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Flasher Area Community Foundation

2025 Annual Update

Dear Community Friends,

What an impact Grid United has had on our area! We have awarded \$140,500 in grants in 2023 and 2024 to organizations in Flasher and the surrounding area for a variety of projects and programs. Unfortunately, we received total requests of over \$453,000 during that same time so we had to make tough choices. There are obviously more needs in our area, but the Grid funding will run out in 2025.

Our invitation to everyone reading this report is to consider donating something of value to our community fund this year so we can continue to provide critical funding for many of these projects, year after year, even after Grid United funding no longer exists. Gifts can be large or small, but all of us contributing a little will help our community foundation grow a LOT. For donation options, please refer to the information on the back.

Please feel free to contact a committee member to discuss your charitable goals or to answer any other questions you may have or email us at Flasher@NDCF.net. Thank you!

FACF Advisory Committee

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\$58,000 Awarded in Grants

The Flasher Area Community Foundation (FACF) awarded the following grants in 2024:

- **Flasher Rural Fire Protection District:**
 - \$20,000 for a Flasher Fire/Rescue Turck - CAFS Unit
 - \$10,000 for a Flasher Fire Truck Rescue Unit Bed
- **City of Flasher:**
 - \$9,500 to make east side of Main Street handicap accessible (see photo below)
 - \$8,500 for park upkeep and materials for maintenance
- **Flasher Public Schools:** \$10,000 for a parking lot to gym stairs

Any organization with a 501(c)(3) status or government agency that provides services in the Flasher area may apply for a grant. More information and the online application process can be accessed at www.NDCF.net/Flasher.

Our Grants In Action!

“The grant allowed the City of Flasher to provide much-needed handicap access to a sidewalk that was previously inaccessible to those with impaired mobility. The city personnel received praise and many thank-yous from businesses and residents. Although small in size, this project has a significant benefit for the community. The City Commission is extremely proud to have been able to provide this upgrade to Main Street as it will benefit the entire community for many, many years.”

- Sherry Schmidt, City of Flasher

Give Other Than or In Addition to Cash?

Why, yes you can! The Flasher Area Community Foundation can accept many different types of gifts. Depending on your situation, you may want to consider donating one of the following:

- **Outright Gift of Cash:** Online or by check
- **Over 70 1/2? A charitable IRA rollover (QCD) counts as your required minimum distribution,** but you don't need to claim the donated portion as federal income. Must be sent to NDCF by direct transfer.
- **Gifts of farm commodities:** Avoid income recognition by having the elevator make a direct transfer to the Flasher Area Community Foundation Endowment.
- **Appreciated investment assets,** valued on the date of transfer, are tax deductible and you can avoid paying capital gains tax.



Using funds from a 2023 grant, the Flasher Lions Club partnered with local Flasher residents to tear down old and abandoned buildings (with permission and proper permits).

For more information about NDCF, to make an anonymous gift to the Flasher Area Community Foundation, or for a confidential conversation about charitable-giving options, contact John Heinen, NDCF Development Director at 701-590-4614 or John@NDCF.net.



Don't Forget About the Tax Credit

The North Dakota Charitable Income Tax Credit allows individuals with ND earned income that donate \$5,000 or more and businesses that donate any amount to qualified endowment funds to receive up to a 40% state tax credit.

Depending on your tax bracket, this means a \$5,000 gift to the FCAF may end up only costing about \$2,000 after taking advantage of the tax credit and other deductions! (see chart below)

Find more information about the State Tax Credit, go to the NDCF website – www.NDCF.net/40, contact us, or consult your financial advisor.

Gift Amount	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
Estimated Federal Tax Savings	(\$960)	(\$1,920)	(\$4,800)
ND State Income Tax Credit	(\$2,000)	(\$4,000)	(\$10,000)
Net Cost of Gift	\$2,040	\$4,080	\$10,200



"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

- Theodore Roosevelt

Questions - Donate - Apply for Grants?

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