions to community problems;
• Responds to changing or emerging community needs;
• Addresses prevention as well as assistance for a problem;
• Promotes cooperation among nonprofit agencies without duplicating efforts;
• Leverages or generates other funding or resources;
• Promotes volunteer participation and citizen involvement in the community;
• Promotes grants that enhance and encourage sustainability.

Eligibility:

• 501 (c)(3) nonprofit
• Public Agency/ unit of government
• Religious institution

Grant Proposal Checklist

Grant Cover Sheet/ Application

Availability: Applications are continually accepted and are reviewed every month.

Location: Minot Area
Minot Area Growth through Investment and Cooperation (MAGIC Fund)
The MAGIC Fund is a local economic development financial incentive funded by a 1% sales tax, managed through the City of Minot. The fund projects it will generate more than $2 million in funding per year. Currently, the MAGIC fund assisted more than 200 projects with more than $33 million in funding.

**Eligibility:**
Funding is available in the form of a loan or a grant. New and existing primary sector businesses that qualify for funding may receive:
- Temporary or permanent financing for an business cost, related to the expansion of the existing business
- Relocation or establishment of a new business

Location: Minot Area
Contact for more information: (701)-857-4752 or [clerk@minotnd.org](mailto:clerk@minotnd.org)

North Dakota Community Foundation
[www.ndcf.net](http://www.ndcf.net)
Established in 1976, the North Dakota Community Foundation is a public, non-profit, tax-exempt organization that receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs that benefit North Dakotans. NDCF currently manages over $50 Million in assets and it awarded more than $54 Million in grants across North Dakota. It considers all grants on their own merit.

**Guidelines:** [http://ndcf.net/Information/GrantGuidelines.asp](http://ndcf.net/Information/GrantGuidelines.asp)
Application: [http://ndcf.net/Information/GrantRequest.pdf](http://ndcf.net/Information/GrantRequest.pdf)
**Maximum Award:** $5,000
**Location:** North Dakota
North Star Caviar Grant Program
http://www.northstarcaviar.com/gprogram.asp
To provide funding for projects of interest to the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce and Friends of Fort Union Trading Post. Projects must be historical, cultural, recreational, or resource-related in nature.

Requirements:
- Non Profit Status
- Definite beginning and completion to the project
- Stronger consideration given to the impact on a larger population of people
- Equipment purchased must be open for public use
- Credit must be given to North Star Caviar in the event of any promotion or signage

Availability: Application open January 1st to March 1st
Location: Williams, McKenzie and Divide Counties

Roughrider Electric / Slope Electric Grant
http://roughriderelectric.com/content/operation-round
The electrical cooperatives created a community service effort that gets the members involved in giving back to the community. The program called “Operation Round Up,” allows members to round up their bills to the next dollar and the change goes into the fund.

Roughrider Electric
Location: Billings, Dunn, Mercer, Oliver, and Stark counties
Online application:
http://www.roughriderelectric.com/content/operation-round-application

Slope Electric
Location: Adams, Bowman, Hettinger, and Slope counties
Application & Guidelines (PFD):

Southwest North Dakota Grants
The SW Regional Sales Tax Grant and the Senior Citizen Center grant are annual grants given out by the City of Dickinson. The grants help the surrounding communities. For more information on these grants, please contact Dickinson City Hall at 701-456-7744.

City of Dickinson SW Regional Sales Tax Grant Application
http://dickinsongov.com/%5CDocuments%5CDownload%20an%20Application%5CAdministration%5CSW%20Regional%20Grant.pdf

Dickinson City Sales Tax for Senior Citizen Centers Grant Application
The STAR fund created from a 1% city sales tax, provides funding for tax relief, economic and community development, and other quality of life projects. All projects recommended by the Williston Star Fund will be subject to approval by the City Commission.


Availability: Year round

Location: Williston and northwestern North Dakota

Requirements for all Programs:

- Be in designated location
- Be recommend by the STAR panel
- Get approved by the Williston City Commission with a 4/5th vote.

Programs Types:

Mini – Match Program

The goal of the program is to take mini steps to make Williston a better place by helping new and existing businesses to succeed, make their properties more attractive to their customers, and to make the community more attractive to potential new businesses, employees, residents, and visitors.

How the Program Works: The STAR Fund will match the investment in commercial and industrial zoned property projects on a 1 (City): 2 (Applicant) basis. The STAR Fund will invest a maximum of $10,000 per project. The applicant completes an application along with an estimate of construction costs. The STAR Fund pays based on submittal of construction bills for the project and the inspection by the City building inspector that the completed project. Applicant is responsible for providing documentation that expenses are legitimate expenses related to the project. The City reserves the right to make final determination.

