Greetings! As you may know, this Community Foundation is our common community fund. Not every non-profit or service organization in Hebron has their own endowment fund to count on, but they DO with this fund. Each year, earnings spin off and are spread out by our committee to top projects.

We have a tough job, however, because our community needs far exceed the money available to grant. This year we had $21,065 worth of projects needing funding and we were able to award only $5,600.

We gave every worthy applicant some grant money, but they must do additional fundraising to fully fund their project. If they still can’t raise enough money, projects have to go on hold or programs get cut and sometimes service providers get burned out trying to do their “job” and also fundraise for it.

As our committee dreams a bit... wouldn’t it be nice if we could fund 80% of the project needs? We would like to hear from you as to how we can grow the fund a little each year. Please email or contact one of the committee members with ideas. If you want to be anonymous, you can email John Heinen our NDCF support person - his contact info is listed at the bottom of this report. Together, step by step, we can make this fund a bigger part of our community!

- Jenifer Hosman, Committee Chair

$5,600 Awarded in 2018

The Hebron Area Community Foundation was created to be a resource to support local community initiatives which provide a higher quality of life in Hebron and the surrounding area. This year, the Foundation’s Advisory Committee awarded $5,600 to the following organizations:

- $2,040 to the Hebron Park Board for a surveillance system
- $2,040 to the Hebron Fire Protection District for a brush fire fighting unit
- $1,020 to the Brick City Activity Center for an AED Defibrillator
- $500 to the Hebron Public Library for Young Adult books

Grants are awarded once a year. Any organization with a 501(c)(3) status or government agency may apply. Applications are available online beginning March 1, 2019 at www.NDCF.net/Hebron.

Hebron Fire Chief Jason Wehri accepts the Fire Department’s grant from NDCF Development Director John Heinen in May.
Philanthropy Can Drive Economy

Philanthropy and the nonprofit sector often play an important role in the growth and vitality of a community.

Local philanthropy, especially in the form of a local community foundation, can capture financial resources that would otherwise leave an area. Once captured, those resources can be applied to address issues in a community, improving the quality of life for area residents and potentially attracting new ones.

Actual examples of projects partially or completely funded with community foundation grants include:

- Re-purposing of an historic bank building into a working steakhouse for a town that lacked a fine dining establishment (Anamoose, ND)
- Building a community center for events, wedding receptions, regional meetings, and other gatherings, all of which had to be held elsewhere as there was no suitable space in town (Pembina, ND)
- Bringing a week-long theatre workshop to town so that local schoolchildren, who have no other opportunity to participate in theatre, can experience acting and working together to put on a performance. (Cavalier, ND)

These projects are examples of what can be accomplished through local charitable giving. Large and small gifts to these community foundations were combined together to make those grants possible. When considering ways to support economic growth and community vitality, remember that philanthropy is a critical piece of the puzzle.

A Community Working Together: What Could Work For You?

There are many easy ways to support our community’s permanent endowment fund:

- **Could you write a check today to support our fund?** The check can be for any amount. Together, these gifts from area residents would grow our fund into a huge resource!
- **Could your business donate a percentage of your net income this year?** Having a strong community is important for businesses as well as residents - shop local, give local!
- **Could your social group do one fundraiser specifically for our Community Foundation?** Get creative - there are so many fundraising ideas out there! Could you sell hot chocolate at our school’s football game? Or host a community meal? What about hosting a game night and taking free-will donations for the community foundation?
- **Could your service group host a special event or dedicate the earnings from one fundraiser for this permanent fund?**

By choosing one of these options, little by little, our community foundation will grow and serve the community more fully every year!

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”

- Theodore Roosevelt

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The Community of Care for Cass County, ND has received numerous grants from their local community foundation to provide services to enhance the quality of life for older adults, including exercise classes to keep people in their homes as long as safely possible.

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The Hebron Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides comprehensive charitable services including donor gift planning, bequest planning, and fiduciary services such as accounting, audit, and money management. For more information about NDCF, contact John Heinen, NDCF Development Director at 701-590-4614.