



State of the Foundation

Monday, February 2nd, 2026

2025 A YEAR IN REVIEW

- Board Member Updates
- Grantmaking News
- Scholarship Program Updates
- Development Efforts
- Financial Focus
- Washington News

Outgoing Board Member

Dennis Batteen

**Served three three-year terms
2016-2025**



Re-elected Board Members



Marci Burdick



Dennis Daugaard



Linda Erickson



Maily Grossenburg



Don Roby



Shawn Rost

New Board Members



Suzanne Feist
Rapid City, SD



Robert Fouberg
Aberdeen, SD

Officers 2026



Dennis Daugaard
Chair



Don Roby
Vice-Chair



Bob Sutton
Treasurer

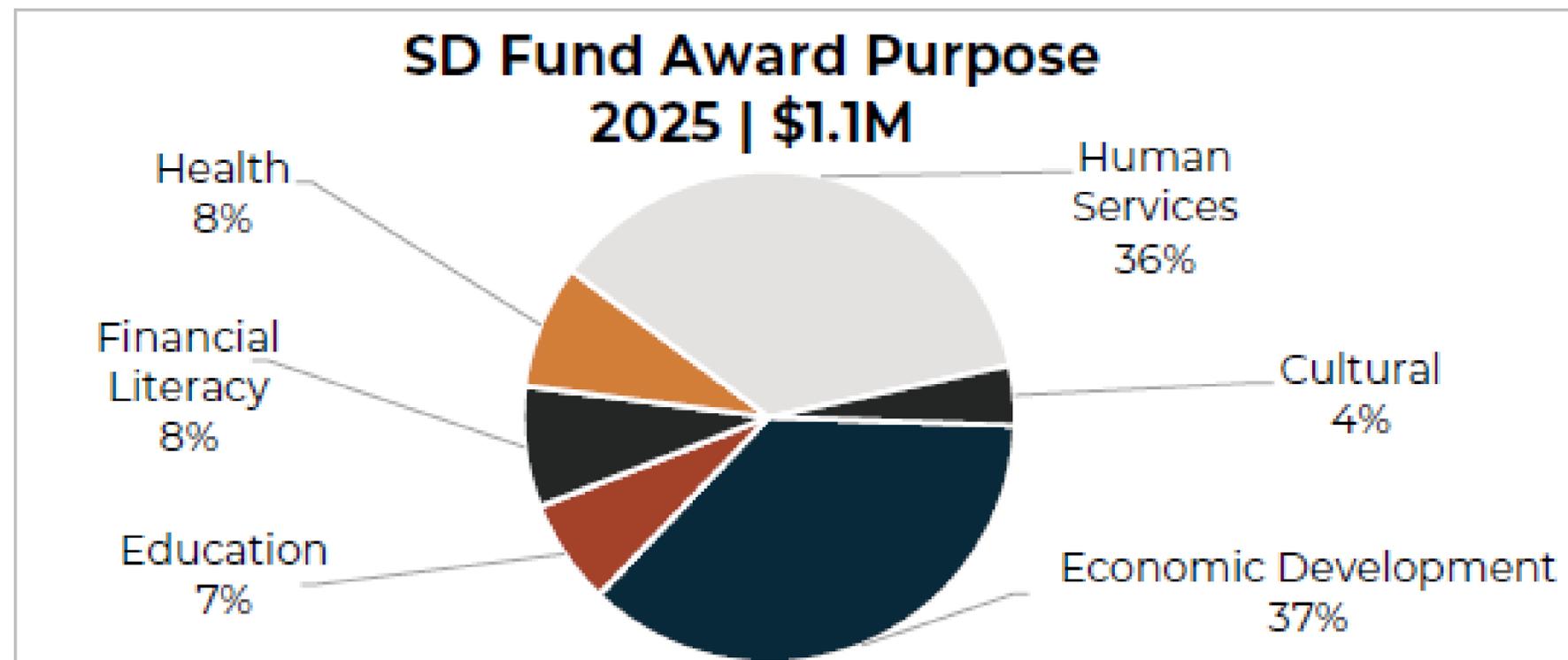


Stephanie Judson
Secretary

SDCF Grantmaking

➤ South Dakota Fund Grants

- Competitive Grant Program
- Awarded 55 grants totaling \$1.1 Million
- Grants range from \$2,000 - \$50,000
- Accepts applications throughout the year
- Federal funding gap program announced 2nd half of 2025



SDCF Grantmaking

- **2025 Initiative:
Federal Funding Gap Initiative**

- May board meeting
- June – December
- Nearly \$500,000 Awarded to 15 nonprofits

- Areas served:
 - Statewide \$50,000
 - Regional \$30,000
 - Local \$20,000



SDCF Grantmaking

- **2026 Initiatives:**



- **Child Well-being**

- Issues that address a child's well-being at all stages of development.