Features:

- Total minimum applicant’s out of pocket project expense $20,000
- The grant may be subject to income tax.
- City reserves the right to make a final determination on all projects.
- Mini-Match cap of $200,000 per calendar year. First come, first serve basis and as funding is available to the STAR Fund.
Qualifications:
- Project is a commercial or industrial zoned business within the City Limits of Williston.
- Applicant is current with property tax.
- Applicant would qualify for no more than one Mini-Match project per a five-year period.
- Applicant’s Mini-Match funds will expire one year from the City Commission approval date.
- If a Mini-Match recipient applies for a Flex PACE during the five years the Mini-Match amount received will be deducted from the Flex PACE.
- A Flex-PACE recipient is eligible to apply for a Mini-Match five years after Flex Pace approval from City Commission.
- One Mini-Match application per physical address on a rehab building older than 10 years old.
- If the applicant is not the building owner, the building owner must sign the Mini-Match acknowledging they will not be eligible for a Mini-Match.
- Non-sectarian religious activities are permitted.

Flex PACE Express Program
The goal of the program is to make Williston a better place by helping existing businesses to succeed, make their properties more attractive to their customers, and to make the community more attractive to potential new businesses, employees, residents and visitors by assisting businesses to take major steps to build, remodel, or expand their facilities.

How the Program Works: The STAR Fund will match the Bank of North Dakota through the Flex PACE Interest Buy-down Program to encourage investment in commercial and industrial property. The Star Fund will invest up to a maximum of $52,800 / project or up to a maximum of $162,000 on a childcare facility as the community’s portion of the interest buy-down at a designated participation level set by the Bank of North Dakota. The Bank of North Dakota will provide an additional percentage of the interest savings. A large project could save as much as $150,000 in interest with this program.

The applicant completes an application along with an estimate of construction costs. Upon completion of construction, the STAR Fund works with the applicant’s bank to provide funds as a part of the permanent financing for the project. Flex PACE-approved funding expires 18 months from the date of City Commission approval. Any approved monies requested on this application are for interest buy-down and not equity in the project.

Due to the growth in the City and the demands on the STAR Fund, there is no guarantee that these funds will be available every year. The application will go before the STAR Fund Board and City Commission for review and it may receive approval for the first year interest buy-down amount of the loan as presented. For the near future, a review of the STAR Fund yearly installment will take place annually based on the City Commission approval date and each 12-month period until the funding runs out or there are sufficient funds to fund your application fully.
**Features:**
- Match of $5,000 on project costs under $125,000 from the City of Williston STAR Fund.
- Match of $10,000 on project costs between $125,000 and $250,000 from the City of Williston STAR Fund.
- Match of $24,999 on project costs of $250,000 and over. Projects meeting criteria may qualify for more funding.
- The City of Williston STAR Fund will provide a match at a designated participation level.
- Maximum STAR Fund commitment is $52,800 on projects over $250,000 and $162,000 on childcare facilities.
- City reserves the right to make a final determination on all projects.

**Qualifications:**
- Project is a commercial or industrial zoned business within the City Limits of Williston.
- Applicant is current with property tax.
- Limited to one project per business per year.
- Non-sectarian religious activities are permitted.

**PACE Program**
The goal of the PACE program is to make Williston a better place by helping existing businesses to succeed, make their properties more attractive to their customers, and to make the community more attractive to potential new businesses, employees, residents and visitors by assisting businesses to take major steps to build, remodel, or expand their facilities.

**How the Program Works:** The Bank of North Dakota PACE Fund may provide an interest rate buy down. The Star Fund matches the buy down at a designated participation level. In addition, the PACE Fund’s participation is limited to the amount required to buy down the interest to the lower of 5% below the yield rate but in no event may the interest rate be more than five hundred basis points below the national prime rate. The borrower’s rate shall never fall below 1% at any time.

**Features:**
- The City of Williston STAR Fund will provide a (35%) match with the Bank of ND (65%).
- City reserves the right to make a final determination on all projects.

**Qualifications:**
- Project is a commercial or industrial zoned business within the city limits of Williston.
- Applicant is current with property tax.
- Non-sectarian religious activities are permitted.
Community Enhancement
The primary purpose of the Community Enhancement / Marketing Fund is to enhance the quality of life in our trade area through job retention. The Community Enhancement/Marketing Funds provide resources to organizations and communities that are working to create, improve, and strengthen the quality of life by marketing, promoting, and enhancing job development through the cultural, historical, recreational, educational, health/fitness and social/ethnic activities in our trade area.

Qualifications:

- Qualifying applications must be from communities within the Williston Trade Region and Organizations intending to operate in the Williston Trade Area.
- The Community Enhancement/Marketing Funds will provide resources to organizations and communities that are working to retain or develop jobs and enhance the quality of life in the Williston Trade Area.
- Considerations are given to those projects that demonstrate the ability to leverage financing from other sources.
- Generally funds shall be used for:
  - Capital improvements (i.e. land, buildings, equipment.)
  - Programs, annual, and special events
  - Operating expenses
  - Marketing, community development and job creation
FOUNDATIONS & CORPORATE GIVING PROGRAMS

AARP Foundation
http://www.aarp.org/aarp-foundation/grants/
Through investments in grantees, AARP seeks to improve the lives of vulnerable, low-income older Americans in communities across the country.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
www.sloan.org
Established in 1934 by Alfred Pritchard Sloan Jr., then-President and Chief Executive Officer of the General Motors Corporation, the Foundation makes grants in support of original research and education in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and economic performance.

