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2024 Annual Update

A Status Update for Donors and Supporters of the Enderlin Area's Permanent Endowment Fund.

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 me and others on our committee. We don't wait for help or handouts from national organizations to build projects or support programming here in our area - while we appreciate any support we can get, we are busy building our own charitable resource in the Enderlin Area Community Endowment Fund.

This fund will generate charitable dollars for grant awards in our area forever, regardless of what other funding may come our way. **Please remember our community fund when you consider your charitable giving or plan your estate.** Thanks for keeping it local!

- Nancy Farnham, Committee Chair

Committee members:

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| Deb Gillund | Dean Torbenson |
| Tracy Ekeren | Chris Armbrust |
| Martin Bergstedt | Heather Cavett |
| Daryn Christl | Brenan Bartholomay |
| Candy Lund | Dr. Maggie Peterson |
| Annell Alger | |

\$8,710 Awarded in 2024

The Enderlin Area Community Endowment Fund awarded the following grants in April of this year:

- **\$3,571 to the Enderlin Lions Club** for funding for the Ransom County Sheriff's K-9
- **\$4,071 to Happy Trails Childcare** for their kitchen remodel project
- **\$1,068 to the Village Family Service Center** for school-based mental health therapeutic supplies

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

United Prairie Foundation, based out of Sheldon, ND, is a nonprofit dedicated to restoring native prairie habitats. Their mission is to make real prairie common again by planting a diverse mix of wild prairie plants that are native to the area. Another part of the foundation is the Leafy Spurge Beetle Program. The program was created to help fight Leafy Spurge, an invasive plant that infests local pasture and grasslands.

A grant from the Enderlin Area Community Endowment Fund in 2023 helped pay for a trip to Medora, where 4-H students collected beetles to battle leafy spurge.



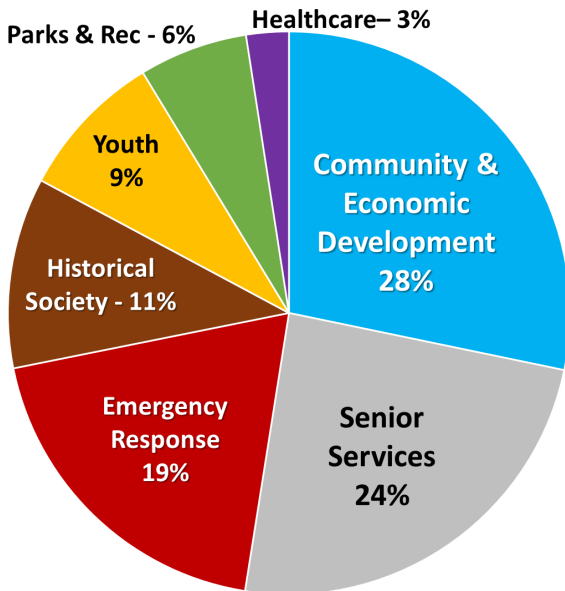
Photo of Urban Plains Park in Fargo, where United Prairie Foundation has planted high diverse Red River Valley sourced Prairie.

Enderlin Area Community Endow. Fund

- Established in 2014
- Market Value of Fund (as of 6/30/2024): **\$270,735**
- Total Gifts to the Enderlin fund so far this year: **\$5,350**
- Total grants awarded in 2024: **3 grants totaling \$8,710**
- Total grants awarded since inception: **30 grants totaling \$43,576**

Where Have Our Grants Gone?

The Enderlin Area Community Endowment Fund has awarded over \$43,000 in 30 different grants since 2014 to various organizations and entities in our area. Here is a breakdown of where those grant dollars have gone:



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| Community/Economic Develop. | \$12,312 |
| Senior Services | \$10,567 |
| Emergency Response | \$8,429 |
| Historical Society | \$4,775 |
| Youth Activities | \$3,700 |
| Parks & Rec (pool) | \$2,725 |
| Healthcare | \$1,068 |
| | <u>\$43,576</u> |

Thank you to the many different individuals, families, and businesses that have donated to our foundation in the past. **Your generosity made these grants possible!**



Charitable-Giving Experts

The Enderlin Area Community Endowment Fund (EACEF) is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). NDCF invests the money on our behalf, provides support services to our committee (including financial and marketing services), provides an annual report every year and conducts an annual audit.

NDCF also has on staff charitable-giving experts who are available for consultations if people have questions about charitable-giving and its tax consequences.

We have been lucky to have worked with Amy Stromsodt (located in Larimore, ND) for many years. NDCF has recently hired a new Development Director, however, closer to Enderlin: Scott Nicholson is based out of Wahpeton, ND, and will be working with us moving forward.

While most of the interactions with NDCF staff happen at the committee level, any local resident can contact them with questions about charitable-giving. These consultations are confidential, free, and you are under no obligation to give to NDCF or the EACEF. NDCF provides these services free of charge to help people accomplish their philanthropic goals.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Scott at 701-892-2007 or at Scott@NDCF.net. He is available via phone or is happy to meet in person if you would like more information about

- leaving a gift in your will
- the IRA Charitable Rollover
- the ND State Tax credit
- Transferring stock to a charity
- Donating agricultural commodities
- or other related topics.



Questions or want more information?



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