SOUTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Welcome!

- Participants are on mute when they join the call.

- Staff will be monitoring the chat box for any questions you may have.

- We have reserved time at the end for questions.

- We will record this webinar and have it available on our website.

Meeting Purpose

Meeting participants will understand...

- SDCF Grant Programs Eligibility

- SDCF Grant Programs
    - South Dakota Fund
    - Nonprofit Savings Account
    - Local Foundation Grants (Community Savings Accounts)
    - Beyond Idea Grant (BIG)
    - Bush Prize: South Dakota
    - Fairy Godmother's Fund

- GOapply Grant Portal

Eligibility

Eligible Organizations

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

Not Eligible

- Private businesses
- Individuals
- 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

- 2026 Initiatives:
    - Child Well-Being
    - Housing
    - Workforce Development

- 2026 will also include traditional areas of focus:
    - Culture
    - Economic Development
    - Education
    - Financial Literacy
    - Health
    - Human Services

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 approximately 90 days of the application submission date.

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- Program/Project Expenses

- Match required:
  - Other Grants
  - Donors
  - Fundraisers
  - In-kind

- Rolling Grant Program
  - Letter of Inquiry
  - Application

- Twelve-month waiting period

- Must take place in South Dakota

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2026 Initiatives:

- Child Well-Being, Housing, Workforce Development

  - Grant Sizes:
    - Development up to $50,000
    - Implementation up to $100,000

- Child Well-Being:
  - Impact of child's well-being at all stages of development.

- Housing:
  - Development, access and sustainability of affordable housing options for all.

- Workforce Development:
  - Programs & strategies aimed at enhancing workforce skills & improving employment opportunities.

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2026 Initiative Examples

Child Well-Being:
      Early childhood development
      Physical and mental health
      Family stability and support
      Education and school readiness
      Youth development and resilience

Housing:
      Development of affordable housing
      Increasing access to safe, stable housing
      Preserving existing affordable housing
      Housing sustainability and long-term affordability
      Supportive services connected to housing stability

Workforce Development:
      Skill-building and credentialing programs
      Career pathways and job training
      Employer partnerships
      Workforce re-entry
      Strategies that improve employment outcomes

# South Dakota Fund

Traditional Focus Areas:

- Culture
- Economic Development
- Education
- Financial Literacy
- Health
- Human Services

- Grant Sizes:
  - Up to $20,000
  - Financial Literacy
    - May apply for more than $20,000

South Dakota Fund Grants

Examples of Grants Awarded:

Theater Updates
Playground Equipment
Security System Upgrades
Program Expansion
Financial Literacy Classes
Purchase of Vehicles
Promotional Expenses
Prevention Education Programs
Food Preservation Equipment
Kitchen Equipment
Childcare Program Expenses
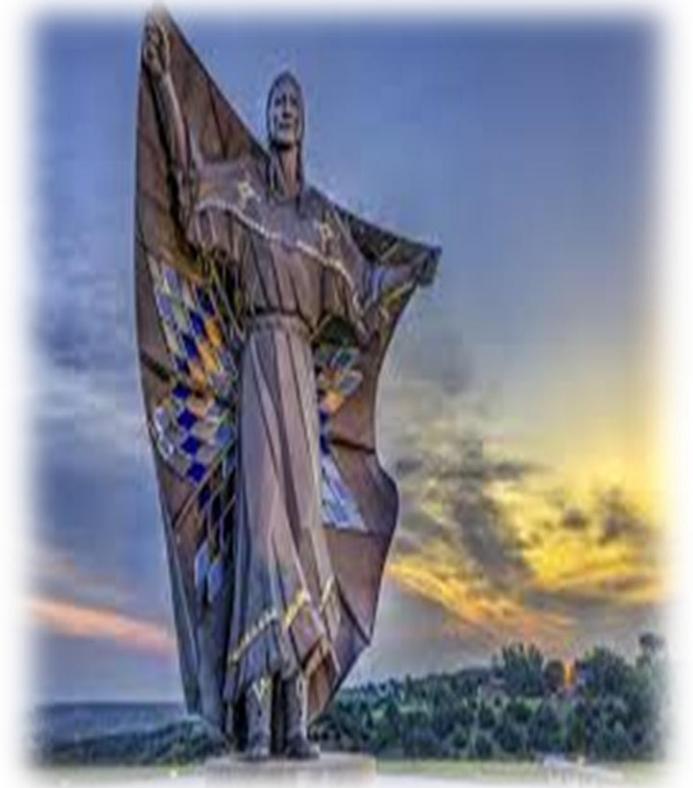
Nonprofit Savings Account

Endowment Building Challenge Grants:

Grant Size:

- $1 for every $4 raised for an endowment, up to $20,000

- To receive full $20,000, $80,000 must be raised - creating a $100,000 endowment

