

# SOUTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## Summer 2022

### Our Mission:

Bringing philanthropy to life  
for a stronger South Dakota.

## First Dakota Partners with South Dakota Community Foundation to Celebrate 150th Anniversary

### *Philanthropy Always Feels Good— And It Can Taste Good Too!*

To celebrate one and a half centuries in the banking business, First Dakota National Bank is partnering with the South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF) to give back to South Dakota communities that have given much to them.

"SDCF's mission is to bring philanthropy to life for a stronger state," said Jeff Veltkamp, SDCF Director of Development. "We're excited to partner with First Dakota in giving back to South Dakota communities that have provided them with so much success."

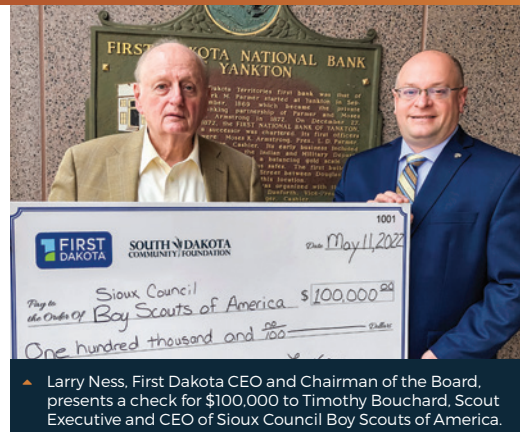
First Dakota established the Stronger Communities Fund with SDCF to help South Dakota communities thrive and prosper, regardless of their size, resources or history. One of the ways First Dakota grows the fund is through sales of their 150th anniversary beers from Ben's Brewing of Yankton. For every can or glass of Dakota Thirst and Cash Flow purchased this year, First Dakota is donating \$1 to the fund.

"Since 1872, First Dakota has called South Dakota home," said Rob Stephenson, President of First Dakota National Bank. "Our commitment to the region runs deep. This fund is one of the ways we give back to the people, organizations and communities that make this such a fantastic place to live and grow."

The first round of grants distributed in April totaled \$360,500. Recipients included:



▲ Nate Franzen, First Dakota President of Ag Banking, presents a \$250,000 donation to South Dakota State Fair Commissioner Dusty Anderson.



▲ Larry Ness, First Dakota CEO and Chairman of the Board, presents a check for \$100,000 to Timothy Bouchard, Scout Executive and CEO of Sioux Council Boy Scouts of America.

- City of Elk Point
- Habitat for Humanity of Clay and Yankton Counties
- Letcher Community Development Foundation
- Sioux Council Boy Scouts of America
- South Dakota State Fair Foundation

First Dakota National Bank became the first fully chartered bank in Dakota Territory when it opened its doors in 1872. For 150 years, the organization sought to support local dreams and communities with dependable banking.

Upcoming deadlines for grant applications are September 30 and December 31. Applications are reviewed quarterly, and if approved, awards will be granted within six weeks of application deadlines. Any 501(c)(3) nonprofit can apply, but priority will be given to those communities with a First Dakota presence.



▲ Myron Sonne accepts a check on behalf of 4H from Jayson Plamp, First Dakota Vice President and Agri-Business Banker.



Learn more about the Stronger Communities Fund and how to apply here: [www.firstdakota.com/150](http://www.firstdakota.com/150)



# Grantmaking Update

## SDCF Establishes New Partnership with Bush Foundation



In January, SDCF announced our selection as an intermediary partner for the Bush Foundation's community-based grant program. This six-year partnership, commencing in 2022, will result in \$1.2 million per year being infused in our state for grants to eligible nonprofits.

SDCF is now in the planning and design phase for this program. On May 3, SDCF gathered 11 community leaders from across the state for a design meeting. SDCF collected feedback and ideas to shape this new program.

"The South Dakota Community Foundation is excited to bring additional resources to South Dakota and its nonprofits through the Bush Foundation's community-based grant initiatives," said Stephanie Judson, SDCF President & CEO. "This most recent grant award is a continuation of the longstanding relationship with the regional funder. We appreciate



▲ SDCF hosted a design team meeting in Pierre. **Front row:** Crystal Ortbahn, SDCF; Glen Marshall, Boys & Girls Club of Rosebud; Paula Jensen, Dakota Resources; Kristy Ward, Custer Economic Development Corporation; Kari O'Neill, SDSU Extension; Kate Vandel, South Dakota Arts Council. **Second Row:** Stephanie Judson, SDCF; Diana VanderWoude, Sanford Health; Tawney Brunsch, Lakota Funds; Janet Kittams, Helpline Center; Pam Lange, Black Hills Special Services; Marilyn Charging, National Alliance on Mental Illness South Dakota; Taneza Islam, South Dakota Voices for Peace; Sharon Chontos, Evaluator with Sage Consulting; Ginger Niemann, SDCF

their continued confidence in our ability to work with our community partners to improve the lives of South Dakotans." SDCF previously partnered with the Bush Foundation for the Community Innovation Grant (CIG) program which ended in 2021. SDCF will continue to support 2021 CIG grantees through 2022.

