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# 2026 Annual Update



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*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!**

### CACF Advisory Committee

Ed McConnell, Chair	George Blank
Julie Burgum	Scott Wolff
Kelly Everson	Amy Warrey
Cami Wack	Brad Sessler
Kelsey Grommesh	

## \$32,120 Awarded in 2025

- **Casselton Public Library:** \$5,000 for their 2026 Summer Library Program: "Unearth a Story"
- **Rural Cass County Emergency Food Pantry:** \$4,000 for general needs
- **Casselton Park District:** \$3,500 for Casselton flowers
- **Destination Imagination Casselton:** \$3,120
- **Central Cass Treehouse:** \$3,000 for food baskets and pantry products
- **Casselton Boy Scouts Troop 241:** \$2,000 for 2026 Summer Camp Costs
- **Community of Care:** \$2,000 for their Volunteer Program
- **Casselton Cemetery Association:** \$1,500 for Entrance Refurbishment Project
- **Casselton Heritage Center Inc:** \$1,500 for digitizing the Cass County Reporter 1891-1969
- **Central Cass Robotics:** \$1,500 for their 2025-2026 Competition Season
- **Central Cass Friends of Fine Arts:** \$1,250 for the Casselton Community Marching Band
- **BIO Girls:** \$1,000 for their 2026 program
- **Casselton Economic Development:** \$1,000 for Casselton Jingle & Mingle
- **Junior Achievement North:** \$1,000 for their Casselton Area programming 2025-2026
- **Central Cass Sunshine Club:** \$750

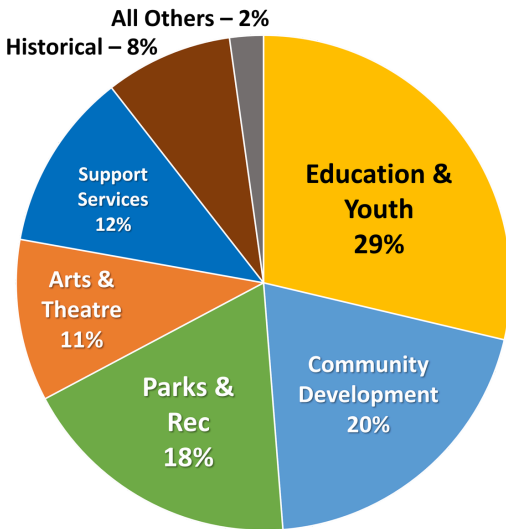
Grants are awarded once a year. Any organization with a 501(c)(3) status or government agency may apply. Applications are available online at [www.NDCF.net/Casselton](http://www.NDCF.net/Casselton) and are accepted from September 1 - November 1.

### Casselton Area Community Foundation

- Established in 1993
- Total Assets (as of 12/31/25): **\$1,001,828**
- Total Gifts to the CACF in 2025: **\$39,918**
- Total Grants Awarded in 2025: **15 grants totaling \$32,120**
- Total Grants Awarded since 1994: **342 grants totaling \$498,552**

*Includes data from the Bradley & Julie Burgum Family Fund*

## Grant History Since 1993



Education & Youth	<b>\$143,080</b>
Community Development	<b>\$99,967</b>
Parks & Recreation	<b>\$92,178</b>
Arts & Theatre	<b>\$52,705</b>
Support Services	<b>\$58,050</b>
Historical/Heritage	<b>\$41,574</b>
All Others	<b>\$10,998</b>
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	<b>\$498,552</b>

*Thank you to the many different individuals, families, and businesses that have donated to our foundation in the past. Your generosity made these grants possible!*

### Questions or want more information?



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## 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 Amy Stromsodt 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 Casselton 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 Amy Stromsodt at Amy@NDCF.net or 701-795-1531 for a free, confidential conversation. She 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](http://www.NDCF.net/AgGifts).



## Leave a Legacy in Casselton

If you would like to leave some or all of your estate to the Casselton 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 Casselton Area Community Foundation, a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation."*

\* Be sure to consult an attorney



*The Casselton 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 Casselton Area Community Foundation, contact Amy Stromsodt, NDCF Development Director at 701-795-1531.*