



# SDCF Grant Programs Informational Call

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# Meeting Purpose

Meeting participants will understand...

- SDCF Grant Program Eligibility
- SDCF Grant Programs
  - South Dakota Fund
  - Nonprofit Savings Account
  - Local Foundation Grants (Community Savings Accounts)
  - Beyond Idea Grant (BIG)
  - Bush Prize: South Dakota





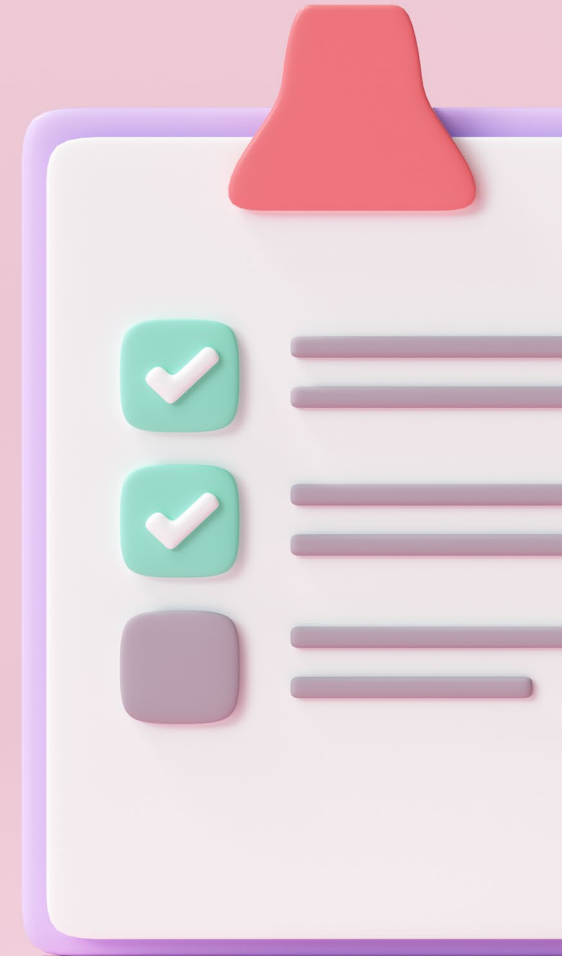
# Eligibility

## Eligible Organizations

- Verified Nonprofit or Charitable Organizations
  - Tax ID# is verified nonprofit with the IRS
  - 501(c)(3) Status
- Units of government, schools & churches
- Organizations may use a Fiscal Sponsor

## Not Eligible

- Private businesses
- Individuals
- Organizations not verified as 501(c)(3) and not unit of government, school or church
- Organizations on IRS Auto-Revocation List due to not filing appropriate forms
- SDCF will not consider organizations until they've received an affirmative Determination Letter from the IRS.





# South Dakota Fund

- SDCF's flagship grant program
- Program and project areas supported:
  - Culture
  - Economic Development
  - Education
  - Financial Literacy
  - Health
  - Human Services








# South Dakota Fund

- Grant Sizes: \$2,000 - \$20,000
- Program/Project
  - Financial Literacy programs may request more
  - Match towards total project cost is required:
    - Other grants
    - Donors
    - Fundraisers
    - In-kind
- Rolling Grant Program
- Must take place in South Dakota



# South Dakota Fund Timeline



Application Stage	Timeline/Due Date
Letter of Inquiry (LOI)	LOIs are accepted on a rolling basis.
LOI Decision: Invited or Denied	SDCF responds to LOIs within 15 working days.
Application	Applications are due 60 days after SDCF sends out an invitation to apply.
Application Decision: Awarded, Denied or Holdover	SDCF informs an applicant of their status within 90 days of the application submission date.







