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NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES OTTO BREMER TRUST COMMUNITY RESPONSIVE FUND GRANTS

NDCF awards \$1,500,000 in grants to 22 nonprofits as OBT's intermediary partner in North Dakota.

BISMARCK, N.D. — The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) is pleased to announce that 22 organizations have been awarded grants totaling \$1.5 million from its Otto Bremer Trust (OBT) Community Responsive Fund. NDCF was selected as a philanthropic intermediary partner to administer and distribute funds from OBT's Community Responsive Fund to organizations in North Dakota.

NDCF serves as a local expert to help OBT increase its positive impact by providing and administering grants directly to organizations within North Dakota that provide effective services and programs. OBT's five areas of focus in 2026 are food, shelter, low-income healthcare clinics, disability services, and school-based mental health.

"We are pleased to partner with the Otto Bremer Trust to support organizations that provide essential services across North Dakota," said Steve Lipp, President & CEO of NDCF. "These grants will help our nonprofit partners meet basic needs and improve access to healthcare, disability services, and mental health support in the communities they serve."

The complete listing of grantees, with a brief description of their project or program, their city, and their OBT Community Responsive Fund grant award, is listed below in alphabetical order.

Organization / Project or Program	City	Amount Awarded
ABLE, Inc.: To install an accessible elevator in a 12-unit apartment building in Dickinson for residents with disabilities and mobility challenges.	Dickinson	\$63,000
Abused Adult Resource Center: To sustain Pam's House emergency shelter and support services for victims of violence and their children.	Bismarck	\$100,000
Anne Carlsen Center: To sustain and strengthen statewide disability services for people with developmental disabilities, complex medical needs, and behavioral challenges.	Jamestown	\$100,000
Community Violence Intervention Center: To support school- and community-based mental health services for young people impacted by interpersonal violence.	Grand Forks	\$100,000
Domestic Violence Crisis Center: General operating support for emergency shelter, advocacy, therapy, and other services for victims of domestic and sexual violence.	Minot	\$27,000
Fargo Union Mission dba New Life Center: To support shelter, meals, and recovery services and strengthen case management for people experiencing homelessness or addiction.	Fargo	\$100,000
Fraser, Ltd.: To support inclusive childcare, youth and young adult services, and residential services for adults with developmental disabilities.	Fargo	\$84,500

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Haley's Hope: To expand access to dyslexia support for rural students and schools through direct services, educator training, and outreach.	West Fargo	\$37,000
Heartview Foundation: To support evidence-based substance use treatment, including integrating peer support into services.	Bismarck	\$26,000
HIA Health (formerly Hospice of the Red River Valley): To bring Heather's House hospice facility to full capacity and provide compassionate care to patients across the region.	Fargo	\$100,000
Home On The Range: To support education and therapeutic treatment for youth, including a school expansion with additional classrooms, a sensory room, and an independent living skills lab.	Sentinel Butte	\$100,000
Independence, Inc.: To support advocacy, mentoring, and independent living services for people with disabilities in northwestern North Dakota.	Minot	\$10,000
Minot Commission on Aging, Inc.: To continue congregate and home-delivered meals for seniors in Minot and surrounding communities.	Minot	\$40,000
Mountain Plains Youth Services Coalition dba Youthworks: To support shelter and housing services for youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness.	Bismarck	\$100,000
Mountrail County Health Foundation: To purchase non-magnetic equipment, safety infrastructure, and patient support items for Mountrail County Medical Center's MRI suite.	Stanley	\$34,500
Opportunity Foundation, Inc.: To support person-centered residential, vocational, and community services for people with disabilities in western North Dakota.	Williston	\$23,000
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Bismarck: To support no-cost, school-based dental care through the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile for children in western North Dakota.	Bismarck	\$75,000
Sanford Health Foundation West: To expand access to integrated school-based mental health counseling at no cost to qualifying students in central and western North Dakota.	Bismarck	\$100,000
The Fred and Clara Eckert Foundation for Children: To support school-based mental health services in Williston High and Middle Schools and care coordination for youth.	Williston	\$18,000
Women's Care Center - Bismarck: To support pregnancy care, parenting education, and material assistance for women and families, including expanded classes and community events.	Bismarck	\$68,000
YMCA of the Northern Sky: To support programming addressing food insecurity, mental health and well-being, youth activities, and other community needs.	Fargo	\$94,000
YWCA Cass Clay: To support emergency shelter and trauma-informed services for women and children experiencing homelessness or fleeing violence.	Fargo	\$100,000
TOTAL • 22 ORGANIZATIONS		\$1,500,000

About the North Dakota Community Foundation

The North Dakota Community Foundation was organized in 1976 as a public, nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation which receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs which benefit North Dakotans and their communities. NDCF currently administers over 1,000 individual charitable funds, including 73 local community foundations and over 200 scholarship funds for North Dakota youth. It has offices in Bismarck, Dickinson, Larimore, and Wahpeton, North Dakota. For more information about NDCF, visit www.NDCF.net.

About the Otto Bremer Trust

The Otto Bremer Trust is a private charitable trust based in St. Paul, Minnesota. Created in 1944 by business and community leader Otto Bremer, it is committed to supporting an enhanced quality of life for residents of Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. For more information about Otto Bremer Trust, visit <https://ottobremer.org>.

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