- Fundraising timeframe is 2 years

- Endowment to benefit nonprofit organization
  - Fund balance invested in perpetuity
  - 4.5% of the average fair market value is available annually

Timeframe:

- Rolling

Bush Foundation Intermediary Partners

Minnesota Partner

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

Native Nations Partner

- Good Relatives Collaborative
  - Good Relatives Collaborative Grant Program
  - Bush Prize: Native Nations (MN/ND/SD)

North Dakota Partner

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

South Dakota Partner

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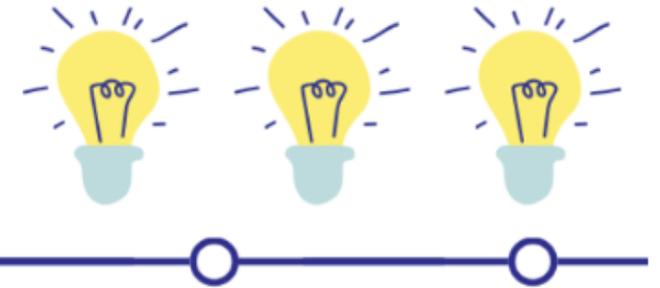 - Bush Prize: South Dakota

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Beyond Idea Grants

in partnership with the Bush Foundation

- Community based problem-solving grants

- Grant Sizes: $5,000 - $100,000/year
  - Development up to $50,000
  - Testing/Spreading up to $100,000

- Multi-year funding may be considered

- No Match Required

- $1.2 million available in 2026

- Competitive

Beyond Idea Grant 2026 Timeline

Applications Open	June 1st
Applications Close	**June 30th** The application window closes at 12 p.m. Central Time/11 a.m. Mountain Time. **Late applications will not be accepted.**
Recipient Announcement	November

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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

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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

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Beyond Idea Grants

Examples of Grants Awarded:

- Food Security and Food Systems
- Enhancing Afterschool Programming
- Enhancing Childcare Programming
- Mental Health Program Expansion
- Workforce Housing
- Leadership Program Expansion
- Adult Literacy and Career Development
- Regional Economic Development Organizing
- Community Social Services Organizing
- Capacity Building for Rural Health Initiatives

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Bush Prize: South Dakota

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- **Award:**
  - Extraordinary organizations that consistently engage and lead their community toward creative solutions.

- **Grant Size:**
  - 2 Honorees will be awarded $250,000 EACH
    - Finalists receive $10,000 EACH

- **Track record:**
  - Successful community problem-solving

- **Grant Use:**
  - Flexible. Award 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

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Bush Prize: South Dakota 2026 Timeline

Applications Open	April 1st
Applications Close	April 30th The application window closes at 12 p.m. Central Time/11 a.m. Mountain Time. Late applications will not be accepted.
Finalist Selection	August
Recipient Announcement	October

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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 <u>9 Native nations</u> 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

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Bush Prize: South Dakota

Criteria

- **Transformational Impact** - organizations which have created meaningful, long-lasting change to address the challenges and issues affecting their community.

- **History of Creative Solutions** – honors organizations which have a history at least three to five years of using innovative approaches that offer real solutions for the challenges and issues affecting their communities.

- **Creative Community Problem Solving** – honors organizations which have proven to be deeply rooted in their communities and value driven.

- **Additional Considerations** - Over time we seek a portfolio of honorees representing the full diversity of South Dakota, and includes a variety of:
  - *Organization sizes*
  - *Communities served (size and demographics)*
  - *Types of issues addressed*

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Bush Prize: South Dakota
# 2025 Honorees ($250,000 Each)

Abbott House provides customized treatment for each child they serve to reflect upon their unique needs. Residential Psychiatric Treatment Facility uses a wide range of evidence-based interventions, such as Neurofeedback, Sensory Diets, Mood Management, Grief and Loss Groups, and Independent Living Skills, in addition to twice-a-week individual therapy sessions.

YFS provides evidence-informed, developmentally appropriate, and culturally responsive education, prevention, and recreation programs, health-care services, case management; trauma-informed counseling, mentoring, healthy relationships education, nutritious meals, training and technical assistances, and other support services.