# South Dakota Fund Recipient

Winner PIX Theater

- Grant \$15,000
- Cultural
- Support rebuilding areas of the theater after a fire
- Fundraising and Volunteerism







# South Dakota Fund Recipient

Junior Achievement of South Dakota

- Grant \$100,000
  - \$50,000/year - 2 years
- Financial Literacy
- Financial Literacy Program for South Dakota's Youth
- Volunteers & Community Support





# South Dakota Fund Recipient

## Brothers & Sisters Behind Bars

- Grant \$20,000
- Human Services
- Support for transitional housing
- Fundraising





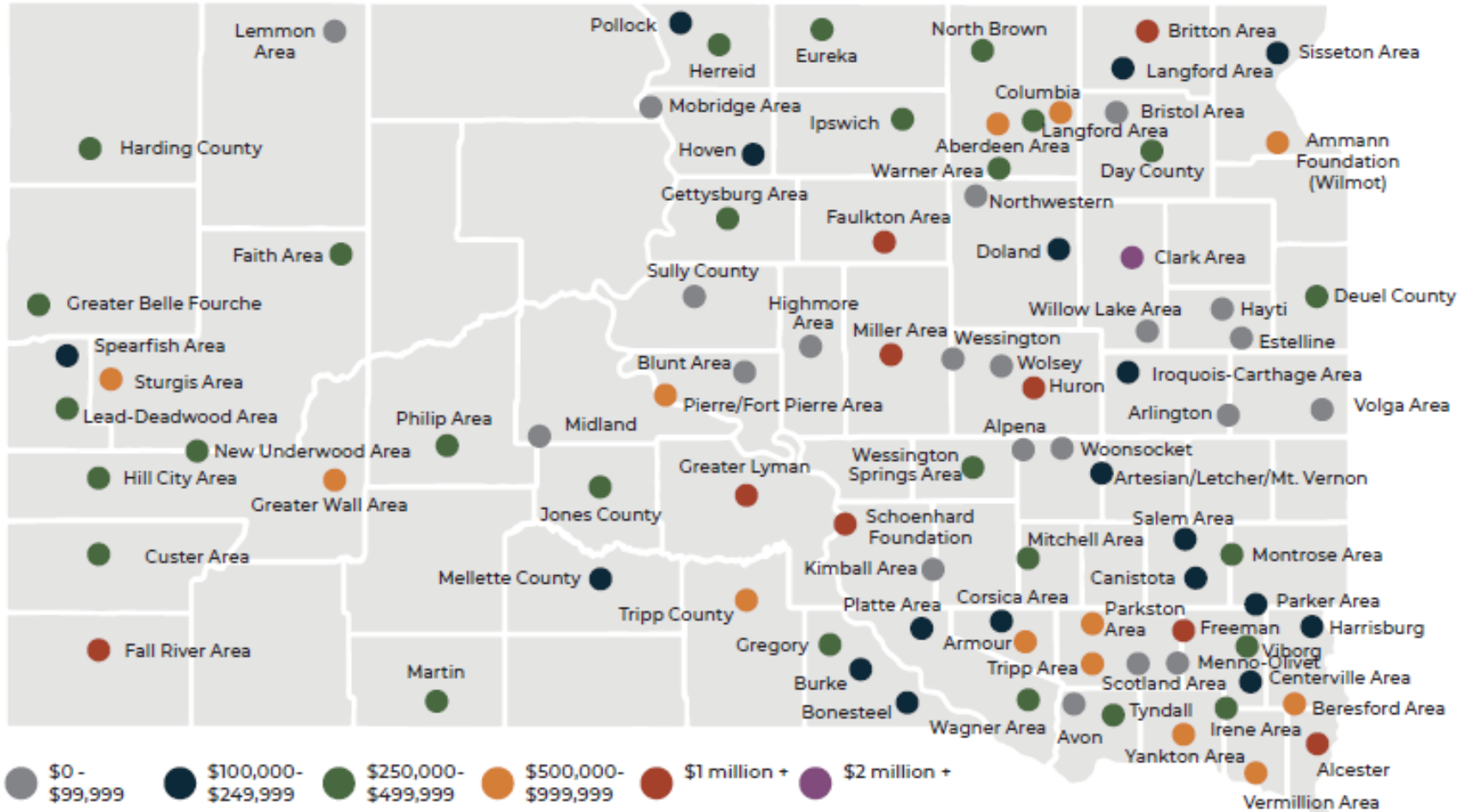
# Nonprofit Savings Account

- Endowment building challenge grant
- Fundraising Focus
- NSA grant awards \$1 for every \$4 raised for an endowment, up to \$20,000.
- Two-year timeframe
- Outcome is an endowment fund at SDCF, with nonprofit to receive an annual distribution in perpetuity of 4.5% of the average fair market value of fund
- Funds will be designated to benefit an IRS verified nonprofit in SD
- Rolling Deadline



# Local Foundation Grants

## Community Savings Accounts (CSAs)



## 87 Communities with CSAs

- Local Leaders
- Local Decisions
- Visit our website for specific information for each community.

