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OTTO BREMER TRUST SELECTS THE NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AS PHILANTHROPIC INTERMEDIARY PARTNER FOR ITS 2026 COMMUNITY RESPONSIVE FUND

North Dakota Community Foundation will administer and distribute \$1,500,000 in grants of up to \$75,000 to local nonprofits; applications accepted March 1 - April 30, 2026.

February 6, 2026, Bismarck, ND — The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) has been selected by the Otto Bremer Trust (OBT) as a philanthropic intermediary partner to administer and distribute funds through its 2026 Community Responsive Fund. Under this partnership, NDCF will work closely with OBT to administer \$1.5 million in funds for grants up to \$75,000 to support local organizations that directly respond to immediate challenges and opportunities in the state in one of five key focus areas.

NDCF will serve as a local expert to ensure that the Otto Bremer Trust is increasing the positive impact in the regions it serves by providing and administering grants directly to organizations within North Dakota that provide effective services and programs.

“The Otto Bremer Trust is proud to work with the North Dakota Community Foundation to administer and distribute grant funds in North Dakota,” said Frank Miley, co-CEO and trustee, OBT. “The Trust’s mission has always been to fund organizations and programs that effectively address challenges and opportunities in their local communities. What better way to have a deeper understanding of where those challenges are than to work with an organization like NDCF, which is fully integrated into the communities and regions we serve. We look forward to working together to increase our impact.”

Local nonprofits, organizations, and groups may apply for funding from the 2026 OBT Community Responsive Fund through NDCF beginning March 1. Qualified applicants and projects must focus on one of the following areas:

- **Food.** Organizations and programs that directly operate meal sites and food pantries to meet basic daily needs. (Large, region- and state-wide food bank activities are not included.)
- **Shelter.** Organizations and programs that provide short-term and emergency shelter beds for people who are housing insecure or facing homelessness.
- **Low-income healthcare clinics.** Organizations and programs that primarily provide affordable medical, dental, and mental health services to people with limited financial resources or who are uninsured/underinsured.
- **Disability services.** Organizations and programs that support people with physical/cognitive disabilities.

- **School-based mental health.** Organizations and programs that have established school-based mental health services.

“We are pleased to partner again with the Otto Bremer Trust in applying resources where they’re needed most in North Dakota,” said Steve Lipp, President & CEO of NDCF. “We encourage organizations that provide services in these focus areas to apply for a grant.”

Applications for the grants will be accepted beginning March 1 for nonprofit organizations providing services in North Dakota. More information can be found at www.NDCF.net/OBT. Applications are due by April 30, 2026.

For more information about NDCF, visit www.NDCF.net.

For more information about Otto Bremer Trust, visit <https://ottobremer.org>.

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The Otto Bremer Trust is a private charitable trust based in St. Paul, Minn. 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. Since its founding, OBT has invested more than \$1 billion in its region’s people, places, and opportunities.

The North Dakota Community Foundation was organized in 1976 as a public, non-profit tax-exempt corporation which receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs which benefit North Dakotans and their communities. It has offices in Bismarck, Dickinson, Larimore and Wahpeton, North Dakota.