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2024 Annual Update

Dear 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 our committee. We don't wait for help or handouts from national organizations to build projects or support programs here in Mohall - while we appreciate any support we can get, we are busy building our own charitable resource in the Mohall Area 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!

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Mohall Area CF Advisory Committee

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\$3,900 Awarded in 2024

The Mohall Area Community Foundation Advisory Committee awarded three grants, totaling \$3,900 in October:

- **City of Mohall:** \$1,675 for the Gokavi Garden outdoor furniture project
- **Mohall Food Pantry:** \$1,225 for shopping carts and a new scale for their new location
- **Mohall Public Library:** \$1,000 for the Children's Room and Reading Area

Grants are awarded from the fund once a year. Any organization with a 501(c)(3) status or government agency may apply. Applications are available online at www.NDCF.net/Mohall.



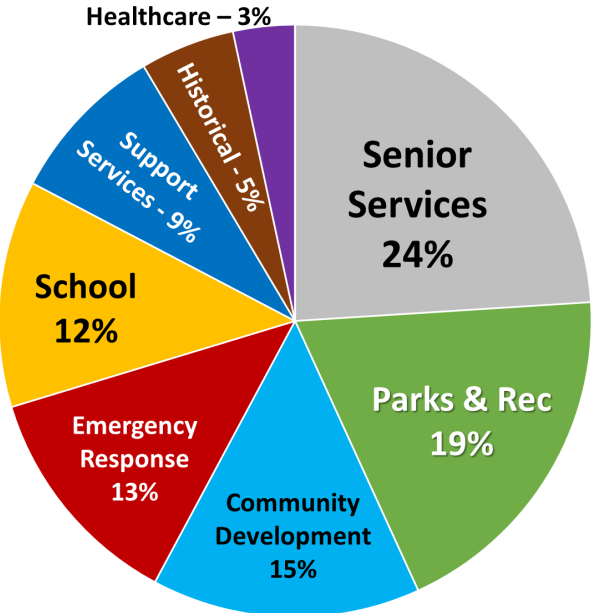
Staff and students in grades 9-12 at Mohall Lansford Sherwood Public School helped the food pantry move to the Mohall Plaza in 2 hours! "This move in to ground-floor space will vastly improve our accessibility to our clients, especially those with more limited mobility," wrote Bethany Gates in their grant application. *Photos from the MLS Public School and Mohall Food Pantry Facebook pages.*

Mohall Area Community Foundation

- Established in 2007
- Total Assets (as of 12/6/24): **\$158,961**
- Total Gifts to the Mohall Area Comm. Foundation so far in 2024: **\$2,932**
- Total Grants Awarded in 2024: **3 grants totaling \$3,900**
- Total Grants Awarded since Inception: **34 grants totaling \$29,680**

Where Have Our Grants Gone?

The Mohall Area Community Foundation has awarded over \$29,000 in 34 different grants since 2007 to various organizations and entities in our area. Here is a breakdown of where those grant dollars have gone:



Senior Services (Wheels on Meals, etc.)	\$7,120
Parks & Recreation	\$5,696
Community Development (library, etc.)	\$4,350
Emergency Response (ambulance, etc.)	\$3,702
School & Education	\$3,675
Support Services (low income)	\$2,605
Renville County Historical Society	\$1,532
Health Services	\$1,000
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Thank you to the many different individuals, families, and businesses that have donated to our foundation in the past. **Your generosity made these grants possible!**

Questions or want more information?



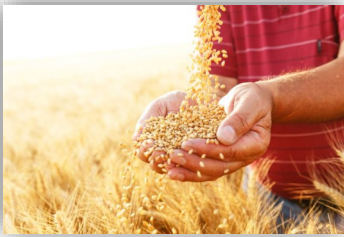
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Donating Ag Commodities Makes Good Sense (& Cents)

Many North Dakotans do their charitable giving in a very tax-wise way - they gift a portion of their harvest.

"Gifting agricultural commodities is a really smart way to give back," noted Kara Geiger of the North Dakota Community Foundation, who works with area



producers on their gifts. "Farmers can deduct the cost of production, but the portion of the harvest that is donated does not have to be claimed as income to the self-employed farmer. This can result in thousands of dollars in tax savings as opposed to a straight gift of cash."

The Mohall Area Community Foundation can accept many different types of agricultural commodities as gifts, including livestock.

If you are interested in learning more about this giving option, contact Kara Geiger at Kara@NDCF.net or 701-222-8349 for a free, confidential conversation. e can provide illustrations of your potential tax savings and discuss various ways to structure your gift to meet your charitable-giving desires as well as optimize your tax savings. Learn more at www.NDCF.net/AgGifts.



"Do what you can with what you have, where you are."

- Theodore Roosevelt



The Mohall Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides financial management, communication support, and donor gift planning services to the local committee. For more information about NDCF, contact Kara Geiger, NDCF Development Director at 701-222-8349.