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Flasher Area Community Foundation

2026 Annual Update

Dear Community Friends,



We have some exciting news . . . the Flasher Area Community Foundation now has a permanently endowed fund to support our area forever!

We are incredibly grateful to the North Plains Connector Community Investment Program for the grant funding they have provided in the last several years. As community members, our board feels it is important to look into the future and start building an opportunity for both recipients and donors to help maintain and grow our community.

Our endowment fund creates that opportunity to continue to grow and build our legacy. This allows us to invest assets from individual donors or organizations and generate ongoing income for future years and collectively support projects that our entire community can benefit from. That has been our goal from the beginning, to support our entire community.

Please feel free to me if you have any questions about our foundation, our grants, or how to make a gift for the future of Flasher!

- Bob Bohl, Committee Chair

$276,854 Awarded in Grants

2025

- **Flasher Public Schools:** $85,000 for the football bleacher improvement plan
- **City of Flasher:**
  - $70,000 for park equipment and a golf course storage building
  - $600 for signage and new door handles to make City Hall ADA compliant
- **Flasher Rural Fire Protection District:** $41,254 for vehicle extrication and rescue tools
- **Raleigh Tractor Club:** $8,000 for capital improvements

Spring 2026 Grants

- **Flasher Rural Fire Protection District:** $45,000 for a new 2027 Water/Pumper Truck
- **Flasher Public School:** $27,000 for playground equipment

More information about the Fall 2026 grant round and an online application process can be accessed at **www.NDCF.net/Flasher**.



Our Grants In Action!

A 2024 grant from the Flasher Area Community Foundation, using initial funds from the North Plains Connector Community Investment Program helped pay for stairs from the main parking lot to the north gym entrance at the Flasher school.

"The project was important in allowing visitors safer access to our sidewalk area rather than trying to walk down a hill and potentially falling. Our older patrons have been greatly appreciative of the stair shortcut."

- Jerry Erdahl, Flasher Public School

What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation receives gifts and donations from individuals, families, and businesses, and grants money back into the community for projects and programs that improve the quality of life for area residents.

The Flasher Area Community Foundation is comprised of dedicated community leaders who guide its mission and funding decisions. Applications are accepted twice each year with grants awarded based on available funding and the committee's assessment of the most crucial local projects and programs, providing lasting support to the ever-evolving needs of the community.

"The good news is we now have an endowment to go along with our project funds from the North Plains Connector project," said committee chair Bob Bohl. *"So we will be reaching out to area businesses, and alumni of our school and invite them to consider giving back to the community through the foundation. By doing that, they make funds available that every service organization in our region can apply for. The bigger the fund, the more impact we can have in their projects."*

The Flasher Area Community Foundation Endowment can accept many different types and sizes of gifts, including

- Online gifts: **www.NDCF.net/Flasher**
- Agricultural commodities, including livestock
- Transfers of stock
- Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA
- Donations in memory of a loved one
- Real estate
- Planned gifts, including a gift in your will or as the beneficiary of your life insurance/IRA

Individuals that give $5,000 or more and businesses that donate any amount (up to $50,000) to the new Flasher endowment fund can qualify for the state's 40% income tax credit. See the article at the right for more information about this generous giving incentive!



If you would like more information about the different types of gifts that are accepted or are interested in making an anonymous gift, contact John Heinen at the North Dakota Community Foundation: John@NDCF.net or 701-590-4614.

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 endowment fund for the Flasher area 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 John Heinen, 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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