Bush Prize: South Dakota
2025 Finalists ($10,000 Each)
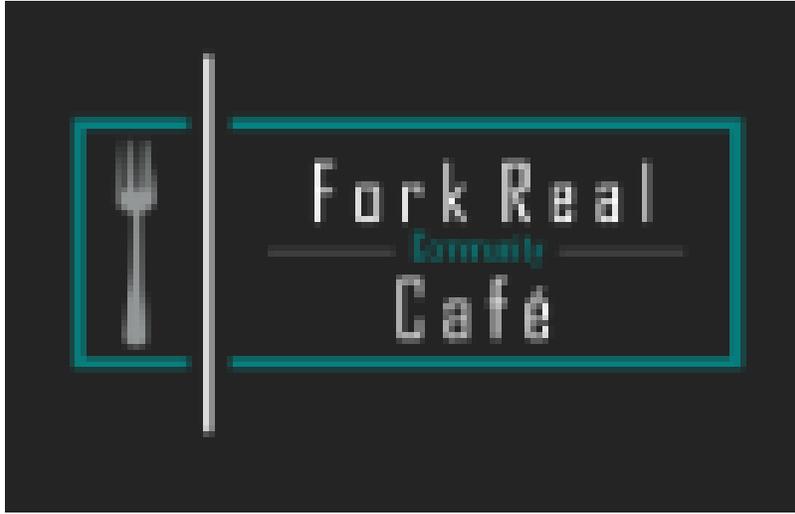
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The Bush Foundation invests in great ideas and the people who power them in **Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the 23 Native Nations** that share the same geography.

Grant Opportunities

- Bush Fellowship
- Community Innovation
- Ecosystem Grants & Organizations
- Change Networks
- and more.....

Website: BushFoundation.org

Fairy Godmother's Fund

To provide *immediate, short-term, critical needs* to individuals in South Dakota.

- Field of Interest Endowed Fund at SDCF
- Advisory Council
- Referrals from Agencies/Organizations
- "Invite Only" Link
  - No Self-Referrals
  - Need must match request
  - Referrals up to $1,000
  - All other resources have been utilized

How to apply?

SDCF website: **SDCommunityFoundation.org/Grants**

- o Grant Information
- o Guidelines
- o Draft Applications
- o Grants Awarded
- o Application Windows

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South Dakota Community Foundation — Grants
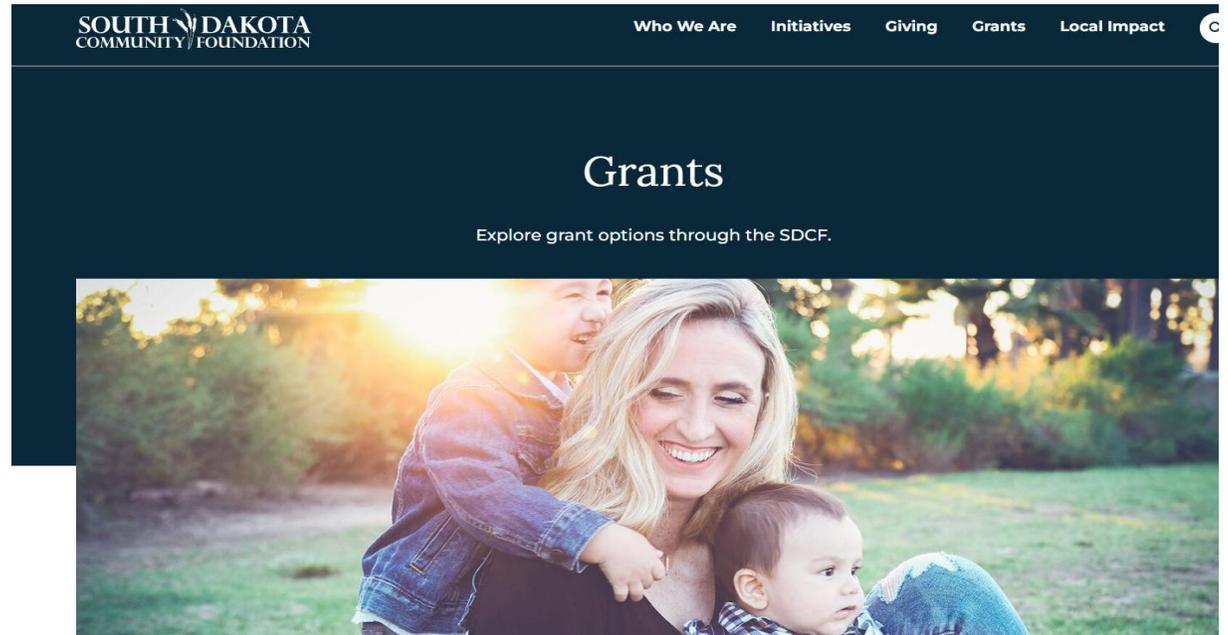
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Or create a new account

Your Email

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Sign in

SDCF Grants Site:

https://goapply2.akoyago.com/SDCFgrants

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Home Screen
- **In Progress** – what you are currently working on; documents SDCF has downloaded to your portal that need to be completed

- **Submitted** – any documents that your organization has submitted to SDCF Grant Programs

- **Opportunities** – current SDCF Grant Programs that are open and accepting applications

- **Organization Profile** – Organization's information that should automatically come from SDCF's database. Changes can be made; this information should auto-populate into applications.