Allstate Foundation
http://www.allstatefoundation.org/grant-focus-areas
The Foundation focuses on safe and vital communities, economic empowerment, and tolerance, inclusion, and diversity.

Annie E. Casey Foundation
www.aecf.org
The Annie E. Casey Foundation is devoted to developing a brighter future for millions of children at risk of poor educational, economic, social and health outcomes. Areas of investment include child welfare, juvenile justice, education, community change, health, & more.

Apple Computer Foundation
www.apple.com/education
Focusing on educational initiatives, Apple offers grants for schools to help offset the technology cost of buying an Apple computer.
Archer-Daniels-Midland Corporation
This company produces the food ingredients, animal feeds and feed ingredients, biofuels, and other products that manufacturers around the world use to provide wholesome food and a better life to millions of people around the globe. Funding is directed toward the eradication of hunger, improvements in education, farm safety programs, health & safety programs for farm workers & children on farms, responsible use of farm chemicals, sustainable farming practices, rehabilitation & preservation of environmentally sensitive lands
Availability: Applications accepted September 1 to November 30, 2014

AT&T Foundation
http://about.att.com/content/csr/home/people/aspire.html
The Foundation invests in education initiatives, arts & culture, health care & social services for children and families.

Avon Foundation
http://www.avonfoundation.org/
The Foundation’s current mission focus is to lead efforts to eradicate breast cancer and end domestic and gender violence using four key strategies.

Bank of America Corporate Foundation
www.bankofamerica.com/foundation
Supporting high-impact initiatives, organizations and the development of visionary leaders, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation contributed over $200 million to address critical issues facing our neighborhoods and communities in 2013. In June 2012, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation awarded over $22 million in grants to more than 650 nonprofits addressing housing needs.
Bush Foundation
http://www.bushfoundation.org/
Through grant programs, it invests in organizations working on issues relevant to its community and on key issues for advancing work in the following focus areas: engagement & innovation, support of Native Nations, educational achievement, and leadership.

The Bush Prize for Community Innovation
http://www.bushfoundation.org/grants/bush-prize-community-innovation
The Bush Prize honors and supports innovative organizations with a proven record of making great ideas happen. The Bush Prize provides creative capital to meet the organizations to use at its discretion. For more information click the link above for the Printable Grant Information Packet, Sample project budget, Grant FAQs and The Community Innovation Process.

Eligibility:
- Grant must be used for a charitable purpose
- Do not need 501 (c)(3) status
- Prize winner must be located in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota or one of the 23 Native nations in the same geography.

Availability: Opens Spring of 2015, application is available year around
Award Amount: Up to $500,000

Community Innovation Grants
http://www.bushfoundation.org/grants/community-innovation-grants
Community Innovation Grants promote problem-solving processes that lead to more effective, equitable, and sustainable solutions. Think of it as civic R&D, allowing communities to develop and test new solutions to community challenges.

Eligibility:
- Grant can be awarded to 501(c)(3) public charities or government entities (including schools). Coalitions or collaborative are eligible to apply, but one organization may receive the grant.
- Prize winner must be located in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota or one of the 23 Native nations in the same geography.
- Grant must be used for a charitable purpose

Past Grantees:
- Coalition for Homeless Persons
- Schools
- Communities
- Healthcare (Hospitals and clinics)
- EMS & Fire

Availability: August annually
Award Amount: Up to $200,000
**Education Ecosystem Grants**

http://www.bushfoundation.org/grants/education-ecosystem-grants

Education Ecosystem Grants offer operating support to organizations that provide critical data and analysis, advance policy and public awareness, and/or shape and spread best practices in education. It believes the efforts of these help create an education ecosystem where other organizations can succeed in reducing disparities and improving outcomes for all students in the region. Follow the link above to find a grant information packet.

**Eligibility:**
- Organizations that are 501(c)(3) public charities or government entities are eligible for Education Ecosystem Grants. Groups of organizations (such as coalitions or collaboratives) are eligible to apply, but only one organization may receive the grant.
- The Foundation accepts Education Ecosystem Grant applications from fiscal sponsors. The fiscal sponsor organization must submit the application and, if the grant is approved, becomes the grantee and receives the funds.
- Grants are for organizations whose work benefits people in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, or the 23 Native nations that share the same geography.

**Availability:** May 2015  
**Award Amount:** Up to $100,000 for a two-year period

**Native Nation Rebuilding Grants**

http://www.bushfoundation.org/grants/native-nation-rebuilding-grants

Native Nation Rebuilding grants are offered to a limited number of the 23 Native nations in the Bush Foundation’s region. These grants support the efforts of these Native nations to strengthen their core governing system.

