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2023 Annual Update

Another Way We are Improving our Communities

We started the year 2023 with a bang, receiving our largest donation ever! (See article on back for more info.) Grid United’s generous gift will allow us to fund larger and more projects in our area. We are excited to see what ideas are out there!

This is also a good time to reflect on the important partnership we have with the North Dakota Community Foundation, who administers our fund. Grid United personnel contacted NDCF first and after many conversations, a plan was crafted that accomplished Grid’s charitable-giving desires to benefit local communities in southwest North Dakota.

We have been working alongside the staff at NDCF for many years. They provide incredible support to us (since we are all volunteers) and this is one more example of how they steward gifts back to rural ND communities.

Our thanks to our donors, our committee members, Grid United, and NDCF for supporting the communities in Bowman & Slope Counties!

- BSCCF Advisory Committee

Committee Members:

Jeanine Clendenen, Chair

Kasey Burke, Vice-Chair

Carla Teske Robb Narum Ila Kelner

Scott Olson Amy Fischer Shelby Kinkade

Kristy Pagel Duane Bowman

Bowman & Slope County CF

- **Established in 2014**
- **Total Market Value of Fund (as of 9/30/2023): \$308,159**
- **Grants Awarded in 2023: 8 grants totaling \$153,087**
- **Total Grants awarded since inception: 39 grants totaling \$263,528**

\$153,087 Awarded in 2023

The Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation Advisory Committee awarded eight grants totaling \$153,087 in 2023:

Spring Grant Round

- **Slope Farmers Fair Association:** \$20,000 for a concession stand update
- **Bowman County School District:** \$15,000 for a Bulldog Wellness & Performance Center
- **Scranton Fire Protection District:** \$5,000 for vehicle stabilization jacks - rescue equipment

Fall Grant Round

- **Amidon Fire Protection District:** \$75,000 for a Water Tender (water supply truck)
- **Slope Farmers Fair Association:** \$25,000 for an arena update
- **Bowman County Development Corporation:** \$9,237 for wayfinding signage for City of Bowman
- **Bowman Regional Public Library:** \$2,100 for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library
- **Pioneer Trails Regional Museum:** \$1,750 for History on Display



Claira Kees (left), board member of the Slope Farmers Fair Association, accepts their fall grant check from Shelby Kinkade of BSCCF.

Grid United Provides Significant Grant Dollars to Area

Grid United, an independent transmission company that builds new long-distance, interregional transmission lines, provided significant grant dollars to projects benefitting residents of Slope County for the 2023 granting season. The Grid United money, from their Community Investment Program (CIP) at the North Dakota Community Foundation, was granted out alongside the Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation's endowment fund earnings of \$9,790.



The CIP supports the six North Dakota counties in which Grid United's North Plains Connector - a transmission line connecting the U.S. eastern and western electric grids in Montana and North Dakota - will be located (see map below).



The 2023 grant dollars from Grid United were divided up into two grant rounds as follows:

- **Spring Round: \$40,000**
- **Fall Rounds: \$75,000 single grant and \$28,297 in multiple other grants**

Projects receiving Grid United funding must have a broad impact on the quality of life for a significant number of people in Slope County. Ineligible projects included religious, partisan, or sectarian programs along with one-time events that are not part of longer-term economic and community development goals.

There will be two grant rounds again in 2024. Applications and more information about the grant process are available online at www.NDCF.net/BowmanSlope.

Growing for the Future

While the Grid United donation is an incredible gift to our area, it is to be granted immediately and will not have any impact on our endowment fund and the amount of grantable money available in future years. In order to have more money available for projects in the future (or maintenance needs for existing projects), we must grow our endowment fund, which is invested and generates grantable dollars every year from its earnings.

There are numerous ways to make a gift to our foundation - which one can you do to help support our area?

- **Donate securely online** at www.NDCF.net/BowmanSlope. Make a one-time gift or set up a monthly donation.
- **Mail a check** to the address below.
- **Make NDCF the beneficiary of your life insurance policy.** Be sure to specify that the funds are for the Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation (BSCCF).
- **Take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover** - you can transfer money directly to NDCF (for BSCCF). The donated amount counts as your Required Minimum Distribution, but you don't need to claim it as federal income.
- **Leave a gift in your will or estate.** The gift should be left to the North Dakota Community Foundation (Tax ID #45-0336015) for the benefit of the Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation.

If you'd like to have a confidential conversation about these or other charitable-giving options, contact John Heinen with NDCF at John@NDCF.net or at 701-590-4614.

Questions or want more information?



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The Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). NDCF provides comprehensive charitable services for the local committee and its donors including donor gift planning & bequest planning, communication support, and fiduciary services including accounting, audit, and money management. For more information about NDCF's charitable services, contact John Heinen, NDCF Development Director at 701-590-4614 or John@NDCF.net.