North Dakota Community Innovation Grant Program
Round #1, 2018
Grantee Information & Awards

ND Department of Health: $10,000
Deanna Askew, Program Director
600 E Boulevard Ave., Dept. 301
Bismarck, ND 58505

*Implementation of Green Dot (Community Version):* “To implement the Green Dot program (in Fargo, Valley City areas), a comprehensive approach to violence prevention that capitalizes on the power of peer and cultural influence across all levels of the socio-ecological model, targeting all community members as potential bystanders.”

Dakota Prairies Resource Conservation & Development Council: $10,000
Susan Davis, Executive Director
919 S 7th Street, Suite 310
Bismarck, ND 58504

*BisMarket Diverse Community Engagement Strategy:* “To identify and implement an effective, innovative way to engage SNAP recipients in BIS-Market’s SNAP Incentive Program through community outreach to low-income neighborhoods.”

Strengthen ND: $10,000
Megan Laudenschlager, Executive Director
1905 2nd Street SE
Minot, ND 58702-0982

*Bringing Life to the ND Local Foods Development Alliance:* “To convene key agriculture, natural resources, education, indigenous people, rural development and hunger relief organizations to design a system and economic sector to support ND growers and producers to more fully reach people with foods that are grown and produced in ND.”

Humanities North Dakota: $10,000
Michael Tomanek, Assistant Professor of English
418 E Broadway Ave, Suite 8
Bismarck, ND 58501

*Learn to Lead Reflective Conversations:* “To host a Reflective Conversations Training Workshop for humanities scholars from across North Dakota to enable them to lead conversations about vital issues and ideas across differences, beliefs, and backgrounds, to build stronger community relationships.”
ND Breastfeeding Coalition: $10,000
BriAnna Wanner, NDBC Director
1953 Houston Drive
Bismarck, ND 58504

_Breastfeeding Realignment in American Indian Directors (BRAID):_ “To develop a strategic plan of breastfeeding support and empowerment of American Indians throughout ND, protecting the traditional way of the “first sacred food” through the Breastfeeding Realignment in American Indian Directions (BRAID) Initiative.”

Somali Community Development of ND: $10,000
Abdiwali Sharif, Executive Director
3301 13th Ave S, Suite 108
Fargo, ND 58103

_Parent Liaising program between West Fargo Public Schools and Somali Community Development of ND:_ “To partner with the West Fargo Public Schools to create a part-time (Somali) parent liaison position to assist the school and Somali parents in creating an environment of mutual understanding when problems present.”

South Sudan Lutheran Church: $10,000
Matour Alier, Director
321 9th Street N
Fargo, ND 58102

_One-on-One Tutoring – Dinka and English:_ “To build on community investment in academic enrichment and youth development by providing 1:1, and small group, tutoring in Dinka and English.”

South Sudan Lutheran Church: $10,000
Matour Alier, Director
321 9th Street N
Fargo, ND 58102

_Refugee Cohort:_ “To establish a Refugee Cohort to address the interconnected range of issues facing all immigrants in the Fargo area regardless of country of origin, and to increase civic engagement, social capital, collective power and problem-solving capacity.”

Heart River Lutheran Church: $6,100
Heart River Bridges of Hope
Renee Splichal Larson, Pastor
C/O ND Youth Correctional Center
701 16th Ave SW
Mandan, ND 58554

_Peer Mentoring Pilot Project:_ “To develop a peer mentoring program with college students from the University of Mary in relationship with youth currently at the ND Youth Correctional Center, focused on healthy relationships, and improved social skills.”
ND State Penitentiary: $9,904
John Hagan, M.D.
3100 Railroad Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58501

Victory Garden: “To build a Victory Garden on penitentiary grounds where inmates will build a sense of pride, accountability and purpose while gaining vocational skills. Through the process of restorative justice and giving back to the community, produce harvested will be donated to local food pantries.”

SUMMARY of Grant Round 1:
10 Grants for a total of $96,004
Global Friends Coalition: $10,000
Robin David, President
600 DeMers Avenue, Suite 406 A
Grand Forks, ND 58201
Everybody Wins: “To explore with local employers in the Greater Grand Forks community how to assist New Americans gain jobs within the local workforce and advance their careers.”

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota: $10,000
Saurav Dahal, State Refugee Health Coordinator/Special Projects Manager
3911 20th Avenue South
Fargo, ND 58103
Addressing the Unique Needs of LSS Senior Companions Elder Refugee Population: “To meet the critical socialization needs of seniors, 60+ years or age, who are lonely, homebound, isolated or disabled, enabling seniors to live happily and independently in their own homes through one-on-one companionship, social recreation, and help with light at-home tasks.”

Community Connections: $10,000
Lynea Geinert, Coordinator
603 Main Street, Suite 1
Williston, ND 58801
Daily Bread: “To bring together various sectors of the community to find a solution to hunger and homelessness among families in need, Monday through Friday.”