**Eligibility:** Bush provides a limited number of grants directly to the 23 Native nations each year. This is a non–competitive process; each Native nation is eligible on its own terms. Since this strategy focuses on collaboration with the elected tribal leaders, we are not accepting any unsolicited proposals from nonprofit organizations and educational institutions at this time.

**Previous Grantees:**
- Colleges
- Communities
- Leadership Summits
- Economic Development
- Strategic Plans
- Public Forums

**Availability:** Opens July 2015
Event Sponsorship Program

https://www.bushfoundation.org/grants/event-sponsorship-program

The Bush Foundation annually dedicates funds to sponsor events that will inspire, equip, and connect people to think bigger and think differently about what’s possible for their communities. Believing the region will become more resilient and innovative because of leaders who are better equipped and better connected to lead change effectively.

Eligibility:

- Organizations that are LLCs, 501(c)(3) public charities, and government entities (including schools) are eligible for event sponsorships. Groups of organizations (such as coalitions or collaboratives) are also eligible to apply, but only one organization may receive the grant or contract.
- As Bush works in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and the 23 Native nations that share the same geography, it gives preference to events that take place in its region.
- Event sponsorship funds must be spent in three full months following event.
- Event sponsorship funds may not be used retroactively.
- The Foundation does not sponsor fundraisers.

Availability: Due first Thursday of each month

Award amount: Up to $490,000

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation

www.bnsffoundation.org

The Foundation is dedicated to supporting the communities it serves and in which their employees live, work, and volunteer. Your organization, or program, should exist in or serve a community near one of BNSF’s rail lines to be eligible to apply for grants. Civic services, cultural organizations, education, health & human services, & youth organizations are the focus of grants.

Grants giving in these areas:

- Civic
- Cultural
- Educational
- Health & Human Services
- Youth Organizations
- Federated organizations

How to apply:

http://www.bnsffoundation.org/how-to-apply/

Online Application:


Availability: Open application with monthly reviews
Casey Family Programs
www.casey.org
Casey Family Programs is the nation’s largest operating foundation focused entirely on foster care and improving the child welfare system. Working to provide and improve — and ultimately prevent the need for foster care in the United States.

CHS Foundation (formerly Cenex Harvest States)
www.chsfoundation.org
The CHS Foundation supports education and leadership development in rural America through funding of adult education and leadership programs and is open to innovative and collaborative approaches to address emerging issues and opportunities in rural communities. Funding focuses on university partnerships, rural youth leadership development, returning value to rural communities, cooperative education, farm, and agricultural safety.

Cracker Barrel Foundation
www.crackerbarrel.com/about.cfm?doc_id=1239#Cracker_Barrel_foundation

The Cracker Barrel Foundation seeks to strengthen and preserve communities by supporting programs in the areas of education, human services, cultural affairs and the environment. Programs that address children, youth and family issues, and emphasize traditional values such as hard work, education, and self-reliance receive special consideration.

Application: Does not use a standard application

For more information to include on your submission visit:
http://www.crackerbarrel.com/about-us/cracker-barrel-foundation/how-to-apply-for-funding/
As part of its ongoing commitment to rural communities across the country, the Foundation for Rural Service provides annual grants for communities served by NTCA members. The goal of this program is to support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America.

Grants concentration focuses on four major areas:

- Business Development
- Community Development
- Education
- Telecommunications

Grant Application/ Guidelines:
https://www.frs.org/rural-community-outreach/grant-program

Availability: Due October 1 each year

Award Amount: $250 - $5,000

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Gerber Foundation
www.gerberfoundation.org

The mission of The Gerber Foundation is to enhance the quality of life of infants and young children in nutrition, care, and development. Accordingly, projects whose primary beneficiaries are young children from birth to three years of age receive priority. The primary focus of grantmaking is on health and nutritional issues affecting infants and young children. The foundation seeks research projects aimed at finding solutions to children’s health and nutritional problems.

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Kresge Foundation
www.kresge.org

The Kresge Foundation is a $3 billion private, national foundation headquartered in Metropolitan Detroit that works to expand opportunities in America's cities through grantmaking and investing in arts and culture, education, environment, health, human services, community development and place-based efforts in Detroit.
Lumina Foundation for Education, Inc.
www.luminafoundation.org
The Lumina Foundation is committed to increasing the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees, certificates and other credentials to 60 percent by 2025. In 2012, Lumina Foundation made 70 grants for a total commitment of more than $30 million. The median amount for these 70 grants was $435,761 with the largest grant of $1,596,900.

Eligibility: Lumina Foundation makes grants within the United States and its territories, occasionally initiating a grant to an entity outside the United States in order to inform its work to expand access and success in postsecondary education in the United States. The Foundation only funds organizations that are classified as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and as public charities under section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3) of the Code or to public organizations that are designated under section 170(c) of the Code, not individuals.

