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NDCF AWARDS \$55,812 IN FOURTH COVID-19 GRANT ROUND

Bismarck, North Dakota . . . The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) has awarded \$55,812 in its fourth and final round of COVID-19 response grants. The grants were awarded to 12 food pantries or meal sites in North Dakota.

Funding for the grants came from NDCF's COVID-19 Community & Nonprofit Response Fund, which has received donations from individuals and businesses since the pandemic started last spring.

"Food banks and meal providers continue to see a tremendous increase in demand for their services as the pandemic continues," said Kevin Dvorak, President & CEO of NDCF. "For this grant round, our board prioritized food pantries in those counties with the highest poverty rate in the state."

NDCF used data from NDcompass.org and coordinated with the Great Plains Food Bank in identifying organizations to receive the grants.

NDCF awarded \$248,714 in its first round of COVID-19 response grants in April of 2020, awarded another \$209,682 in May of that year, and an additional \$38,748 in October. The foundation also administered the ONEOK Hospitality Employee COVID-19 Assistance Fund, which previously provided \$500 each to 400 hospitality employees in the Bakken oilfields, and a grant of \$2,880 to the McKenzie County food pantry in this grant round. Total COVID-19 assistance from NDCF to nonprofits and residents was over \$752,000.

NDCF has closed their COVID-19 Community & Nonprofit Response Fund. The organization encourages people to donate directly to the trusted, local North Dakota nonprofit of their choice, many of which continue to struggle with the impacts from the pandemic and related mitigation efforts.

Grant awards from NDCF's fourth COVID-19 grant round are as follows:

| Name of Organization | City | Grant Award |
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| BDECAN Food Pantry | Tokio, ND | \$4,812 |
| Community Nourishment | Tokio, ND | \$4,812 |
| Dakota Prairie Community Action | Rolla, ND | \$4,812 |
| Dunseith Food Pantry | Dunseith, ND | \$4,812 |
| Maddock Community Food Pantry | Maddock, ND | \$4,812 |
| McKenzie County Food Pantry | Watford City, ND | \$2,880 |
| Selfridge Assembly of God Food Pantry | Selfridge, ND | \$4,812 |
| Sheridan County Food Pantry | McClusky, ND | \$4,812 |
| Tipi Wakan Baptist Church Food Pantry | Cannon Ball, ND | \$4,812 |
| Turtle Mountain Chippewa Food Pantry | Belcourt, ND | \$4,812 |
| Turtle Mountain Worship Center Food Pantry | Belcourt, ND | \$4,812 |
| Wana Wota | St. Michael, ND | \$4,812 |

Established in 1976, the NDCF 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. NDCF manages over \$115 million in assets in over 750 component funds, including local community foundations, organizational endowment funds, donor-advised funds, and scholarships. It has made over \$84 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.

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