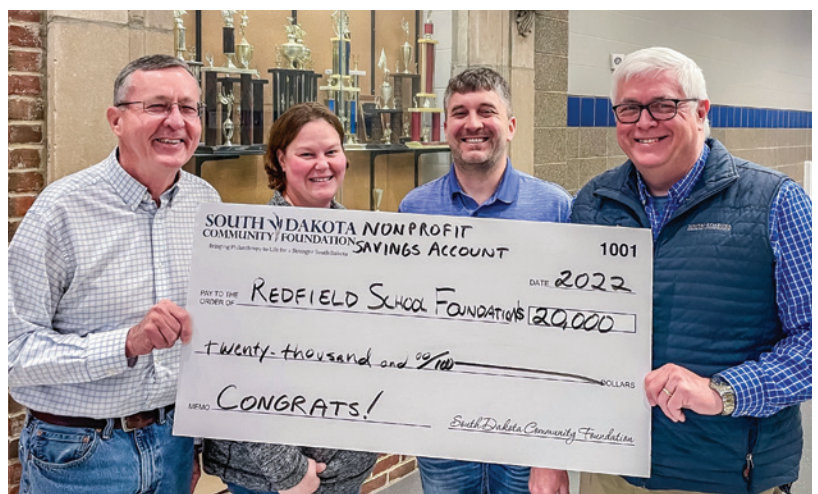
Visit our website to stay up-to-date on the progress for this new grant program.

[SDCommunityFoundation.org/Grants/Community-Based-Grants](https://SDCommunityFoundation.org/Grants/Community-Based-Grants)

Program launch dates coming soon!

## New Nonprofits Building Endowment Funds

SDCF's Nonprofit Savings Account (NSA) grant program challenges nonprofits in South Dakota to build endowment funds, creating a sustainable revenue source for their organization for years to come. Successful applicants are challenged to raise an agreed-upon amount of money over two years — with SDCF contributing up to \$20,000 in matching dollars at a rate of \$1 for each \$4 raised. In 2022, three organizations have accepted the challenge grant opportunity: Northern Prairies Land Trust (Sioux Falls), South Dakota State Railroad Museum (Hill City), and Ground Works & SD Ag in the Classroom (Sioux Falls).



▲ Redfield School Foundation completed fundraising for their NSA challenge grant at the end of 2021 and were presented with a \$20,000 matching contribution from SDCF in January of 2022 for their endowment fund.





## South Dakota Fund Grants

From January 1, 2022, to May 31, 2022, the SDCF awarded 14 South Dakota Fund grants totaling \$328,750. The South Dakota Fund is an unrestricted fund that makes grants to nonprofit and charitable organizations across the state in support of culture, economic development, education, financial literacy, health, and human services. SDCF accepts applications for South Dakota Fund grants on a rolling basis.

The South Dakota Fund grant program is competitive, and grants are awarded by the SDCF Board of Directors throughout the year. Please visit our website to learn more about grant recipients and the application process:

[SDCommunityFoundation.org/Grants](https://SDCommunityFoundation.org/Grants)



### Funding the Future

SDCF awarded Funding the Future a \$14,000 South Dakota Fund grant. SDCF was proud to partner with the Homebuyer Education Division of the South Dakota Housing Development Authority and South Dakota State Treasurer Josh Haeder to bring Funding the Future's multimedia financial literacy education program to selected South Dakota middle and high schools.



### SD Association of Healthcare Organizations

SDCF awarded the South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations a \$16,500 South Dakota Fund grant. Funds will assist healthcare facilities and communities across our state who find themselves in a crisis due to a workforce shortage.



### United Way of Greater Yankton

SDCF awarded the United Way of Greater Yankton a \$10,000 South Dakota Fund grant that will be used for security equipment in the United Way Community Impact Center. This will go a long way in ensuring the safety of staff and clients along with enhancing technology used in shared community rooms for trainings and other educational opportunities.



### Ronald McDonald House

SDCF awarded Ronald McDonald House Charities an \$18,000 South Dakota Fund grant that was used to upgrade security systems at one of their houses. Situated just steps from both Avera and Sanford Hospitals in Sioux Falls, Ronald McDonald House Charities offers families of a hospitalized child a room at a moment's notice.

# Celebrating a Legacy of Philanthropy

The South Dakota Community Foundation has been bringing philanthropy to life for 35 years—connecting generous donors and advisors with nonprofits and communities where they can make a difference.

SDCF is established through matching grants from 3M and the McKnight Foundation with Bernie Christenson as founding executive director.



1987

1989

\$1.5 million total grants distributed

1992



South Dakota Fund grants are awarded for the first time.



Northwest Area Foundation

1997

10TH anniversary

\$5 million total grants distributed

SDCF receives a \$500,000 grant from the Northwest Area Foundation to expand our Community Savings Account Program.

