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North Dakota Community Foundation Receives Grant

Bismarck, North Dakota . . . The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) has received a \$30,000 grant as part of support from the Philanthropic Preparedness, Resiliency, and Emergency Partnership (PPREP), a project of the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities. The grant will support NDCF staff in their work with volunteers in local communities across North Dakota.

"We are grateful that the Funders' Network has chosen to support our valuable work in North Dakota through this grant," said Kevin Dvorak, President and CEO of NDCF.

PPREP creates and supports a community foundation disaster preparedness and response learning cohort in a 10-state Midwestern region of the United States. PPREP will award nearly a million dollars in grants to foundations in the cohort in 2018. More information about PPREP is available at www.fundersnetwork.org/participate/pprep.

NDCF supports communities across the state, providing grant dollars for projects and programs that improve the quality of life for North Dakota residents. Many of the grants improve and update emergency response services including rural fire departments, local clinics and hospitals, and ambulance services, which fits in with PPREP's focus of disaster preparedness and response.

NDCF has played a role in recovery efforts for several North Dakota natural disasters, including the 2016 Killdeer area storm, the 2011 flood events in Minot and Bismarck/Mandan, and the 1997 Red River flood disaster.

The North Dakota Community Foundation was organized in 1976. It is a public, non-profit tax-exempt corporation which receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs which benefit North Dakotans. NDCF currently manages over 600 funds for various North Dakota communities and donors, including 64 community foundations and over 100 scholarship funds.

The Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities exists to inspire, strengthen, and expand funding and philanthropic leadership that yield environmentally sustainable, socially equitable, and economically prosperous regions and communities. The more than 165 organizational members of the Funders' Network represent community, private, family, corporate and operating foundations and intermediaries.

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