



NDCF grants \$11.1 Million in 2025



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FOUNDATION

The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) has announced that it awarded more than \$11 million in grants in 2025. The organization was founded 50 years ago to improve the quality of life of North Dakotans through charitable giving and promoting philanthropy.

Most of NDCF's assets are in endowment funds, providing permanent grant dollars to North Dakota communities, schools, students, and nonprofit organizations. NDCF currently manages more than 1,000 charitable funds, including 73 local community foundations in the state and over 200 scholarship funds for North Dakota students. It also administers organizational endowment funds, donor-advised funds, school foundations, and special interest funds for individuals and nonprofit organizations across North Dakota.

NDCF ended 2025 with \$188 million in total assets. Most of NDCF's assets are in endowment funds, providing permanent grant dollars to North Dakota communities, schools, and nonprofit organizations. The organization has awarded more than \$134 million in grants and charitable program expenses since its inception in 1976. NDCF has offices in Bismarck, Larimore, Dickinson, and Wahpeton, N.D.

Community foundations at NDCF in this part of the state include

the Casselton Community Endowment Fund, established in 1993,

the Finley Community Endowment Fund, established in 2002,

the Hillsboro Community Foundation, established in 2002,

the Clarence Johnson & Eunice Iwen Community Foundation for Arthur, ND, established in 2005,

the Cooperstown Community Endowment Fund, established in 2007,

the Hope Area Community Foundation, established in

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the Hannaford Area Community Foundation, established in 2008, and

the Galesburg Area Foundation, established in 2012, and

the Hatton Area Community Foundation, established in 2018.

The Casselton Community Endowment Fund had assets at the end of 2025 of \$1,001,828. The fund has awarded 342 grants, totaling more than \$498,000 to many different local organizations over the years including the Casselton Cemetery Board, the Casselton Public Library, Central Cass Public Schools, Junior Achievement of the Upper Midwest, the Rural Cass Community Theatre, and the Casselton Park District.

The Finley Community Endowment Fund had assets at the end of 2025 of \$409,712. The fund has awarded 85 grants totaling more than \$157,000 since its inception. Grantees have included the Finley Wildlife Club, the American Legion, Finley-Sharon Public Schools, the Steel County Historical Society, and the Finley Park Board.

The Hillsboro Community Foundation had assets at the end of 2025 of \$312,043. The fund has awarded 63 grants totaling more than \$116,000 since its inception. Grantees have included the Hillsboro Community Activities Association, Hillsboro Public Schools, The Main Discovery, the Traill County Historical Society, and Preservation North Dakota.

The Clarence Johnson and Eunice Iwen Community Foundation was established with a gift from their estates. It ended 2025 with assets of more than \$7.6 million. The fund has awarded more than \$4.6 million in 348 different grants over the years, supporting a wide variety of organizations and projects including the \$2 million gymnasium at Northern Cass School, the multi-use public trail



between Arthur and Hunter, the Arthur Good Samaritan Society, the Arthur Fire Protection District, the Hunter Ambulance Service, and the Dollars for Scholars program at Northern Cass School.

The Cooperstown Community Foundation had assets at the end of 2025 of \$446,038. The fund has awarded 147 grants, totaling more than \$171,000 to many different local organizations over the years including the Cooperstown Park Board, the Griggs County Public Library, the Cooper Theatre, the Town & Country Garden Club, and the Cooperstown Fire Department.

The Hope Area Community Foundation ended 2025 with \$821,893 in assets. The fund has awarded 258 grants totaling more than \$249,000 since its inception. Grantees have included the American Legion Auxiliary, the Hope Fire District, the Hope City Library, the Steele County Historical Society, Little Learners Preschool, the Home Ambulance Squad, and the Hope Housing Development Authority.

The Hannaford Area Community Foundation had assets at the end of 2025 of \$114,466. It has awarded 19 grants totaling more than \$25,000 since its inception to several organizations including the Hannaford Fire Department, Friendly Fun Makers, the Hannaford Park District, Hospice of the Red River Valley, the Hannaford Community Corporation, and the City of Hannaford.

The Galesburg Area Foundation had assets at the end of

2025 of \$161,957. The fund has awarded 29 grants totaling more than \$41,000 since its inception. Grantees have included the Galesburg Rural Fire District, the Hope Early Learning Center, three local cemeteries, the May-Port CG School District, and the City of Galesburg.

The Hatton Area Community Foundation ended 2025 with \$201,779 in assets and has awarded 17 grants totaling more than \$17,000 to date. Grantees have included the Hatton Eielson Public School, the Hatton Swimming Pool, Hatton Helping Hands Food Pantry, and the Hatton Park Board.

All of NDCF's community endowment funds are guided by advisory committees made up of local volunteers who are responsible for fundraising to help grow their endowment fund and who recommend grant awards every year. All gifts to community endowment funds are tax deductible. In addition, individuals who donate at least \$5,000 and businesses that donate any amount to a community endowment fund at NDCF may be eligible for the 40% ND state tax credit.

More detailed information about NDCF's activities in 2025 can be found in its Annual Report, which is available on the organization's website at www.NDCF.net/news.

For more information about the North Dakota Community Foundation or to start a charitable fund, call 701-222-8349 or go online to www.NDCF.net.