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2025 Annual Update

A Status Update for Donors and Supporters of Our Area's Permanent Endowment Fund.

Dear Community Friends,

A recent article 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 me and others on our committee. We don't wait for help or handouts from national organizations to build projects or support programs here in Mott and Regent - we are busy building our own charitable resource in the Mott-Regent Community Foundation.

We have been blessed and very grateful for the grant dollars we have received from the Grid United Community Investment Program, however, that funding ends this year.

Can YOU make a gift to our endowment fund so we have funding in the future for important projects and programs in our communities?

- Morgan Kouba, Committee Chair

Committee members

Alex Aldinger (Mott) William Gion (Regent)
Kevin Carvell (Mott) Katelin Kouba (Regent)
Linda Swindler (Mott) Kendra Carlson (Mott)
Karen Kouba (Regent)

Mott-Regent Community Foundation*

- Established in 2012
- Total Market Value of Fund (as of 12/31/24): **\$176,286**
- Total Grants Awarded in 2024: **17 grants totaling \$97,987**
- Total Grants Awarded since 2013: **67 grants totaling \$239,908**

* Includes data from the Ishmael & Rose Diede Fund for Mott-Regent

\$97,987 Awarded in 2024

- **Regent Rural Fire Protection District #1:** \$17,000 for new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
- **Hettinger County Historical Society:** \$15,000 for research building renovations
- **Mott Health Care Center:**
 - \$8,000 for new recliner lift chairs
 - \$5,000 for new resident bed mattresses
- **Mott Park District:** \$10,000 for a pickleball Court
- **Playhouse Theatre Inc:**
 - \$5,000 for a movie screen and seat cleaning
 - \$1,500 for theatre wall repairs
- **Mott Volunteer Fire Brigade:**
 - \$2,000 for new signage on the Fire Hall
 - \$3,696 for fire blanket installation in the community
- **Mott Country Club:** \$5,000 for shop fire repair
- **State line Amateur Radio Club:** \$5,000 for the Southwest Repeater Linking Project
- **Mott Gallery of History & Art:** \$5,000 to re-roof the Gallery
- **Mott Visionary Committee:** \$5,000 for a portable stage for community use
- **Mott Food Pantry:** \$4,000 to purchase food for the pantry
- **Mott Ambulance Service:** \$3,000 for the Med Equipment Project
- **Cannonball Sportsmen:** \$2,291 for lighting and porta potty
- **Mott Public Library:** \$1,500 for art necessities

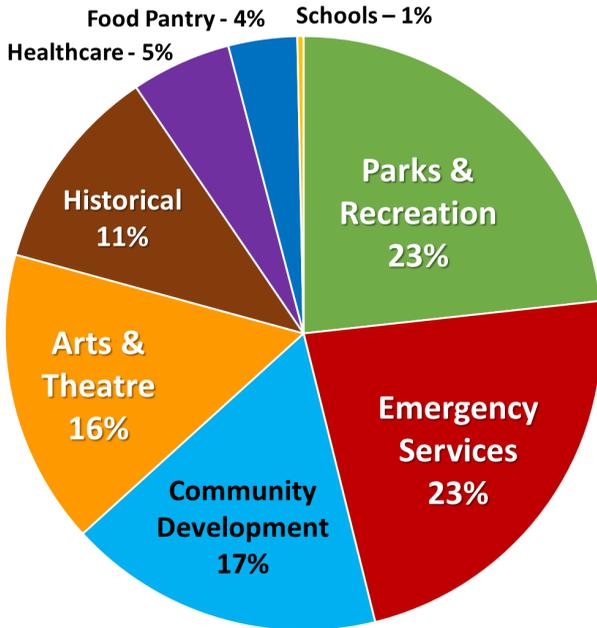
Watch for news coming soon about our 2025 Spring grants, with funding coming from Grid United's Community Investment Program!

Applications for the second grant round in 2025 are due September 29! Applications are available online at www.NDCF.net/MottRegent.

Where Have Our Grants Gone?

The Mott-Regent Community Foundation has awarded more than \$239,000 in 67 different grants since 2002 to various organizations and entities in our area.

Here is a breakdown of where our grant dollars have gone:



Parks & Recreation	\$55,785
Emergency Services	\$54,915
Community Development	\$41,023
Arts and Theatre	\$38,450
Historical Society	\$27,000
Healthcare	\$13,000
Food Pantry/Backpack Program	\$8,935
Education and Schools	\$800
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The majority of these grant dollars have come from the Grid United Community Investment Program, which will have distributed more than \$2 million into southwest North Dakota communities by the end of 2025, including New Salem, Flasher, Grant County, New England, and Slope County as well as Mott and Regent.

Thank you, Grid United, for investing in our communities!

Estate Gift Benefits Area Forever

Tom Larson was the city manager, assessor and auditor for the City of Park River for a number of years and was active in his community, serving on numerous boards. Tom wished for his estate to continue to benefit his community after he was gone.



Tom Larson

Tom left a gift of almost \$120,000 to the Park River Area Community Endowment Fund in his will. It is the largest one-time gift in the history of the fund.

“Tom was such a community leader,” said Ann Berg, who served with Larson on the community endowment fund’s advisory committee. *“We miss his wisdom and insight, and we think about him when we give out grants every year.”*

Estate gifts are a beautiful way to leave a legacy and support the causes that are important to you long after you are gone.

You can make a profound impact on future generations of Mott-Regent residents by leaving a portion of your estate to the Mott-Regent Community Foundation. Your gift will fund projects and programs that improve our quality of life forever. You can contact NDCF for more info or just include the following text in your will:

*“I give and bequeath to the North Dakota Community Foundation (Tax ID 45-0336015), a qualified charitable organization under IRS 501 (c)(3), located in Bismarck, North Dakota, _____(a percentage of the estate, specific dollar amount, or remainder of estate) to the **Mott-Regent Community Foundation**, a permanent component of the North Dakota Community Foundation.”*

* Be sure to visit with your attorney

Questions or want more information?



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