## CSA Grant Awards in 2023

- \$1.9 million
- 570 grants to local charitable causes

\* Amounts represent fair market value of the fund as of December 31st, 2023. Sub-fund assets are not included.







# Beyond Idea Grants

- Partnership with the Bush Foundation
- Community based problem-solving grants
- Grant Size: \$5,000 - \$100,000/year
  - Development up to \$50,000
  - Testing/Spreading up to \$100,000
- Multi-year funding considered
- No Match Required
- Project must take place in South Dakota
- \$1.2 million will be awarded in 2024





# Beyond Idea Grants

## **Important Considerations:**

- Community-based problem solving
- To design, test and spread ideas
- To inspire, equip and connect leaders
- Planning or Implementation Grants
- Community impact potential





# Beyond Idea Grants

## Important Criteria for BIG



- What is the community problem being addressed?
- How does the idea address the problem in an innovative and collaborative way?
- Is the idea realistic and likely to succeed?
- How are key stakeholders meaningfully involved?

## BIG will not fund



- Solely general operating expenses
- General program and project costs
- Loans
- Construction





# Beyond Idea Grants

2022 – 2023

- Over 300 Applicants
- 28 Grant Recipients
- Nearly \$2.4 million Awarded

2024

- \$1.2 million available for funding



# BIG Recipient's



Mazaska Owecaso Otipi  
Financial, Inc

\$100,000

Expanding community coaching and relationship lending model for homebuyers across the Pine Ridge Reservation



Codington County Welfare

\$100,000

Bringing community resources together and implementing plan for future social service success in Codington County



SHIFT Garage

\$100,000

Testing an idea to connect low-income communities with affordable transportation options



Bridging the Gap – Leaders of  
Tomorrow

\$100,000

Empowering leaders, focused on diversity and justice impacted individuals





# Beyond Idea Grant 2024 Timeline



Applications Open	March 1st
Applications Close	March 29th The application window closes at 12 p.m. Central Time/11 a.m. Mountain Time. Late applications will not be accepted.
Recipient Announcement	June 28th

SDCF will open only ONE round of the Beyond Idea Grant in 2024.



# Bush Foundation Intermediary Partners

## **Minnesota Partner**

- Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation
  - TBD Community-based Grant Program
  - Bush Prize: Minnesota

## **Native Nations Partner**

- Good Relatives Collaborative
  - Good Relatives Collaborative Grant
  - Bush Prize: Native Nations

## **North Dakota Partner**

- Strengthen ND
  - Creative Community Solutions Grant
  - Bush Prize: North Dakota



## **South Dakota Partner**

- South Dakota Community Foundation
  - Beyond Idea Grant
  - Bush Prize: South Dakota





# BUSH FOUNDATION

- Seeking a larger grant?
- Apply to the Bush Foundation
- Community Innovation grants above \$20,000
- Applications are accepted year-round
- [www.BushFoundation.org/Community-Innovation-Grants](http://www.BushFoundation.org/Community-Innovation-Grants)







# Bush Prize: South Dakota

in partnership with the Bush Foundation

- Award for organizations that have a culture of innovation and are highly valued within their communities
- Eligible organizations must have a track record of successful community problem solving, spanning at least 5 years
- Grant amounts are up to 25% of an organization's most recent fiscal year expenses, with a maximum of \$500,000
- Bush Prize grants are flexible and can be used to build up reserves or test that next big idea or whatever else would best support the organization's ongoing good work



# Bush Prize: South Dakota Eligibility

- Verified Nonprofit or Charitable Organizations
  - Tax ID# is registered as nonprofit with the IRS
  - 501(c)(3) Status
  - Units of government, schools & churches
  - A verified organization may serve as a Fiscal Sponsor for other initiatives
- Must be located in South Dakota or one of the 9 Native nations that share the same geography.
  - Community innovations highlighted must also have occurred within that geography.
- Previous Bush Prize winners are not eligible for 10 years
  - Organizations who have been finalists are eligible to apply again



# Bush Prize: South Dakota Selection Criteria

- Does the organization have a pattern of innovative solutions?
- Does the organization have a pattern of using inclusive, collaborative and resourceful processes?
- Does the organizational leadership foster a culture of innovation?
- Is the organization stable and strong in terms of governance and finance?

