

Community Foundation Awards Grants



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claim up to 40% of their gift as tax credits on their North Dakota income tax. Those credits can also be carried forward for more than one year. With the reduction in the North Dakota tax and the credit that may also be applied to federal taxes, the gift is one that allows taxpayers to choose charitable organizations to receive tax dollars. The gift then also helps to support their communities in unique ways like the Stanley Area Community Foundation. When considering charitable giving, businesses and individuals should consult their tax professionals to make sure they are doing what is best and right for their own individual circumstances.

Those wishing to donate to the Stanley Area Community Foundation can send their tax deductible gift to: Stanley Area Community Foundation, PO Box 154, Stanley, ND 58784. For more information on the foundation you can contact Grace Lystad at (701) 628-3253 or

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