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# 2025 Annual Update

*Dear Community Friends,*

An article last year in The Chronicle of Philanthropy 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 want to wait for help or handouts from national organizations to build projects or support programs here in Grant County—we want to build our own charitable resource in the Grant County Community Foundation.

**The infusion of grant dollars for immediate grants from North Plains Connector's Community Investment Program has opened our eyes to the needs in our area**—projects and programs that improve the quality of life of our residents were all around us, but there were no funds available.

A permanently endowed fund will generate annual charitable dollars for grant awards in our area for years to come, regardless of what other funding may come our way. **Please consider how you can add to our permanent fund.** Gifts of all sizes are appreciated—together we can create a better future for Grant County! Donations can be made online at [www.NDCF.net/GrantCounty](http://www.NDCF.net/GrantCounty) or you can mail a check to the address on the back.

Please feel free to contact any of us listed below or email us at [GrantCounty@NDCF.net](mailto:GrantCounty@NDCF.net) for more information. **Thank you for considering a gift to the future of our area!**

**GCCF Advisory Committee**

Ryan Roth, Chair, New Leipzig  
Jennifer Hauge, Leith    Kathy Hoff, Leith  
Sara Meier, Carson    Brianna Ricks, Elgin

## \$185,000 Awarded in Grants in 2025

- **Dakota Hill Housing:** \$30,000 for an elevator
- **Elgin Fire Protection District:**
  - \$15,000 for a Tanker Chassis
  - \$10,000 for a Flatbed and Tank
- **New Leipzig Economic Development Corporation:** \$20,000 for Flooring Replacement in the Community Center
- **New Leipzig Fireman's Auxiliary:**
  - \$10,000 for a Fire Truck Upgrade
  - \$10,000 for a Backup Generator
- **Country Community Cupboard Inc.:**
  - \$10,000 for Food/Supplies for the Annual Fundraiser
  - \$5,000 to Purchase Food to Stock the Pantry
- **New Leipzig Ambulance Service:** \$15,000 for the Cardiac Ready Community Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Program
- **Grant County Fair Association:** \$13,000 for Tables and Chairs for the Fair Building.
- **Greater Carson Rural Fire Protection District:** \$10,500 for Window & Kitchen Replacement in the Community Center
- **Elgin/New Leipzig School District:** \$10,000 for Elementary Playground Equipment Replacement
- **Carson Food Pantry:** \$10,000 for Pantry Supplies
- **Kidz Clubhouse:** \$10,000 for the Fencing Project
- **Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center:** \$5,000 for an Autoclave Purchase
- **Grant County Historical Society:** \$1,500 for the Stone Church Preservation Project

# What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation receives gifts and donations from individuals, families, and businesses, and grants money back into the community for projects and programs that improve the quality of life for area residents.

The community foundation is guided by a local Advisory Committee, which leads fundraising efforts and recommends grant awards.

*“The beauty of a fund like this is that it’s not tied to any one cause or organization,”* said John Heinen with NDCF. *“Each year, the Advisory Committee will review applications from charitable organizations and community groups and recommend programs to receive funding.”*

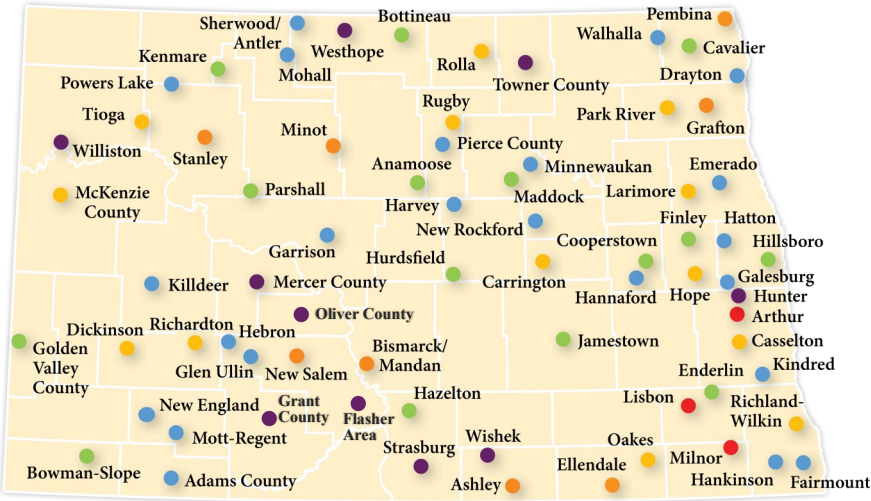
The Grant County Community Foundation got its start with an infusion of grant dollars from the North Plains Connector’s Community Investment Program.

Many communities, however, start an endowment fund to provide a permanent resource for projects in their area.

There are over 69 local community foundations in North Dakota, some that started over three decades ago and others that started more recently. The larger these permanent endowment funds grow, the more earnings are available for grants every year (see map above)

**Can you help us grow our fund so that we can better support the programs and projects that make Grant County great?** Consider setting up a recurring gift online or send a check to our address below. Or consider one of these options:

- **Donate stock**
- **Transfer money directly from your IRA** - your donation (directly from your IRA to NDCF for our fund) counts as your Required Minimum Distribution, but you can avoid taxes on it!
- **Donate agricultural commodities!** Just instruct your elevator or broker to donate a certain number of bushels or head of



**Total Assets = Annual Grants**

\$5 million+	● \$200,000+
\$1 million - \$5 M	● \$40,000 - \$200,000
\$500,000 - \$999,999	● \$20,000 - \$40,000
\$250,000 - \$499,999	● \$10,000 - \$20,000
\$100,000 - \$249,999	● \$4,000 - \$10,000
\$0 - \$99,000	● \$0 - \$4,000

livestock to the North Dakota Community Foundation (for the Grant County fund.)

- **Give memorial gifts to our fund in honor of family members and friends.**
- **ADDED BENEFIT: Take advantage of the ND 40% tax credit.** Individuals that give at least \$5,000 in one calendar year and businesses that donate ANY amount to the Grant County Community Foundation qualified ND endowment fund may take a 40% state income tax credit on their gift.

If you are interested in learning more, visit our website at [www.NDCF.net/GrantCounty](http://www.NDCF.net/GrantCounty) or contact a committee member!

**Questions - Donate - Apply for Grants?**

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The Grant 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 an annual audit. For more information about NDCF, to make an anonymous gift to the Grant County Community Foundation, or for a confidential conversation about charitable-giving options, contact John Heinen, NDCF Development Director at 701-590-4614 or [John@NDCF.net](mailto:John@NDCF.net).