John S. and James L. McKnight Foundation
www.mcknight.org
Knight Foundation supports transformational ideas that promote quality journalism, advance media innovation, engage communities and foster the arts.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Resources Foundation
http://www.mdu.com/integrity/foundation
MDU Resources is committed to supporting the communities in its areas of operation. It believes its success derives from a healthy social and economic environment. Through the MDU Resources Foundation, it shares its success by helping neighbors make communities better places to live and work by promoting a healthy social and economic environment.

Application:
Submission must be made to local MDU office.
Availability: Due October 1st each year
Northrop Grumman Foundation

www.northropgrumman.com

The Foundation contributes to organizations defined as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service. Funded initiatives address education related programs that promote the advancement of science, technology, engineering, and math on a national level.

Northwest Area Foundation

www.nwaf.org

The Foundation awards grants, encourages conversations, and funds public policy solutions that increase good jobs and improve financial capability in urban and rural low-income communities, Native American communities, and communities of color. The Northwest Area Foundation offers grants to a variety of causes and groups.

- Investing in Indian Country
  - Principles & Guidelines for Grantmaking in Indian Country

Grants from the Northwest Area Foundation are on an invitation only basis. For more information on how your organization can benefit, email intro@nwaf.org or call 1-888-904-9828.

Otto Bremer Foundation

www.ottobremer.org

The Otto Bremer Foundation assists people in achieving full economic, civic, and social participation in and for the betterment of their communities. Grants focus on program or project development, general operations, organizational effectiveness, & civic engagement.

OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION
Qwest Foundation
http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/AboutUs/Community/Foundation/qwestFoundation.jsp

Qwest Foundation® is dedicated to enriching the lives of customers and the communities in which it serves. The Qwest Foundation awards grants that generate high impact and measurable results through community-based programs in the area of pre-K through 12 education.

Eligibility:
- Not required to be a customer
- Must be a teacher in public or private K-12

For more information: Carrie Amann, ND Coordinator; carrie.amann@centurylink.com

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
www.rwjf.org/
For more than 40 years, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has worked to improve the health and health care of all Americans. They are the nation’s largest philanthropy devoted solely to the public’s health, and focus on leadership & diversity in health programs, future-oriented health programs, & vulnerable populations.

Funding opportunities are available in the following areas: service demonstrations, gathering and monitoring of health – related statistics, public education, health services research, technical assistance, and communication activities.
**Rockefeller Foundation**

[www.rockfound.org](http://www.rockfound.org)

For more than 100 years, The Rockefeller Foundation promotes the well-being of humanity throughout the world, and works at the intersection of four focus areas – advance health, revalue ecosystems, secure livelihoods, and transform cities. It provides support to address the root causes of emerging challenges and create systemic change. Grant requests are reserved for health systems in vulnerable communities, environmental & climate change, social & economic security for workers.

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**The Safeway Foundation**

[www.safewayfoundation.org](http://www.safewayfoundation.org)

The Safeway Foundation supports causes that affect its customer’s lives. Its stores provide the opportunity to mobilize funding and create awareness in neighborhoods through employee passion, partnerships with vendors, and the generous contributions of customers. Safeway focuses on giving locally in the areas of health and human services, hunger relief, education and helping people living with disabilities. The grants given out by The Safeway Foundation range from $2,500 - $10,000.

**What they fund:**
- Hunger Relief
- Education
- Health and Human Services
- Assisting People with Disabilities

**Online Application:**
[https://safeway.versaic.com/login](https://safeway.versaic.com/login)

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**Surdna Foundation, Inc.**

[www.surdna.org](http://www.surdna.org)

The Surdna Foundation seeks to foster sustainable communities in the United States - communities guided by principles of social justice and distinguished by healthy environments, strong local economies, and thriving cultures. Funding opportunities are available for environment, community, revitalization, effective citizenry, arts, & organizational capacity building.

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**John Templeton Foundation**

[www.templeton.org](http://www.templeton.org)

The Foundation supports research on subjects ranging from complexity, evolution, and infinity to creativity, forgiveness, love, and free will. Funding opportunities are available for natural & human sciences, free enterprise themes, gifted education, & character development.
The Home Depot Foundation  
[http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant](http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant)

Grants are available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Qualifying grant recipients receive a Home Depot gift card to use for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.

**Activities Considered:**
- Repairs, refurbishments, and modifications to low-income and/or transitional veteran's housing, or community facilities (schools, community centers, senior centers, etc.)
- Weatherizing or increasing energy efficiency of low-income and/or transitional veterans' housing, or community facilities
- Engage veterans as volunteers to help other veterans in their community through service projects focusing on the renovation, repair and improvement of homes and other properties serving veterans
- Planting trees or community gardens and/or landscaping community facilities that serve veterans

**Maximum Award:** $5,000  
**Online Application:** [https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_248/?SA=SNA&FID=35119](https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_248/?SA=SNA&FID=35119)

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**Toshiba America Foundation**
[www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp](www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp)

The Foundation offers funding for innovative projects designed by math and science teachers to make classrooms more exciting and successful for students.

