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North Dakota Community Innovation Grant Program
Round #1, 2021
Grantee Information & Awards

African Arts Arena \$15,000

Grand Forks, ND

***Voices of the Silenced:** A team of Black/Indigenous/people of color instructors will teach African percussion and dance, poem writing, and storytelling to low-income and minority youth, helping them cope with the stress of the pandemic through exposure to culturally diverse art forms.*

Afro-American Development Association: \$15,000

Moorhead, MN

***Helping Families & Rebuilding Services:** Provide continuity to case management and employment programming for resettled refugees following the closure of Lutheran Social Services of ND, while seeking ways to rebuild resettlement services in collaboration with the State of North Dakota.*

Beyond Shelter: \$15,000

Fargo, ND

***An Affordable Vision for Downtown Fargo:** Evaluation, visioning, and implementation planning to meet the affordable housing needs of the diverse population seeking to live in downtown Fargo.*

Center for Rural Health, University of North Dakota: \$15,000

Grand Forks, ND

***Brain Injury in the Criminal Justice System:** Develop a strategic plan for the implementation of statewide brain injury screening, identification, referral, and assessment protocols for individuals within the North Dakota criminal justice system.*

Dakota West Arts Council: \$14,000

Bismarck, ND

***Finding Unity in the Arts Community:** Explore arts needs in Bismarck and the broader region by inviting community stakeholders to facilitated conversations, exploring how to collaborate on shared needs and problems, how to share space and resources, and how to unify and amplify the arts in the region.*

Down Home: \$13,350

Fargo, ND

***Empower Up Program:** Provide cognitive behavioral and emotional intelligence training to people in Fargo-Moorhead who have experienced or are at risk for homelessness, in addition to transforming a priority space in their home*

Great Plains Food Bank: \$15,000

Fargo, ND

***Standing Rock Community Project:** Convene community members, leaders, and experts, including those with lived experience of food insecurity and poverty, in a broad-based community assessment to identify ways in which existing community assets can be leveraged and new solutions developed to advance food security.*

Heart-n-Soul Community Cafe: \$15,000

Fargo, ND

***Gathering Together for Heart and Soul:** Partner with community neighborhoods to offer a Pop-Up Food Truck to serve nutritional, locally grown food in a variety of neighborhoods, providing meals and opportunity for social connections.*

HeartSprings Community Healing Center: \$15,000

Fargo, ND

***COVID Crisis Care & Recovery Initiative:** Provide classes including trauma-sensitive yoga, T'ai Chi Chih, and meditation to Fargo-Moorhead area refugee families and to people in the Fort Berthold Diabetes Program of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation.*

Lake Region Community Shelter: \$10,000

Devils Lake, ND

***Shelter Restart:** Determine a permanent 24-hour shelter location to serve the Devils Lake region following closure of the original shelter due to COVID-19 restrictions, and educate the community on homelessness, affordable housing, generational poverty, and cultural differences.*

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa: \$15,000

Belcourt, ND

***Turtle Mountain Recovery Center:** Provide culturally responsive drug and alcohol treatment services by hiring a project director to lead efforts in site design, implementing Medicaid billing for clients, and identifying staff needed for services*

SUMMARY of Grant Round 1:
11 Grants for a total of \$157,350

**North Dakota Community Innovation Grant Program
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31:8 Project: \$13,500

Bismarck, ND

Empowering Human Trafficking Survivors: A pilot project to provide victims of human trafficking across North Dakota with culturally relevant, trauma-informed, evidence-based services to enable them to successfully achieve self-identified life-skill goals.

Charles Hall Institute: \$15,000

Bismarck, ND

Charles Hall Institute Pilot Program: Partner with United Tribes Technical College's Theodore Jamerson Elementary School staff to develop educational programs and technology applications that promote healthy development, character, and self-valuing in children and adolescents.

New American Consortium for Wellness and Empowerment: \$10,000

Fargo, ND

Refugee and Immigrant Women's Network: Remove barriers to workforce reentry for immigrant women following the COVID-19 pandemic including access to childcare, budgeting skills, health education, and yoga and tai chi.

New Americans Integration Center: \$15,000

Grand Forks, ND

New American Job Skills Development: Support recently arrived New Americans in the Grand Forks area with access to and training for jobs, including ESL communication support, computer skills, resume development, work culture training, using public transportation, and financial literacy.

North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation: \$13,500

Bismarck, ND

First Impressions Program: Initiate a laser tattoo removal project to treat DOCR residents at all facilities who wish to remove exposed face/neck/hand tattoos, complementing existing re-entry programs to increase success in gaining employment, obtaining housing, and reconnecting with family, and to bolster community acceptance.

North Dakota Local Food Development Alliance: \$11,500

Minot, ND

Local Food Systems for ND Communities: Mobilize alliance working groups to address producer support; aggregation, processing, and distribution; food charter; and Native American food sovereignty. Organize three local food planning summits to catalog the current needs, actors, and projects related to local foods.

Northlands Rescue Mission: \$14,500

Grand Forks, ND

Filling the Transportation Gap: A collaborative project to survey the transportation needs of low-income families and individuals to ensure access to jobs and social service providers, and to develop a new transportation-on-request program for low- to moderate-income community members.

South Sudan READ: \$15,000

Fargo, ND

Immigration Services Discussion: Contract with Board of Immigration Appeals—certified professionals to facilitate stakeholder discussions to assess needs and reestablish affordable and accessible immigration services following the closure of Lutheran Social Services of ND.

Southwest Area Career & Technical Education Task Force: \$15,000

Fiscal Sponsor: Dickinson Public Schools

Dickinson, ND

Career & Technical Education (CTE): Engage industry, business, and community leaders in facilitated conversations to help determine strategy and provide input on educational programs to be offered at the CTE Center opening in 2023.

SUMMARY of Grant Round 2:
9 Grants for a total of \$123,000