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My Opportunities

	Fiscal Year	Opportunity Name	Opportunity Guideline URL	Phase Contact	Email Address
View	2026	Community Savings Accounts Challenge Grant	https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/local-impact/challenge-grants	Jamie Farmen	jfarmen@sdcommunityfoundation.org
View	2026	Nonprofit Savings Accounts Grant	https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/grants/nonprofit-savings-accounts	Ginger Niemann	gniemann@sdcommunityfoundation.org
View	2026	South Dakota Fund	https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/grants/south-dakota-fund-grant	Ginger Niemann	gniemann@sdcommunityfoundation.org

View: When clicked, this will take you to Grant Program's home screen

Opportunity Guideline URL: When clicked, this will take you to SDCF's grants page.

Phase Contact: Point of contact for each grant program

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There are previous submissions or drafts for this application. See submissions

South Dakota Fund 2026

Letter of Inquiry

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Summary

Do not copy and paste answers into the portal. Doing so will result in issues with submitted documents.

Updates to organization name, EIN or address should only be done in the Organization Profile tab, located in the top ribbon.

The **South Dakota Fund** is SDCF's flagship grant program and awards program or project related funding in support of culture, economic development, education, financial literacy, health and human services. In 2026, three new initiatives are offered: Child Well-being, Housing, and Workforce Development.

SDCF accepts applications on a rolling basis throughout the year. It starts with a Letter of Inquiry, if approved, a full application will need to be submitted.

Downloadable blank application – cannot be submitted from here.

Click here to move the LOI for SD Fund or application for other grant programs.

This is your indication that you have already started an LOI or application. Click to go to that pending document.

Description

The South Dakota Fund awards grants throughout the year to nonprofit organizations that meet vital and diverse needs across the state.

Eligible Applicants:
Verified nonprofits with 501(c)(3) status from the IRS, under Publication 78
    The IRS maintains a list of qualifying organizations, linked here:
    https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/
Public schools, government entities, and churches
Initiatives or projects using a fiscal sponsor.**

Not Eligible:
Individuals
Private businesses

**Fiscal sponsorship is a partnership with a verified nonprofit organization (the sponsor) and an organized group that does not have its nonprofit status. They offer their tax-exempt status to groups engaged in activities related to the sponsor's mission. This arrangement is beneficial for projects or initiatives that are not separately incorporated as nonprofits but wish to apply for grants.

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Submission is locked and cannot be modified

South Dakota Fund Letter of Inquiry

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Project Description

Reason for Grant Request (a brief description of what you need the funding for): *

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Beginning Date of Project: *

08/31/2025

Ending Date of Project: *

12/31/2026

Once submitted, changes can no longer be made. If you have changes, please contact us. We can move your LOI or application back to "In Progress" so you can make changes.

Indicates a required field. Cannot move forward if not answered.

Some information from LOI auto-populates to the application. This information cannot be changed in the application phase.

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The next phase of the application cycle will be moved forward and appear in the Phase Name column.

- If the LOI is approved, the application will appear in the Phase Name column at the same time the LOI is approved.

- If your grant requires a final evaluation, the evaluation will be moved forward after you have been notified your grant has been awarded.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

- I created my User Registration, why can't I log in?
  - SDCF staff complete due diligence on all new users before new users can log into the portal. Staff look for:
    1. Is the EIN provided correct and does the name entered match the IRS.
    2. Does the organization name entered match our records.
    3. Is this a new organization that is not currently in our system.
    4. Does the organization already have a person already approved.

- What is the difference between a submitter and contributor?
  - Submitters are allowed to start, edit, complete, and submit applications. Organizations may only have one submitter.
  - Contributors are allowed to review & edit their organizations applications, but the submit button does not exist. Organizations may have as many contributors as needed.

- I need more space to provide the answer to the question.
  - Each question will state the character limit and count down as you type your answer. Be mindful of the space provided.

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Frequently Asked Questions:

- My organization information did not auto-populate from the organization profile, and I cannot enter the information.
  - Developers are aware of this issue and working towards a solution. It mainly happens with new users/organizations. The information does download into our system correctly.

- My organization has had some staffing changes and I am now the new Submitter for GOapply, what do I need to do?
  - Please contact SDCF staff and we will make the necessary edits.

- My application or evaluation is not in my "In Progress" tab?
  - Please contact Stephanie Harmon, she will make sure your document is loaded correctly.

- How do I print my submitted documents?
  - On the Submitted tab, click on the Download tab beside the document you want to print. A PDF is created and ready for printing.

- I can no longer access my application. Why?
  - Organizations have 60 days from the date on the approval email to submit the full application. Once the 60 days have passed, organizations will no longer have access to the application.

Type Questions in Chat

Raise Hand

SDCF Staff will monitor

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