Over time we seek a portfolio of winners representing the full diversity of South Dakota, and includes a variety of:

- *Applicant Organization sizes*
- *Communities served (size and demographics)*
- *Types of issues addressed*





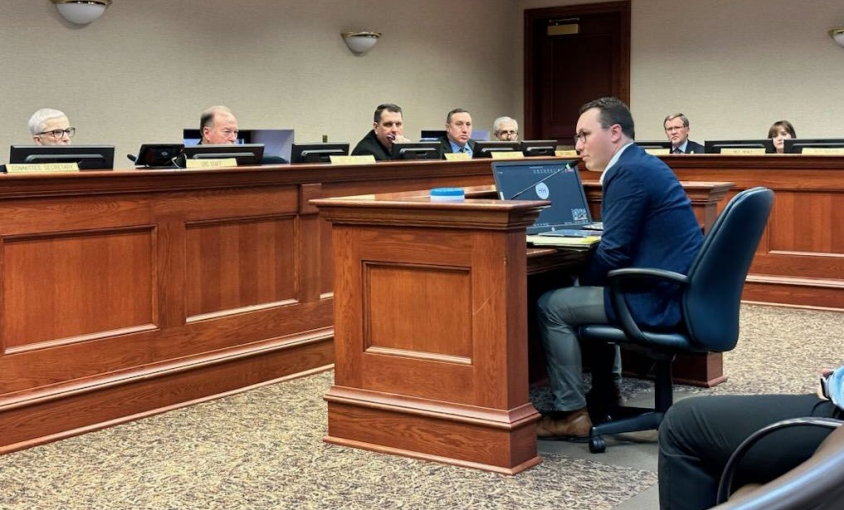
# Bush Prize: South Dakota 2023 Winner (\$500,000)

## **Black Hills Special Services Cooperative**

- Provides specialized educational services and resources to cater to the unique learning needs of students and families in the Black Hills region and across the state
- BHSSC works with schools, the state, tribal councils, and families in the school communities they serve
- Long track record of educational program development, iteration and successful implementation with school partners
- Collaborative and inclusive processes, both internally and externally
- Abundance mentality when partnering with other organizations, focusing on meeting needs rather than territorial competition







# Bush Prize: South Dakota 2023 Winner (\$185,000)

## Lost&Found

- Advocates for mental health awareness and provides resources for individuals facing mental health challenges, reducing stigma and connecting people with vital support.
- Data-driven and collaborative work with colleges across South Dakota
- Developed and deployed a Campus Resilience Index as a planning tool, guiding a student-to-student mentorship program
- Currently developing a mobile app as a peer support tool for the digital age
- Started in the minds of high school students over 10-years ago
- Has expanded from serving a handful of universities to serving campuses across the region



# Bush Prize: South Dakota 2023 Finalist (\$10,000/each)



**DAKOTA  
RESOURCES**

THE FUTURE OF RURAL IS *here*

We connect capital and capacity to empower rural communities.



***LifeScape***

Empowering people to live their best life.



BUSH  
FOUNDATION



# Bush Prize: South Dakota 2024 Timeline



Applications Open	April 1st
Applications Close	May 31st <small>The application window closes at 12 p.m. Central Time/11 a.m. Mountain Time. Late applications will not be accepted.</small>
Finalist Selection	July
Recipient Announcement	October





# How to apply?

- **SDCF website:** [SDCommunityFoundation.org/Grants](https://SDCommunityFoundation.org/Grants)
  - Grant Information
  - Guidelines
  - Draft Applications
  - Grants Awarded
- **Online grant portal – eGrant:** [SDCommunityFoundation.eGrant.net](https://SDCommunityFoundation.eGrant.net)
  - Organization Login and Password
  - Grant programs are listed under “Opportunities”
    - SD Fund and NSA are always visible – rolling process
    - BIG opens March 1 and closes March 29 at noon CT
    - Bush Prize: South Dakota opens April 1 and closes May 31 at noon CT
  - Save often
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# Questions

- Type Questions in Chat
- Raise Hand
- SDCF Staff will monitor



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