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## OTTO BREMER TRUST SELECTS THE NORTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AS PHILANTHROPIC INTERMEDIARY PARTNER FOR ITS 2025 COMMUNITY RESPONSIVE FUND

*North Dakota Community Foundation will administer and distribute \$1,000,000 in grants of up to \$75,000 to local nonprofits; applications due April 30, 2025.* 

March 19, 2025, Bismarck, ND — The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) has been selected by the Otto Bremer Trust (OBT) as a philanthropic intermediary partner to administer and distribute funds through its 2025 Community Responsive Fund. Under this partnership, NDCF will work closely with OBT to administer \$1 million in funds for grants up to \$75,000 to support local organizations that directly respond to immediate challenges and opportunities in the state in one of six key focus areas.

NDCF will serve as a local expert to ensure that the Otto Bremer Trust is increasing the positive impact in the regions it serves by providing guidance on and administering grants from OBT directly to the organizations within North Dakota that are providing effective services and programs.

"The Otto Bremer Trust is proud to work with the North Dakota Community Foundation to administer and distribute grant funds in North Dakota," said Frank Miley, co-CEO and trustee, OBT. "The Trust's mission has always been to fund organizations and programs that effectively address challenges and opportunities in their local communities. What better way to have a deeper understanding of where those challenges are than to work with an organization like NDCF, which is fully integrated into the communities and regions we serve. We look forward to working together to increase our impact."

Local nonprofits, organizations, and groups may apply for funding from the 2025 OBT Community Responsive Fund through NDCF. Qualified applicants and projects must focus on one of the following areas:

- Literacy
- Adoption and foster care services
- Children's health
- Children's disability services
- Mental health
- Capital projects for hospitals and clinics

"We are pleased the Otto Bremer Trust recognizes the deep connections and experience we have all across North Dakota in applying resources where they're needed most," said Kevin Dvorak, President & CEO of NDCF. "We encourage organizations that provide services in one or more of these key areas to apply for a grant." Applications for the grants are now open for nonprofit organizations providing services in North Dakota. More information and a link to the online application can be found at <u>www.NDCF.net/OBT</u>. Applications are due by April 30, 2025.

For more information about NDCF, visit www.NDCF.net.

For more information about Otto Bremer Trust, visit https://ottobremer.org.

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The Otto Bremer Trust is a private charitable trust based in St. Paul, Minn. Created in 1944 by business and community leader Otto Bremer, it is committed to supporting an enhanced quality of life for residents of Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. Since its founding, OBT has invested more than \$1 billion in its region's people, places, and opportunities.

The North Dakota Community Foundation was organized in 1976 as a public, non-profit tax-exempt corporation which receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs which benefit North Dakotans and their communities. NDCF currently administers more than \$160 million in over 950 individual charitable funds, including 69 community foundations and more than 200 scholarships for North Dakota youth. It has offices in Bismarck, Dickinson, Larimore and Wahpeton, North Dakota.