- **Housing**

- Support for the development, access and sustainability of affordable housing options for all.



- **Workforce Development**

- Programs and strategies aimed at enhancing workforce skills & improving employment opportunities.

- Open now through the South Dakota Fund [SD Fund 2026 Grant Initiatives](#)

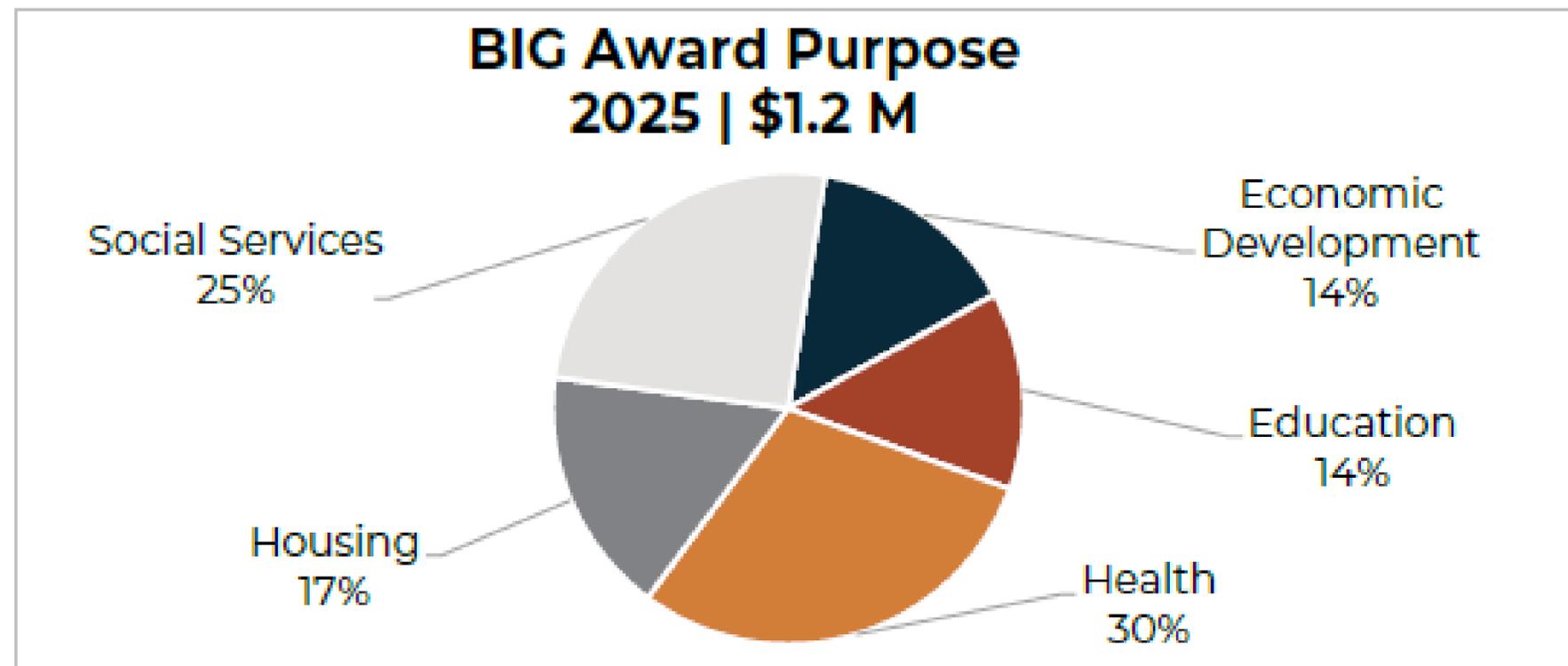
Donor Advised Fund Pilot Project

➤ **South Dakota Fund Grants**

- Connect Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) to South Dakota Fund Grant requests
 - A small pilot group participating in 2026
 - Donors' interests captured through a simple survey
 - Donors review applications that match their interests on-line
 - Plans to expand in the future to existing DAFs

