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## **NDCF Announces More Than \$383,000 in Grant Awards from Second Round of Grid United's Community Investment Program**

Bismarck, ND., December 12, 2023 – The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) is pleased to announce it has awarded \$383,689 in grants from the Grid United Community Investment Program (CIP) to nonprofit organizations in southwestern North Dakota in its second grant round.

The CIP will support the six North Dakota counties in which Grid United's North Plains Connector – a transmission line connecting the U.S. eastern and western electric grids in Montana and North Dakota – will be located. These counties are Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger, Grant, Morton, and Oliver.

NDCF utilized the local community foundations under its umbrella in this part of the state to distribute the CIP grant dollars. Each community foundation has an advisory committee of five to nine residents who know and understand the needs in their area. Committees reviewed grant applications and recommended awards to those projects and programs that would have the greatest impact.

The grant awards for the second grant round by community foundation are as follows:

### **Golden Valley County Community Foundation**

- Golva Rural Fire Protection District: generator installation
- Community Ambulance Service, Inc.: radios
- Golden Valley County Historical Society: external church repairs of the historic Sentinel Butte Congregational Church

### **Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation**

- Slope Farmers Fair Association: arena update
- Amidon Fire Protection District: Water Tender acquisition
- Bowman Regional Public Library: for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- Pioneer Trails Regional Museum: for their History on Display

### **New England Community Foundation (Hettinger County)**

- Open Door Food Pantry: Food Pantry Expansion
- Hettinger County Sheriff's Office: support for the Hettinger County K9
- New England Park Board: Track and Field/Walking Path

### **Mott-Regent Community Foundation (Hettinger County)**

- Regent Park District: Pickleball court development
- Hettinger County Sheriff's Office: support for the Hettinger County K9
- Enchanted Hwy Foundation Project Non-Endowment Fund: for "Arise Dragon!"

### **Grant County Community Foundation**

- Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center: powered ambulance cot purchase
- Greater Carson Rural Fire Protection District: towards the purchase of a new fire truck
- 701 Monkey Business: startup expenses
- Roosevelt Public School: playground equipment

### **New Salem Area Community Foundation (Morton County)**

- Downtown Development Corp. of Almont - Community and Fitness Center: three new commercial insulated exterior entry doors
- Elm Crest Manor: Outpatient Therapy Nu-Step Machine
- Morton County Fair Association: Entertainment Building Sound System
- New Salem Fire Department: auto extrication tools

### **Flasher Area Community Foundation (Morton County south)**

- City of Flasher: Court Street demolition
- Flasher Rural Fire Protection District: Flasher Fire Truck purchase
- Flasher Lions: support for demolishing unsafe buildings and repurposing the lots for recreation opportunities

### **Oliver County Community Foundation**

- Oliver County Rural Fire Protection District: tanker truck rebuild
- Center-Stanton Public School: 7-12 Grade student computers
- Oliver County Historical Society: property boundary fencing installation

"We are pleased to see the important projects funded in these communities thanks to Grid United's generosity and commitment," said Kevin Dvorak, President & CEO of NDCF. "And we appreciate the work of our local volunteer committee members, who partner with us to facilitate the distribution of these funds."

The first CIP grant round awarded over \$313,000, bringing Grid United's investment in southwestern North Dakota communities to over \$697,000.

For more information about these grants, go to <https://www.NDCF.net/Partner/GridUnited.html>, contact the local community foundation's chairperson, or contact John Heinen, NDCF Development Director for Western North Dakota at [John@NDCF.net](mailto:John@NDCF.net) or 701-590-4614.

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**About Grid United:** Grid United is an independent transmission company aiming to modernize the United States' power grid to create a more resilient and efficient electric system that uses the nation's abundant and geographically diverse natural resources to the benefit of all consumers. For more information, visit [www.gridunited.com](http://www.gridunited.com).

**About North Plains Connector:** The North Plains Connector is an approximately 385 mile and up to 525 kilovolt high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line connecting the U.S. eastern and western electric grids in Montana and North Dakota. The North Plains Connector will be open to all sources of electrical power generation and will be able to transport power in either direction along the line. For more information, visit [www.northplainsconnector.com](http://www.northplainsconnector.com).

**About the North Dakota Community Foundation:** Established in 1976, the North Dakota Community Foundation is a public, non-profit tax-exempt corporation which receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs that benefit North Dakotans. It manages over \$120 million in assets in over 850 component funds, including 69 local community foundations, organizational endowment funds, donor-advised funds, and scholarships. It has made over \$100 million in grants since its inception with the mission of improving the lives of North Dakota citizens and their communities through charitable giving and promoting philanthropy. For more information, visit [www.NDCF.net](http://www.NDCF.net).