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Towner County
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Update

Dear Friends,

An article in The Chronicle of Philanthropy a few years ago noted that rural areas in America receive much less charitable funding from national foundations than they should based on population. This doesn't come as a big surprise to many of us who live in "flyover country." The Midwest and especially its rural areas are often overlooked.

While this statistic may be discouraging to some, it is actually *inspiring* to our committee. We don't wait for help or handouts from national organizations to build projects or support programs here in Towner County - while we appreciate any support we can get from outside sources, we are busy building our own permanent charitable resource in the Towner County Community Foundation.

This foundation will generate charitable dollars for grant awards in our area forever, regardless of what other funding may come our way. **Please consider how you can help our fund grow to be a significant resource for our area.** Gifts of all sizes are appreciated!

As always, if you ever have any questions about this foundation, please feel free to contact one of us.

TCCF Advisory Committee

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*"What a man does for himself
dies with him. What he does
for his community lives long
after he is gone."* - Theodore Roosevelt

\$910 Awarded in 2025

The Towner County Community Foundation was created to be a permanent resource to support local community initiatives which provide a higher quality of life in Towner County.

Last year, the TCCF Advisory Committee awarded \$910 to the City of Cando for the Towner County Fairgrounds Pavilion Project.

"Towner County Fairgrounds Pavilion has been an integral part of the history of Towner County. Built in 1919 the Pavilion fell under disrepair due to the fair ending in 1987 and neglect," said the grant application.

"A group of local volunteers have been restoring the Pavilion over the past two years. The remaining work to be completed in 2026 will be to finish painting the Pavilion, installing screens on the windows, another coat of finish on the floor and to paint the adjoining picnic shelter."

Grants from the TCCF are awarded once a year. Any organization with a 501(c)(3) status or government agency may apply. **Applications are available online at www.NDCF.net/TownerCounty and are due by October 31.** There is \$1,210 available in the 2026 grant round.

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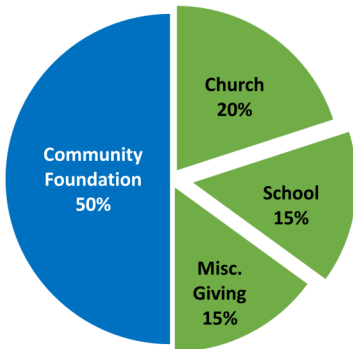
- Established in 2008
- Total Market Value of Fund (as of 12/31/25): **\$45,058**
- Total Gifts to the Fund in 2025: **\$3,050**
- Total Grants in 2025: **1 grant totaling \$910**
- Total Grants since inception: **2 grants totaling \$1,710**

A Balanced Approach to Giving

Charitable giving is a personal decision for an individual, couple, family, or business to make. But have you considered that your charitable giving plan could include both immediate needs as well as long-term needs?

Your personal finances probably include immediate needs such as rent or mortgage payments, food, and entertainment costs. But you also likely set aside some of your income for future needs whether it's in a savings account, retirement portfolio, or perhaps a college savings plan for your kids. Because you know that someday you will need that money.

Similarly, the portion of your income that you give to charity should also be divided into current (green areas of the pie chart) and future needs (blue segment).



There will be nonprofit organizations that you want to support now, through their annual giving campaign, fundraising event, or capital campaign. But a portion of your charitable giving dollars every year could also be put into permanent endowment funds, supporting your community or a specific organization in the future. Putting some of your annual giving dollars into permanent funds means you recognize there will be needs in the future as well, and you want to provide more long-term support. The grants we are able to give out now are possible because of donations made years ago in this fund.

The percentage of dollars that you decide to put into endowment funds is a personal decision, just like the total amount of charitable giving you budget for every year is a personal decision. But ensuring that some portion of your annual giving goes into a permanent endowment fund is sometimes the best gift you can give your community, school, or nonprofit organization!



Please join us at a . . .

Blue Jean

Ball

June 5, 2026
7-11 pm
The Pavilion
Cando, ND

- Live music
- Food available for purchase via a Food Truck
- Free-will offering

Enjoy a fun night out with friends and support our community foundation!



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Questions or want more information?



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The Towner County Community Foundation (TCCF) is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides charitable giving services such as donor gift planning and bequest planning and money management services including an annual audit. For more information about NDCF or the TCCF, contact Amy Stromsodt, NDCF Development Director at 701-795-1531.

