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Area Community Foundation

2026 Annual Update

Dear Friends,

Our partner in philanthropy, the North Dakota Community Foundation, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year!



NDCF administers our fund and its assets, sends receipts to our donors, files the proper paperwork with the IRS, provides fundraising and marketing support to our committee, and has relationships with other funding entities in the region, sometimes directing other grant dollars our way. We couldn't do it without them!

Our community and entire area has benefitted greatly from this organization that believes strongly in the power of place-based philanthropy and especially in endowed funds like ours.

Thanks to NDCF for all the support over the years and congrats on reaching this milestone!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our other Advisory Committee members: Monica Mertz, Chad Durheim, Jeff Glynn, Lana Norton, Lori Young, or Dahltin Pahl.

Aaron Tschosik, Chair

Ellendale Area Community Foundation*

- Established in 1998
- Market Value as of 6/30/26: **\$1,206,155**
- Total Gifts to the Ellendale ACF in 2025: **\$24,950**
- Total Grants Awarded in 2026: **14 grants totaling \$43,590**
- Total Grants Awarded since inception: **291 grants totaling \$567,035**

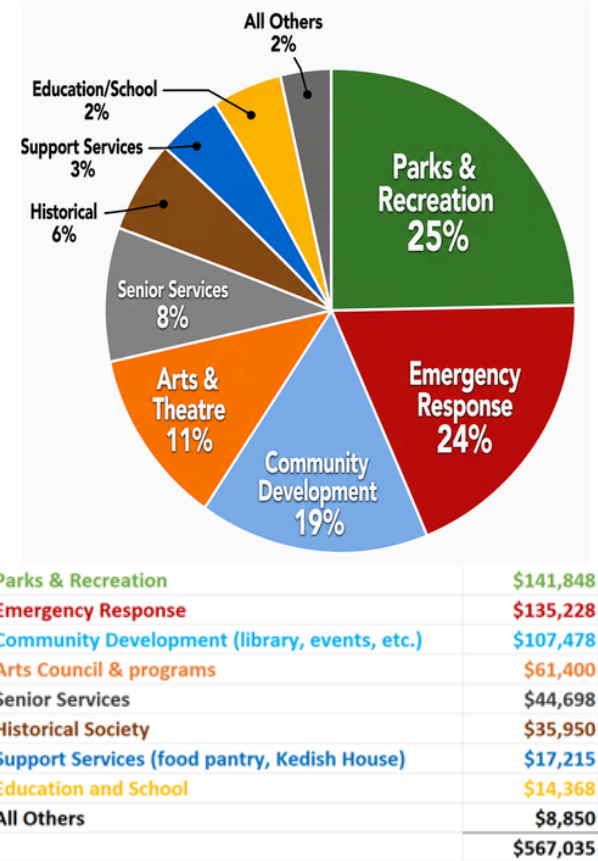
**includes data from the Ellendale Healthcare Fund and the Bill & Leona Meyer Fund, which also benefit the Ellendale area*

\$43,590 Awarded in 2026*

- **Ellendale Park Board:** \$8,090 for Oster and South Park dirt work and hydromulching
- **Ellendale Fire Protection District:** \$6,500 for a ground monitor
- **Ellendale Area Arts Council:**
 - \$3,000 for the Summer Concert Series 2026
 - \$2,000 for Kid's Art
- **Ellendale Community Ambulance:** \$5,000 for the new ambulance station
- **Dickey County Fair Board:** \$4,000 for picnic tables
- **Coteau Hills Historical Center:** \$3,000 for the Shimmin-Tveit Museum
- **O.P.E.R.A, Inc.:** \$3,000 for 2026 Gallery Exhibits/Entertainment
- **Ellendale Community Food Pantry:** \$2,500 for to complete the pantry expansion
- **Fullerton Fest:** \$2,000 for 2026 Fullerton Fest Music Acts
- **Ellendale Historical Society:** \$1,500 for Lacey & Barta/Gerling Blacksmith historic signage mural
- **Dickey County 4-H:** \$1,000 for the Ambassador Drive-In Movie Night
- **Northern Lights Council of the Boy Scouts of America Inc:** \$1,000 to support Scouting in Ellendale
- **Stronger Together Foundation:** \$1,000 for fundraising

Grants 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/Ellendale

Grant History Since Inception



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 Scott Nicholson 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 Ellendale 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 Scott Nicholson at Scott@NDCF.net or 701-892-2007 for a free, confidential conversation. He 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.



Thank you . . .

to the many individuals, families, businesses and organizations that have contributed to this foundation over the years. YOU have made these grants possible!

Leave a Legacy in Ellendale

If you would like to leave some or all of your estate to the Ellendale Area Community Foundation, the bequest language is as follows:

"I give, devise 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, specific dollar amount, or remainder) to the Ellendale Area Community Foundation, a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation."

* Be sure to consult an attorney

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

- Theodore Roosevelt

Questions or want more information?



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The Ellendale Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides comprehensive charitable services including gift planning, bequest planning, and fiduciary services such as money management and an annual audit. For more information about NDCF or the Ellendale Area Community Foundation, contact Scott Nicholson, NDCF Development Director at 701-892-2007.