New Life Center: $9,990
Stephanie Strum, Communications Director
1902 3rd Avenue N
Fargo, ND 58102
AfterCare Program Project: “To provide follow-up case management through the AfterCare Program and Addiction Recovery Program, providing social, mental, professional, and spiritual support to individuals who have stayed at the New Life Center and have moved into housing.”

Vision West ND: $10,000
Tracey Dolezal, Dunn County Auditor
205 Owens Street
Dickinson, ND 58601
Innovative Child Care Facilities: Case Studies of Successful Models: “To connect rural communities in need of child care facilities with rural communities that have implemented innovative, creative, and successful child care facilities, building the capacity necessary to be successful themselves.”
Community Uplift Program: $5,000
Faye Seidler, Secretary
PO Box 909
Fargo, ND 58107

Harbor Health Clinic: “To provide access to and evaluate the need for and effectiveness of affordable, medically necessary, gender-affirming hormone therapy to any transgender individuals through the tri-state area.”

Western Wellness: $10,000
Pamela Bumgardner, Development Coordinator
135 W. Villard Street, P.O Box 542
Dickinson, ND 58601

A Community-Wide Innovation of Creativity and Imagination: “To facilitate community planning among disparate demographic groups, creating a vision and goals that will build and sustain accessible, inclusive, and broad-based arts programs and cultural enrichment opportunities.”

Women’s Devising Project: $10,000
Kathryn Dunlap, Adjunct Instructor
1120 College Drive, Suite 100
Bismarck, ND 58503

Fiscal Sponsor Organization: ND Women’s Network
Community, Development and Performance: “To facilitate discussions with a diverse group of women, compiling compelling events in their lives, which will be crafted into an original play depicting the common and diverse elements of their life’s stories.”

The Little Why Not? Publishing House
Minot Area Council of the Arts: $10,000
Tina Brown, Executive Director
701 9th Street NE
Minot, ND 58703

Bringing Artists and Students Together to Promote Literacy & the Arts: “To develop a program, facilitated by a broad network of writers, artists, actors, musicians, and teachers, that engages children in writing, illustrating, and publishing books, eventually expanding to impact schools across North Dakota.”

North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations: $10,000
Dana Schaar Jahner, Executive Director
PO Box 1091
Bismarck, ND 58502

Nonprofit Strategic Learning Initiative: “To identify strategic learning needs of North Dakota charitable nonprofits.”

United Way of Richland Wilkin Counties: $10,000
Colette Barton, Executive Director
802 Dakota Avenue
Wahpeton, ND 58075

Community Resiliency and Responsiveness: “To convene community partners to address community-wide needs and resources that will further build and enhance resiliency among adolescents.”
**Fargo Human Relations Commission:** $10,000  
Nicole Crutchfield, Director of Planning & Development  
200 3rd Street N  
Fargo, ND 58102  
*Fargo Inclusion Plan Survey:* “To develop an interview-styled survey, usable by trained volunteers within diverse community settings, to gather information regarding community needs, including workforce or community service shortages, that will aid in the development of action plans to meet diverse demographic needs.”

**The Arts Partnership:** $10,000  
Dayna Del Val, Executive Director  
1104 2nd Avenue S, Suite 315  
Fargo, ND 58103  
*Arts and the Economy:* “To create a quarterly series of talks by business and economic leaders from outside the Fargo Metro Area that encourages local community leaders to support and expand their civic engagement in and funding for the arts, facilitating business growth and community enhancement.”

**College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines:** $10,000  
Andrew Quinn, Professor  
University of North Dakota  
430 Oxford St Stop 9025  
Grand Forks, ND 58202-9025  
*Mental Health ID Card:* “To involve stakeholders in the recovery community to develop discreet evidence-based mental health ID cards for participating individuals with behavioral health concerns that provides important client information to aid in the appropriateness and quality of services provided by others, including service agency staff or emergency personnel.”

**Invisible Innocence Council:** $6,000  
Jenise Wilson, Vice President  
2720 E Broadway Ave  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
*Initiative Project:* “To create a culturally appropriate and more inclusive program for survivors of human trafficking, based on research regarding transitional living, substance abuse treatments, harm reduction programs, and cognitive-behavioral principles.”

**Friends of the Rail Bridge:** $10,000  
c/o ND Community Foundation  
Susan Wefald, Project Volunteer  
1015 E Bowen Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
*Historic Missouri River Railroad Bridge Planning Sessions:* “To conduct four collaboration and joint planning sessions to explore creative and innovative ways the historic BNSF Railroad Bridge that spans the Missouri River at Bismarck-Mandan could be repurposed for the benefit of residents and visitors to central North Dakota.”

