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2023 Annual Update

Wow - Grid United's donation to Oliver County is nothing short of amazing (see article on back). This gift will make a significant impact on the residents of our communities.

The donation from Grid United was the impetus for the establishment of the Oliver County Community Foundation at the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Our community foundation's advisory committee will review grant applications and make recommendations for grant awards from the Grid United gift. But in order to create a long-lasting legacy for our area, we would also like to create an endowed fund to support projects in Oliver County in perpetuity.

NDCF has over 70 community foundations in North Dakota under their umbrella. Some of them have over \$1 million in assets and award \$40,000 *every year* to projects in their area. We would like to start a permanent fund like that for Oliver County. Start now, grow over time, and create a permanent resource for our area in the future.

Who's interested in investing in our community? Gifts can be large or small, but all of us contributing a little will help our community foundation grow a LOT. See the back for ideas on how and where to contribute.

Please feel free to contact any of us listed below or email us at OliverCounty@NDCF.net for more information about this new and exciting chapter in Oliver County!

OCCF Advisory Committee

Deb Clarys, Chair
Jayar Kindsvogel
Mikael Schmidt

Lacey Hanson
Sharon Rud
Dave Berger

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

- Theodore Roosevelt

\$20,500 Awarded in Grants Second Grant Round Due Oct. 16

The Oliver County Community Foundation (OCCF) awarded the following grants in July:

- **Small Hands Preschool and Child Care:** \$8,000 toward the purchase of a vehicle to transport children to preschool, elementary school, and other activities
- **Oliver County Fair:** \$7,500 for arena light/electrical upgrade
- **City of Center:** \$5,000 to help replace the gym floor in the Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center

Because of the Grid United gift, there will be a second grant round with applications due on October 16th. There is \$29,500 available in the fall grant round

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



Grant Awards, left to right: John Heinen, NDCF; Dawn Aldrin, Oliver County Fair; Kevin Hoffman, City of Center; Deb Clarys, OCCF; Mikael Schmidt, Oliver County Fair and OCCF; Kristen Henke, Small Hands Preschool and Childcare; Terry Traynor, Grid United; Brenda Vitek, Small Hands Preschool and Childcare.

Grid United Provides Significant Grant Dollars to Area

Grid United, an independent transmission company that builds new long-distance, interregional transmission lines, is providing significant grant dollars to the Oliver County Community Foundation for the 2023 granting season. The Grid United money, from their Community Investment Program (CIP) at the North Dakota Community Foundation, will support the six North Dakota counties in which Grid United's North Plains Connector - a transmission line connecting the U.S. eastern and western electric grids in Montana and North Dakota - will be located.



The portion of the gift that is designated for Oliver County will be granted in two different grant rounds as follows:

- **Summer Round** (already awarded - see article on front): **\$20,500**
- **Fall Round** (applications due by October 16): **\$29,500**

Eligible projects must have a broad impact on the quality of life for a significant number of people in Oliver County. Ineligible projects include religious, partisan, or sectarian programs along with one-time events that are not part of longer-term economic and community development goals. Grants will not be awarded to individuals.

"We aim to foster long-term partnerships with the communities in which we develop projects and look forward to helping address community needs in Oliver County," said Michael Skelly, Chief Executive Officer of Grid United.

Growing for the Future

While the Grid United donation is an incredible gift to our area, it is to be granted immediately and will not have any impact on future needs. In order to have money available for projects in the future (or maintenance needs for existing projects), we want to grow an endowment fund, which is invested and generates grantable dollars every year from its earnings.

Have you, your company, or your family thought of making an impact in our rural community? We can help! Here are some options to consider:

- **Donate securely online** at www.NDCF.net/OliverCounty. Make a one-time gift or set up a monthly donation of \$20, \$35, or \$50.
- **Mail a check** to the address below.
- **Make NDCF the beneficiary of your life insurance policy.** Be sure to specify that the funds are for the Oliver County Community Foundation (OCCF)
- **Take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover** - you can transfer money directly to NDCF (for OCCF). The donated amount counts as your Required Minimum Distribution, but you don't need to claim it as federal income.
- **Make NDCF the beneficiary of your will, trust, retirement account, or life insurance policy.** Suggested verbiage is below:

*"I give 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 **Oliver County Community Foundation**, a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation."*

Questions - Donate - Apply for Grants?

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The Oliver County Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). NDCF provides comprehensive charitable services for the local committee and its donors including donor gift planning & bequest planning, communication support, and fiduciary services including an annual audit. For more information about NDCF, to make an anonymous gift to the Oliver County 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.