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**US Bancorp Foundation**
[www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/about/community_relations/charit_giving_contacts.cfm](www.usbank.com/cgi_w/cfm/about/community_relations/charit_giving_contacts.cfm)

Each year, the U.S. Bank Foundation provides cash contributions to nonprofit organizations in its grant priority areas of education, economic opportunity, and artistic and cultural enrichment. In 2013, the U.S. Bank Foundation provided more than $23.4 million in grant funding.

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**Verizon Foundation**

The Verizon Foundation’s primary philanthropic focus areas are: Healthcare for children, women and seniors; STEM education for K-12 youth and Energy Management. Please contact your local Verizon Community Relations Manager to learn more.
Wal-Mart Foundation
http://foundation.walmart.com
Whether it is a small grant to a local school or a large grant to a hunger relief organization working across several states, Wal-Mart engages in opportunities that align with its Foundation's key areas of focus: Hunger Relief & Healthy Eating, Sustainability, Women's Economic Empowerment, and Career Opportunity.

Wells Fargo Foundation
www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable
The Foundation promotes economic development and self-sufficiency through community development, financial education, cash contributions, affordable housing, environmental stewardship, and through the efforts of our enthusiastic team member volunteers.

Giving Priorities:
- Human Services
- Community Development
- Educational
- Artistic
- Cultural
- Civic
- Environmental

How to apply: Ask at local Wells Fargo for more information
Availability: Applications accepted throughout the year.

Wells Fargo & Company Corporate Social Responsibility
The right people. The right passion. The right focus.
Serving communities in the real economy.
William Randolph Hearst Foundation
www.hearstfdn.org
The Hearst Foundations are national philanthropic resources for organizations and institutions working in the fields of Education, Health, Culture, and Social Service. They support well-established nonprofit organizations that address significant issues within their major areas of interests – culture, education, health and social service – and that primarily serve large demographic and/or geographic constituencies.

Application Guidelines:
http://www.hearstfdn.org/applying-reporting/how-to-apply/
Instructions:
Online Endowment Application:
https://hearst.foundationconnect.org/grantsmanager/pages/EligibilityQuiz.aspx?OrgID=00DA0000000A&QuizID=a0RA000000Eqt70
Online Application (all non-endowment requests):
https://hearst.foundationconnect.org/grantsmanager/pages/EligibilityQuiz.aspx?OrgID=00DA0000000A&QuizID=a0RA000000FxBSA

W.K. Kellogg Foundation
www.wkkf.org
The W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF), founded in 1930 as an independent, private foundation by breakfast cereal pioneer Will Keith Kellogg, is among the largest philanthropic foundations in the United States. Guided by its belief that all children deserve an equal opportunity to thrive, WKKF works with communities to create conditions for vulnerable children. Its efforts help vulnerable children realize their full potential in school, work, and life.

Grants are awarded in these areas:
- Educated kids
- Healthy Kids
- Secure Families
- Racial Equality
- Community and Civic Engagement

Availability: Grants can be submitted throughout the year
CORPORATION/ MATCHING GIFT PROGRAMS

American Express Company
http://about.americanexpress.com/csr/
American Express provides community support to nonprofit organizations that focus on actively preserving and sustaining unique historic places for the future, developing new leaders for tomorrow, & encouraging community service where employees and customers live and work.

Bank of the West
The mission of Bank of the West's Charitable Investments Program is to help meet the needs of the communities we serve by supporting nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for low- and moderate-income individuals and communities. Location: Golden Valley & Stark

Caterpillar Foundation
www.cat.com/foundation
Since 1952, The Caterpillar Foundation dedicated efforts to transforming lives in the communities where throughout the world. They champion programs that support education, environment, and emergency relief.

Its mission is to turn the spiral of poverty into a path to prosperity by investing in those proven to yield the best results – women and girls.

Conoco Phillips
http://www.conocophillips.com/in-communities/community-investment/Pages/default.aspx
As one of the world’s largest independent exploration and production companies, it is proud to be involved in the communities where it operates. Conoco contribute to the well-being of these communities through charitable giving, volunteerism and civic leadership. Its global giving centers primarily on education, health and safety, and natural resources. It also support arts, community infrastructure, social services and disaster relief.
Continental Resources

http://www.contres.com/community/donations

Continental Resources accepts proposals throughout the year. It looks at how the donation will help meet the needs of a community and how the goals are accomplished.

Application:

Send submissions:
Continental Resources, Inc.
Donations Committee
P.O. Box 269097
Oklahoma City, OK 73126

OR
donations@clr.com

Exxon Mobil


Exxon believes that well-designed contribution programs contribute to society by raising the standard of living and the stability of the communities in which it lives and conducts business. It aligns with its pledge of good corporate citizenship and contributes to ExxonMobil being the partner, neighbor, employer, and supplier of choice around the world.