2002

\$15 million total grants distributed

2007

20TH anniversary



SDCF receives our then-largest gift, a \$22 million legacy gift from Paul and Muffy Christen including a \$2.5 million challenge in unrestricted funds.



SDCF launches our Nonprofit Savings Account program to build endowed funds for South Dakota nonprofits.

2011

\$30 million total grants distributed

2012

\$61 million total grants distributed



BUSH FOUNDATION

SDCF partners with Bush Foundation in distributing Community Innovation Grants.



Sanford Underground Research Facility

SDCF makes a historic \$2 million program-related investment in the Sanford Underground Research Facility.

2013

2015

2017

30TH anniversary



SDCF provides immediate response grants and challenge grants to assist communities and nonprofits responding to the COVID-19 pandemic—a record-breaking year for both contributions and grants.

2020

2021

2022

35TH anniversary



Cumulative statewide grants from the South Dakota Fund exceed \$16 million.



SDCF's CSA program holds nearly \$50 million in endowed assets supporting 80 South Dakota communities. Partner CSAs create a sustainable funding source for local nonprofits across the state.

\$224 million total grants distributed

Celebrating  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
35 years



# Kurt Solay

## HELPING CLIENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH CHARITABLE GIVING

A Parkston, South Dakota, native, Kurt Solay has been practicing law for over 30 years.

"Time goes by fast when you're having fun," muses Kurt, who practices law in Rapid City.

For the entirety of his practice, Kurt has worked in estate planning and business law. With estate planning being the focus of his work, charitable giving has naturally become a part of the process. The landscape of estate planning has changed drastically over the last 30 years, so maintaining a strong knowledge of current tax laws and estate tax exemptions is very important to Kurt.

He was drawn to work with the SDCF because of the invaluable information the organization shares about charities. This partnership has helped him ensure his clients' goals will be met when they take the step to include charitable giving in their estate planning. Kurt is a member of SDCF's Key Club recognition society for professional advisors who have helped clients meet their philanthropic goals.

"The advent of donor-advised funds over the last 15 years or so has made the SDCF even more important...

there are charities that are smaller and don't have their own separate foundation. Donor-advised funds allow clients to make a donation to SDCF, and that endowment can then be distributed out to charitable organizations that align with a client's giving wishes."

Kurt appreciates the way donor-advised funds help ensure that a charitable gift will have a lasting effect due to the way the Foundation distributes the funds—benefiting the charity receiving the donation as well as seeing that a donor's gift makes a stronger impact.

One of the most rewarding aspects of his work is seeing the joy people feel when they donate while they're still alive to see the impact their donations are making. He looks back on a specific instance where a client

had a very strong goal in mind, and Kurt suggested he start giving while he was alive instead of waiting for others to distribute funds after passing. Every time he has seen that client in the years since, he thanks Kurt for inspiring him to give during his lifetime.

"He really enjoys seeing how the community benefits from his gifts, and if he had waited to fund this until he passed away, he would have never enjoyed seeing the fruits of his labor."

If there is one thing Kurt would like people to know about SDCF, it's that they open the doors to all of the different ways one can give charitably. The organization is an invaluable resource for individuals looking to make a difference through donation.

"It's good to see people who want to help others," reflects Kurt on what he loves about working with SDCF.



## Kelly's Search for a Living Kidney Donation



Kelly Nelson has served as program accountant and scholarship coordinator for the South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF) since 2004. She is an important piece of our work world. Organized and hard working, you can always count on her to get the job done. She enjoys being part of connecting high school graduates with funds needed to continue their education.

Kelly has lived in central South Dakota for most of her life, growing up on a family ranch west of Pierre. She currently lives in Pierre with her husband Anthony and their daughter Morgan.

Just recently, Kelly started to share her story of living with Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) as she is looking for a kidney donor. In 1996, she was diagnosed. This is an inherited disorder

in which over time, clusters of cysts form in the kidney leading to loss of kidney function. Her father had PKD and received a living donor transplant.

Once she learned she had PKD, Kelly volunteered to be part of several research studies to further the understanding of the condition. Currently, there is no cure for PKD. There have been advances in slowing the progression of the cysts, but the end treatment is either dialysis or a kidney transplant.

Recently, Kelly was placed on the national donor wait list and is listed at multiple transplant centers in the Midwest. The average wait time to receive a kidney from a deceased donor is over five years. There is no telling when Kelly will get the call, but she has decided to start her own search for a living kidney donor.

Asking family and friends to consider donating a kidney is difficult, but it greatly improves her chances of receiving a kidney transplant, either through direct donation or through the paired donation process.

Kelly has been a dedicated employee of SDCF for many years as well as a trusted friend in our office. Please consider learning more about living donation.

[www.avera.org/services/transplant/kidney-pancreas/living-kidney-donation](http://www.avera.org/services/transplant/kidney-pancreas/living-kidney-donation)

### 2021 SDCF Annual Report Available Online



You can view this year's report online here.  
[www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/news-insights/publications/annual-reports](http://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/news-insights/publications/annual-reports)

### SDCF Leadership

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