**Application**

**Ready to apply for the Bush Prize: South Dakota?**

Follow these steps to complete your application.

1. If you have not already done so, [please click here to view our 2024 information packet](https://d1bamnqez24jrj.cloudfront.net/general-uploads/Grant-photos/Bush-Prize-Application-Questions-and-FAQ-2024.pdf#asset:145169@1:url) to learn more about the Bush Prize: South Dakota application questions and to view frequently asked questions. It will show you what information you will need to apply.

2. Use our [online grant portal eGrant](https://sdcommunityfoundation.egrant.net/) to start and complete your application. If you have not used eGrant before, you'll need to [register for an account.](https://sdcommunityfoundation.egrant.net/) The URL for eGrant is: <https://sdcommunityfoundation.egrant.net/>

3. Within eGrant, navigate to Applicant>Opportunities and select the "Bush Prize: South Dakota" opportunity and complete the application. **Note: The option to complete the Bush Prize: South Dakota application will not appear until applications open on April 1st.**

4. Save often. Once you've started an application, the draft will save under Applicant>Drafts on the homepage of your account.

5. Submit your application before the deadline. SDCF will only consider applications submitted before the deadline.

Selection Process and Timeline

**Initial Review**. SDCF will conduct an initial review of applications and select finalists. We will let you know in July whether your application is moving forward.

**Finalist Review**. SDCF will conduct site visits and review references in July and August.

A panel of community leaders will review and recommend Bush Prize winners from the South Dakota applicant pool.

It is important to us that our processes are fair. If any of our selection committee members have a conflict of interest with an organization being considered for the Bush Prize, they will not be a part of any selection discussion or decisions for that year. The Foundation defines “conflict of interest” as being a staff or board member of or having a contractual relationship with an organization.

We will let finalists know in September whether they have been selected as a 2025 Bush Prize: South Dakota winner.

SDCF will make a public announcement of the selection panel's decision in October.

All selections are based on program eligibility requirements and criteria.

Bush Prize: South Dakota is a new iteration of what was previously known as the Bush Prize For Community Innovation. Below are previous winners of the Bush Prize for Community Innovation for the South Dakota region. A [full list of past Bush Prize winners](https://www.bushfoundation.org/bush-prize) is available on the [Bush Foundation website](https://www.bushfoundation.org/bush-prize).South Dakota State University, Wokini Initiative - $500,000

* Capital Area Counseling Service - $500,000
* Native American Community Board - $182,000
* Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation - $500,000
* De Smet Community Foundation - $287,971
* South Dakota Symphony Orchestra - $443,682
* Cheyenne River Youth Project - $233,000
* Northeast South Dakota Community Action Program (GROW SD) - $471,000
* Rapid City Area School District #51-4, Partnership Rapid City - Teen Up - $153,000
* Face It TOGETHER Sioux Falls - $117,532
* First Peoples Fund - $313,068
* Main Street Square - $500,000