General Motors

http://www.gm.com/company/aboutGM/gm.Foundation.html

The Foundation focuses on investments in education that support the next generation of leaders and innovators, particularly in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Grant Guidelines:

Online Application:
http://www.cybergrants.com/cybergrants/plsql/quiz.display_question?x_gm_id=1753&x_quiz_id=92&x_order_by=1
Hess Corporation
As part of our efforts to provide value to our stakeholders, we strive to improve the educational, health, cultural, and socio-economic conditions of community members wherever we operate.

Kimberly Clark Foundation
Each year, thousands of Kimberly-Clark employees worldwide devote their time, talent, and financial resources to support community events, local and international causes, and disaster relief efforts.

Land O’Lakes Foundation

www.foundation.landolakes.com
The Land O’Lakes Foundation approved additional funds in support of an expanded focus on hunger issues, and it invites cooperative members to use these funds for hunger relief projects underway in their local communities. The Land O’Lakes Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar, up to $400,000, the cash donations of member cooperatives, thus doubling the funds available for projects that address hunger issues.

Funding Available for:
- Hunger Relief
- Education
- Community Giving

Online Application:
Pfizer
www.pfizer.com/home
Pfizer offers grant opportunities for communities. Grant opportunities include Independent grants for learning & change, medical and academic partnerships, transparency in grants, health care, & special fundraising events.

Proctor & Gamble
www.pg.com/community
P&G provides everyday essentials that help create the experience of home for families who cannot afford a home or displaced homeowners. It also supports hygiene education and everyday healthy behaviors that help prevent illness and improve confidence for people in need around the world.

McDonalds
McDonald’s offers support through The Ronald McDonald House Charities, focusing on providing children with support, stability, and the best medicine of all — their families. They also support local sports leagues, help talented young athletes, & take steps to improve neighborhoods.

Marathon Oil
http://www.marathonoil.com/Social_Responsibility/SocioEconomic/
Marathon Oil continues to be a positive influence in communities where it operates. Marathon fosters constructive working relationships, builds alliances, addresses sustainable development issues, and contributes to the viability of communities where it operates.

Microsoft Community Affairs
www.microsoft.com/giving
Microsoft matches employee nonprofit donations and volunteering year round up to $15,000 per employee. Microsoft also helps employees find nonprofits that best match their volunteering skills and interests with its own in-house volunteering tool.

Xcel Energy
http://www.xcelenergy.com/About_Us/Community/Corporate_Giving/Focus_Area_Grants
Through focused area grants, Xcel supports nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that improve science, technology, engineering, economics and math education. It promotes opportunities to improve and enhance the natural environment; achieve economic self-sufficiency; and provide access to arts and culture.
LOANS

Community Works ND – DREAM II – Housing Development Financing
http://www.communityworksnd.org/programs/dream-ii-housing-development-financing/
Recognizing a need for predevelopment, acquisition, and construction financing for housing projects throughout North Dakota, CommunityWorks North Dakota began a quest to establish a new loan designed to address these needs. This loan fund will help further its mission of creating affordable housing and development opportunities to revitalize communities and improve the standard of living and quality of life for residents of North Dakota.

Who qualifies:
• For Profit and Not for Profit Entities
• Public and Private Entities

Eligible Loan Uses:
• Pre-Development Costs
• Property Acquisition
• New Construction and Rehabilitation
• Infrastructure
• Permanent Financing
• Other bridge and gap loans

First Children’s Finance Loan Fund
http://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/programs-services-2/loan-fund/
First Children's Finance makes loans to childcare and early education businesses, especially those serving lower-income communities, in Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Texas. Loans help capable, dedicated early care and education professionals develop their business expertise, so they may continue to serve families over the longer term. Qualifying use of funds include expansion of childcare services, improvements, new equipment purchase, full licensure requirements, and cash flow management.

North Dakota Main Street Loan Program
http://www.dakotacdc.com/programs/main-street/
The Main Street Loan Program provides direct loans to small businesses in North Dakota for use as working capital, inventory, and small equipment acquisition.
PACE Program – (Partnership in Assisting Community Expansion)

http://banknd.nd.gov/lending_services/pdfs/18196.pdf

Qualified borrowers may be any person or entity whose business is in manufacturing, processing, value-added processing, and targeted service industries. Targeted service industries are businesses involved in data processing, telemarketing, telecommunications, major tourist attractions, holding companies involved in leasing assets to entities otherwise defined as a PACE qualified business, and all other service companies and wholesalers that generate 75% or more of their sales outside of the state of North Dakota.

Flex PACE Program

http://banknd.nd.gov/lending_services/business_financing_programs/flex_PACE_program.html

The Bank’s Investment Committee will determine the cumulative amount of PACE funds available per biennium under Flex PACE to a North Dakota community or an individual borrower. BND will provide up to $100,000 of Flex PACE funds for regular projects, $500,000 of Flex PACE funds for Affordable Housing Projects and up to $300,000 for Licensed Child Care Projects.

