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# 2024 Annual Update

*Celebrating 10 years in our Communities, 2014-2024*

*Dear Friends,*

A recent article in The Chronicle of Philanthropy noted that rural areas in America receive much less charitable funding from national foundations than they should based on population. This doesn't come as a big surprise to many of us who live in "flyover country". The Midwest and especially its rural areas are often overlooked.

While this statistic may be discouraging to some, it is actually *inspiring* to our committee. We don't wait for help or handouts from national organizations to build projects or support programs here in Southwest North Dakota - while we appreciate any support we can get, we are busy building our own charitable resource in the Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation.

This endowment fund will generate charitable dollars for grant awards in our area forever, regardless of what other funding may come our way. **Please consider how you can help our fund grow to be a significant resource for our area.** Gifts of all sizes are appreciated!

Thanks for keeping your giving local and investing in our communities!

**Committee Members:**

- Jeanine Clendenen, Chair
- Kasey Burke, Vice-Chair
- Carla Teske     Robb Narum     Ila Kelner
- Scott Olson     Amy Fischer     Kristy Pagel
- Duane Bowman

## \$76,574 Awarded in 2024

The Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation Advisory Committee awarded seven grants with \$11,574 from the Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation Endowment Fund and \$65,000 from Grid United as follows:

**Spring Grant Round**

- **Amidon Fire Protection District:** \$40,000 for a mounted tank and pump

**Fall Grant Round**

- **Southwest Healthcare Services:** \$20,000 for a Cardiac Ready Community for Bowman and Slope County
- **Bowman Regional Public Library:**
  - \$5,000 for a Green Space Backyard
  - \$2,050 for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
  - \$910 to improve the children's library
- **Pioneer Trails Regional Museum:** \$2,955 for a Life Finds a Way mural installation
- **State Line Amateur Radio Club:** \$5,659 for the southwest repeater linking project

There will again be two grant rounds in 2025. More information and an online application is available at [www.NDCF.net/BowmanSlope](http://www.NDCF.net/BowmanSlope).

### **Bowman & Slope County CF**

- Established in 2014
- Total Market Value of Fund (as of 10/31/2024): **\$386,215**
- Grants Awarded in 2024: **7 grants totaling \$76,574**
- Total Grants awarded since inception: **46 grants totaling \$340,102**



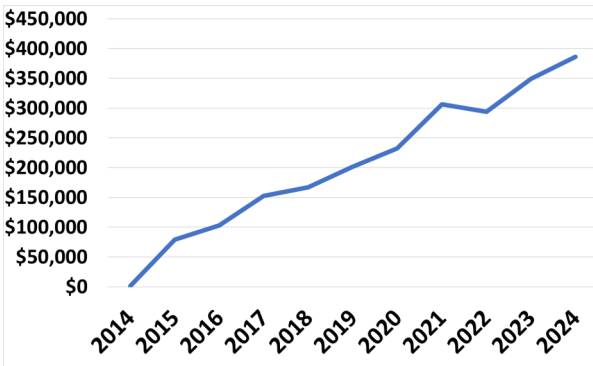
*The Bowman & Slope Community Foundation awarded a grant that helped make the Bowman Splash Pad a reality this past summer.*

## Fund Growth Over the Years

The Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation has a market value of almost \$400,000!

How did we get to this amount? First, a group of local residents had the forethought to create this fund at the North Dakota Community Foundation back in 2014. Then, more than 50 different businesses, individuals, and families have donated to this fund over the years, either through fundraisers or by sending in a check.

The chart below shows the **fund balance as of December 31 every year** since the fund started.



Thank you to everyone who has participated in our fundraisers or made a gift to this fund!

There are many ways to grow our fund including setting up a recurring gift from your credit card, donating stock, making a memorial gift in honor of a loved one, leaving a gift in your will or trust, utilizing the IRA Charitable Rollover, or gifting agricultural commodities (see article at right). All gifts are appreciated and help this fund become a significant resource for our area.

### Leave A Legacy in Southwest ND!

If you would like to leave some or all of your estate to the Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation, the following wording can be a start for adding to your will, trust, or beneficiary designation:

*"I give and bequeath to the North Dakota Community Foundation (Tax ID 45-0336015), a qualified charitable organization under IRS 501 (c)(3), located in Bismarck, North Dakota, \_\_\_\_\_ (a percentage, specific dollar amount, or remainder) to the **Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation**, a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation."*

*\* Be sure to visit with your attorney*

## Donating Ag Commodities Makes Good Sense (& Cents)

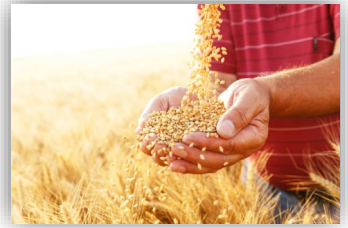
Many North Dakotans do their charitable giving in a very tax-wise way - they gift a portion of their harvest.

*"Gifting agricultural commodities is a really smart way to give back,"* noted John Heinen of the North Dakota Community Foundation, who works with area producers on their gifts.

*"Farmers can deduct the cost of production, but the portion of the harvest that is donated does not have to be claimed as income to the self-employed farmer. This can result in thousands of dollars in tax savings as opposed to a straight gift of cash."*

The Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation can accept many different types of agricultural commodities as gifts, including livestock.

If you are interested in learning more about this or other giving options, contact John Heinen at [John@NDCF.net](mailto:John@NDCF.net) or 701-590-4614 for a free, confidential conversation. He can provide illustrations of your potential tax savings and discuss various ways to structure your gift to meet your charitable-giving desires as well as optimize your tax savings. Learn more at [www.NDCF.net/AgGifts](http://www.NDCF.net/AgGifts).



### Questions or want more information?

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*The Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). NDCF provides comprehensive charitable services for the local committee and its donors including donor gift planning & bequest planning, communication support, and fiduciary services including accounting, audit, and money management.*