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NDCF Announces More Than \$300,000 in Grant Awards from Grid United's Community Investment Program

Bismarck, ND., September 1, 2023 – The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) is pleased to announce it has awarded \$313,500 in grants from the Grid United Community Investment Program (CIP) to nonprofit organizations in southwestern North Dakota so far this year.

Grid United is an independent transmission company that builds new long-distance, interregional transmission lines to enhance grid reliability and resiliency. The CIP 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. These counties include Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger, Grant, Morton, and Oliver.

NDCF utilized the local community foundations under its umbrella in this part of the state to distribute the CIP grant dollars. Each community foundation has an advisory committee of 5-9 local residents who know the needs in their area. Committees reviewed grant applications and recommended awards to those projects and programs that would have the greatest impact.

The grant awards by community foundation are as follows:

Golden Valley County Community Foundation

- City of Beach: for the Pavilion Project "Making a Space a Community Place"
- Golden Valley County Fair Association: for a horse show/rodeo arena upgrade
- Golva Park Board: for W.P. Building and Park Renovations
- Golva Rural Fire Protection District: for a generator for the fire department
- Golden Valley County Historical Society: to replace a metal door in the museum

Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation

- Slope Farmers Fair Association: for a concession stand update
- Bowman County School District #1: for a Bulldog Wellness & Performance Center
- Scranton Fire Protection District: for vehicle stabilization jacks – rescue equipment

New England Community Foundation (Hettinger County)

- New England Community Grocery Store: for an updated POS/Inventory/Register system with WIC/EBT capabilities

Mott-Regent Community Foundation (Hettinger County)

- Mott Gallery of History & Art: to re-roof the gallery
- Playhouse Theatre Inc: for exterior repairs and updates
- Mott Visionary Committee: for Community Event Signage on Main Street
- Maercklein Conservation & Charitable Corporation: for improvements to the Cannonball River Walking Path
- Cannonball Sportsmen: for shooting range improvements, equipment, and storage
- Hettinger County Historical Society: for Zion Country Church
- Mott Country Club: for a cart shed roof

Grant County Community Foundation

- New Leipzig Fireman's Auxiliary: for a Cascade System and Air Packs
- Elgin Fire Protection District: for turnout gear replacement
- Kidz Clubhouse: for improvement projects

New Salem Area Community Foundation (Morton County)

- Almont Rural Fire Department: to replace the 1993 Fire Truck with a new truck
- New Salem Park District: for the Annette Rud Park
- New Salem Historical Society: for ceiling repairs in the Christensen House

Flasher Area Community Foundation (Morton County south)

- Flasher Rural Fire Protection District: for the Flasher Fire Truck
- Louse Creek Golf Association: for maintaining a beautiful golf course
- Flasher Park Board: for beautifying the courtyard, park and ball diamonds

Oliver County Community Foundation

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

There will be a second round of grants from the Grid United CIP this fall. Grant application deadlines vary by community foundation and can be found on each community's webpage, under the Learn tab, at www.NDCF.net.

Eligible projects must have a broad impact on the quality of life for a significant number of people in Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger, Grant, Morton, and Oliver Counties. 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.

While grants must be used for projects benefiting communities in Golden Valley, Slope, Hettinger, Grant, Morton, or Oliver County, the grantee organization does not need to be based within these areas.

"These grants helped fund important projects in these communities that improve the quality of life for area residents," said Kevin Dvorak, President & CEO of NDCF. "We are grateful to Grid United and the

Northern Plains Connector project for this incredible gift to southwest North Dakota. We also appreciate our network of local volunteers who recommend the grants in their communities.”

For more information about these grants or upcoming grant rounds, contact the local community foundation’s chairperson or John Heinen, NDCF Development Director for Western North Dakota at John@NDCF.net or 701-590-4614.

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About Grid United: Grid United is an independent transmission company aiming to modernize the United States’ power grid to create a more resilient and efficient electric system that uses the nation’s abundant and geographically diverse natural resources to the benefit of all consumers. For more information, visit www.gridunited.com.

About North Plains Connector: The North Plains Connector is an approximately 385 mile and up to 525 kilovolt high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line connecting the U.S. eastern and western electric grids in Montana and North Dakota. The North Plains Connector will be open to all sources of electrical power generation and will be able to transport power in either direction along the line. For more information, visit www.northplainsconnector.com.

About the North Dakota Community Foundation: Established in 1976, the North Dakota Community Foundation is a public, non-profit tax-exempt corporation which receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs that benefit North Dakotans. It manages over \$120 million in assets in over 850 component funds, including 69 local community foundations, organizational endowment funds, donor-advised funds, and scholarships. It has made over \$100 million in grants since its inception with the mission of improving the lives of North Dakota citizens and their communities through charitable giving and promoting philanthropy. For more information, visit www.NDCF.net.