Flex PACE Affordable Housing Program

http://banknd.nd.gov/lending_services/pdfs/FlexPACEAffordableHousing_FactSheet.pdf

Purpose: This goal of this program is to assist with the financing of affordable multi-family housing.

Eligibility: 1. Projects located in North Dakota
2. Program may combine with other state or federal programs targeted to affordable housing
3. Maximum of $25,000 of BND interest buy down available per unit committed to affordable housing
4. This program will be in effect until June 30, 2015

MATCH Program

http://banknd.nd.gov/lending_services/business_financing_programs/MATCH_program.html

The goal of the MATCH program is to encourage and attract financially strong companies to North Dakota. The target business for this program is manufacturing, processing, and value-added industries.
USDA Rural Development Loans
http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RD_Loans.html

USDA Rural Development provides a variety of loans from business to housing and community facility loans. Organizations may also qualify for direct or guaranteed loans.

Business and Cooperative Loan Assistance
- Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan (B&I) Program
- Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)
- Rural Energy for America Program Guaranteed Loan Program (REAP Loans)(Section 9007)
- Rural Economic Development Loan And Grant (REDLG)
- Rural Business Investment Program (RBIP)

Housing and Community Facilities Loan Assistance
- Rural Housing Guaranteed Loan
- Rural Housing Direct Loan
- Rural Repair and Rehabilitation Loans
- Mutual Self-Help Loans
- Rural Housing Site Loans
- Community Facilities Loan Program
U.S. Department of Energy Loan Program

http://energy.gov/lpo/services

The Loan Programs Office offers a variety of solicitations for technologies that assist with sustaining economic growth, yielding environmental benefits, and producing a more stable and secure energy supply.

Section 1703 Loan Program

http://energy.gov/lpo/services/section-1703-loan-program

Section 1703 of **Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005** authorizes the U.S. Department of Energy to support innovative clean energy technologies for high technology risk projects. The technologies must avoid, reduce, or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases. Considered technologies include biomass, hydrogen, solar, wind/hydropower, nuclear, advanced fossil energy coal, carbon sequestration practices/technologies, electricity delivery and energy reliability, alternative fuel vehicles, industrial energy efficiency projects, and pollution control equipment. Exclusions will apply to technologies with more than three implementations active for more than five years.

ATVM Loan Program

http://energy.gov/lpo/services/atvm-loan-program

Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) loans support the development of advanced technology vehicles (ATV) and associated components in the United States. Click the link above to find out more on the ATVM Loan program.
FUNDING AIDS
Tips & Tricks

PRE-APPLICATION CHECKLIST
- Are we eligible?
- Can we meet the deadline?
- Does the source meet our plan priorities?
- What are our competition odds?
- Can we do the project with partial funding?
- Do we fall within the funding restrictions?
- Does our idea match the interest areas?
- Have they funded similar projects?

TIPS AND TRICKS
- Know if you are eligible
- Know the funding period
- Private sector takes 6-18 mo.
- It takes time!
- Communication increases chance of funding
- Complete your plan first
- New positions = new budget items
- Follow directions to a “T”
- Don’t leave anything blank
- Emphasize key phrases
- Use page numbers, headers, & footers
- Use charts & tables
- 12-pt. Arial or Times New Roman
- Sufficient white space
- Quote sources
- Be consistent

ELIGIBLE ENTITIES FOR GRANTS
- Nonprofit organizations registered as a 501(c)(3) and in good standing with IRS
- Political sub-divisions
- Educational institutions
- Native American Tribes
- Churches
- Individuals, depending on the type of grant
Organization and Program Files

You can’t do a good job without knowing your own organization and its programs well. You will need to refer to these files again and again.

Create file folders with the following labels and put them in a master file labeled “Organization and Program Files.”

- Organizational Resume
- Board List
- Bios of Key People
- 501(c)(3) letter
- Organizational budget for current year
- Current financial information
- Last one or two audited financial statements
- Most recent IRS form 990
- By-laws
- Anti-discrimination policy
- Letters of Support
- Newspaper Clippings
- Stories or Case Studies (if applicable)
Community Files

An essential part of successful grant seeking is understanding and expressing the need that your community – be it neighborhood, town, state – has for the services your organization provides. You will be creating and maintaining a small library that documents this subject.

Create paper file folders with the following labels, and put them in the master file marked “Community Files.”

- Press clippings
- Anecdotes
- Statistics
- Published Reports
- Newsletters and materials from other nonprofits
- Any other community-related files you want to make

Create similar folders on your computer as subfolders. You may also want to create a folder for community links in your World Wide Web browser’s bookmark menu.
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Diagram 1. The Grant Writing Process

Identify needs and focus.

Find prospective grants.

Develop general proposal and budget.

Submit letter of inquiry.

Receive request for formal application.

Prepare specific proposal.

Submit proposal before deadline.

File reports with funding agencies.

Carry out project.

Accept or decline award(s).

Negotiate multiple awards.

Receive award letter(s).

Agency reviews proposal.