**SUMMARY of Grant Round 2:**  
16 Grants for a total of $150,990
North Dakota Community Innovation Grant Program
Round #3, 2018
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**Bismarck Global Neighbors: $9,000**
Leah Hargrove, Executive Director
418 N 2nd Street, Suite 15
Bismarck, ND 58501
*Increasing Community Collaborations – New American Services (Phase 1): “To build relationships with community stakeholders, business and government entities, to extend the organization’s understanding and reach to improve public perception of immigrants.”*

**Sudanese Community of Fargo-Moorhead: $10,000**
Adil Abdelnour, Secretary General
1336 25th Ave South, Suite 213
Fargo, ND 58103
*Computer & Financial Literacy Classes for Refugees and Immigrants Living in Fargo-Moorhead: “To develop an approach to building basic technology skills and financial literacy skills in the refugee community.”*

**Mountain Plains Youth Services: $10,000**
Mark Heinert, Program Manager
221 W Rosser Ave
Bismarck, ND 58501
*Leadership Program for Native American Youth: “To develop and implement a Leadership Program for Native American youth to address the disproportionate minority contact of youth in the Juvenile Justice System.”*

**Charles Hall Youth Services: $10,000**
Rhonda Styles-Rohde, Director of Marketing and Communications
513 E Bismarck Expressway
Bismarck, ND 58504
*Community Resourcing: “To assess best practices programs (social-emotional curriculum) to equip teachers in rural ND, and tribal nations, to address behavioral, emotional and social needs of children in the classroom.”*

**Grand Forks Homes: $10,000**
Terry Hanson, Secretary
1405 1st Ave North
Grand Forks, ND 58203
*Youth Homelessness Study: “To complete a comprehensive study of homeless youth in Region IV of North Dakota, including greater Grand Forks, and to develop recommendations for action based on findings.”*

**High Plains Fair Housing: $10,000**
Michelle Rydz, Executive Director
406 Demers Ave
Grand Forks, ND 58201
*Rental Housing Discrimination: “To identify rental housing market discrimination against people with mental disabilities, specifically focusing on people with mental illness and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities.”*
Western Wellness: $10,000
Pamela Bumgardner, Development Coordinator
135 W. Villard Street
Dickinson, ND 58601
**Problem-Solving Mentoring Program:** “To facilitate development of school-based mentoring programs in the rural communities of Glen Ullin and Hebron.”

Kennedy Elementary School: $10,000
Karrie Rage, Principal
4401 South 42nd Street
Fargo, ND 58104
**School-Family-Community Project-Based Service Learning:** “To develop a school – family – community Project-based Service Learning Program during the school day.”

All Parks Alliance for Change: $10,000
Dave Anderson, Executive Director
2380 Wycliff Street, Suite 200
St. Paul, MN 55114
**Formation of a Statewide North Dakota Manufacturing Home Owners Alliance:** “To form and support a statewide, North Dakota Manufactured Home Owners Alliance, based on prior work in the communities of Fargo and Grand Forks.”

American Lung Association: $10,000
Pat McKone, Senior Director, Health Promotions
429 16th Ave South
Fargo, ND 58103
**Behavioral Health and Tobacco – Identifying Peer Educators and Peer Champions:** “To address the tie between behavioral health and tobacco and to develop a peer educator, peer champion program to facilitate quitting use of tobacco.”

Domestic Violence Crisis Center: $9,996
Jill McDonald, Executive Director
3900 11th Ave SE
Minot, ND 58702
**Domestic Violence High Risk Team:** “To initiate, train and develop a Domestic Violence High Risk Team including domestic violence professionals, law enforcement officials and states attorney, and Department of Corrections staff, for Ward County, including the city of Minot.”

Custer Health: $3,100
Becky Bailey, Registered Nurse
403 Burlington Street SE
Mandan, ND 58554
**Mandan Health Coalition Building:** “To build a vital, active health coalition in the community of Mandan to address community needs identified by survey, educate the community and advocate for all at the local and state levels.”
The Human Family: $10,000
Sonya Jensen, Board Member
PO Box 9468
Fargo, ND 58106-9468

North Dakota Human Rights Film & Arts Festival: “To educate, engage and facilitate discussion around local and world-wide human rights topics through the ND Human Rights Film and Arts Festival, expanded from Fargo to include Bismarck and Grand Forks, and including community conversations in each city.”

Dakota Resource Council: $10,000
Jeffon Seely, Bookkeeper
1200 Missouri Avenue, Suite 201
Bismarck, ND 58504

Community Conservation: The Future of ND Coal Country: “To invite community conversations regarding the future of North Dakota Coal Country, including discussion of economic trends, and possible economic paths forward that allow ND Coal Country to emerge as an economic player as the industry winds down and eventually phases out.”

Consumer and Family Network: $10,000
Carlotta McCleary, Executive Director - MHAND
523 N 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

Fiscal Sponsor Organization: Mental Health America of ND
Community Suicide Awareness Summit: “To plan and implement a statewide Community Suicide Awareness Summit, educating consumers of mental health services and their families about identification, prevention and intervention of suicide risk through SAFETALK and peer mentoring training.”

SUMMARY of Grant Round 3:
15 Grants for a total of $142,096

Summary of 2018 Grants:
41 Grants for a total of $389,090