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2025 Annual Update

Dear Friends,

You may notice a slight change in our annual update this year . . . **the name of our foundation officially became the Dunn County Community Foundation in 2025!** We made this change because it became obvious over the years that our foundation supported organizations all across the county, not just in Killdeer. Our committee felt strongly that the name should reflect that.

We have awarded more than \$25,000 since our inception in 2012 and are so grateful to the many organizations that receive these grant dollars and put them to work in our communities. **We know these projects and programs wouldn't be possible without the nonprofit organizations, volunteers, and service providers who are building a better life for our residents through their projects and programs.** Thank you for the great work you are doing every day in our area!

You can see our most recent grants at the right. We invite everyone to join us in building this fund so it can support more important initiatives in the future!

Thanks for helping us secure a brighter future for the residents of Dunn County!

Dunn County Community Foundation Committee

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\$8,320 Awarded in 2025

The Dunn County Community Foundation Advisory Committee awarded 3 grants totaling \$8,320 to the following organizations in 2025:

- **Coal Country Community Health Center:** \$3,710 for a Fuji ES digital upgrade
- **Killdeer Area Ambulance Service:** \$2,500 for a SimX Virtual Reality EMS Training System
- **Dunn County Round Up:** \$2,110 toward their new building

“The SimX Virtual Reality Training System lets providers practice emergency scenarios—like strokes, trauma, or pediatric calls—in a safe, realistic, and customizable virtual environment,” wrote Demienica Portalatin in the Killdeer Area Ambulance Services’ grant request. “Rural EMS faces unique challenges: long transport times, limited access to training facilities, and a low call volume that makes hands-on experience rare. Yet when calls do come, they’re often life-threatening. This “low frequency, high acuity” reality requires sharp clinical decision-making, not just technical skill. SimX bridges this gap. Traditional training teaches how to perform tasks. SimX trains responders to know when and why—helping them think through complex scenes, make safer choices, and respond with confidence.”

Image below from the SimX Virtual Reality website shows first responders practicing in a virtual reality scenario.



Dunn County Community Foundation

- Established in 2012
- Total Assets (as of 10/31/25): **\$234,229**
- Total Grants Awarded in 2025: **3 grant totaling \$8,320**
- Total Grants Awarded since 2017: **11 grants totaling \$25,504**

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 John Heinen 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 Dunn County 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 John Heinen at John@NDCF.net or 701-590-4614 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.



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

- Theodore Roosevelt

Questions or want more information?



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Can You Help Us Fill The Gap?

Our committee receives many more grant requests every year than we have available dollars to grant.



In fact, we have received a total of **more than \$62,000 in grant requests** in the last two years, but have only had enough earnings to award \$11,320 in grants. *That's only meeting 18% of the need in our communities.*

As our endowment fund grows, we will be able to better meet the needs in the communities of Dunn County. But we need YOUR help.

If we wanted to be able to fill just 50% of our average grant requests, we would need a fund with a market value over \$390,000. **Can you help us grow to that amount?** Once the money is invested, it will benefit Dunn County for generations!

You can donate cash, by check, transfer stock, or give real-estate, collections, unneeded equipment or even ag produce.

Some people prefer to set up a recurring gift online - you select the amount and the end date. Even \$10 or \$25 a month makes a difference!

If you have any questions or would like more information about these or other charitable-giving options, please contact John Heinen (contact info at left.)

Leave Your Legacy in Dunn County!

If you have left us in your will, trust or made us the beneficiary of your retirement or insurance, please let us know so we can say thank you! **If you would like to leave some or all of your estate to the Dunn County Community Foundation, the bequest language is as follows:**

*"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, specific dollar amount, or remainder) to the **Dunn County Community Foundation**, a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation."*

* Be sure to consult an attorney



The Dunn County Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides comprehensive charitable services including donor gift planning, bequest planning, and fiduciary services such as accounting, audit, and money management.