SDCF Grantmaking

- **Beyond Idea Grant (BIG) Program 2025**
- Community based problem-solving
 - Partnership with the Bush Foundation
 - Received 143 applications, awarded 14 grants totaling \$1.2 million
 - Grants range from \$5,000 - \$100,000



SDCF Grantmaking

➤ Beyond Idea Grant (BIG) Program 2026

- Grant Cycle
 - **ONE** Round
 - **ONE** Month application window
 - Applications Accepted: **June 1 – June 30th**
 - ✓ **Hard close on June 30th Noon CT**
 - Award Announcement: November
- Total of \$1.2 million available
- <https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/grants/beyond-idea-grants>

SDCF Grantmaking

➤ **Bush Prize: South Dakota 2025**

- Celebrates organizations with a track record of transformational impact through creative solutions.
- Change in 2025: Two \$250,000 Awards
- 2025 Summary
 - 100 applicants & five finalists
 - Honorees: \$250,000 each
 - Abbott House
 - Youth & Family Services
 - Finalists: \$10,000 each
 - Fork Real Community Cafe
 - Helpline Center
 - Promising Futures Fund

SDCF Grantmaking

➤ **Bush Prize: South Dakota 2026**

- Grant Cycle
 - Applications accepted: **April 1- April 30**
 - ✓ **Hard close on April 30 at Noon CT**
 - Finalist selection: August
 - Award Announcement: October
- Two \$250,000 grants will be awarded
- <https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/grants/bush-prize-south-dakota>

SDCF Grantmaking

➤ **Nonprofit Savings Account Grants (NSAs)**

- Competitive Grant Program
- Nonprofit Endowment Challenge Grants
- \$1 for every \$4 raised
 - Up to \$20,000

➤ **Community Savings Account Grants (CSAs)**

- Competitive Grant Program
- Community Endowment Challenge Grants
- New challenges: \$1 for every \$4 raised
- Repeat challenges: \$1 for every \$8 raised

Fairy Godmother's Fund



- An endowed fund, advised by an Advisory Council that provides immediate, short-term, critical financial support to individuals throughout South Dakota.
- GOapply “Invite Only” Link
 - Accept Referrals from Agencies/Organizations/Individuals
 - Checks issued to Agencies/Vendors/Individuals
 - Referrals up to \$1,000
- Strategic Plan (2026 – 2028)
 - Grow Endowment
 - Increase Number of Gifts
 - Increase Number of Referrals

Outreach and Awareness

- Good Grants Guidance
- Grantee Convening
- Informational Webinar
- Grant Prospective / Applicant Support
- Grant Recipient Support
- Feedback Calls
- Conference Presenter



SOUTH DAKOTA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

SDCF Grant Programs
Informational Webinar



**Writing Your Future:
Grant Writing Workshop**

**Community Development through
Endowments and Grants**
January 14, 2026, at 12:00 PM Central

South Dakota Community Foundation

Featured Speakers:



Ginger Niemann
Senior Program Officer
and
Jeff Veltkamp
Director of Development



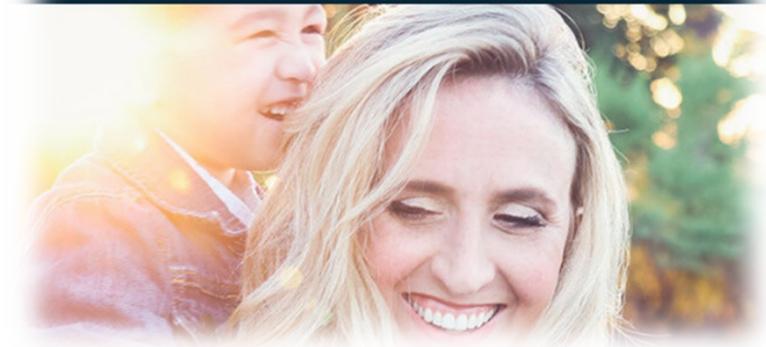
Outreach and Awareness

- Check Presentations
- Press Releases
- Website Stories
- Social Media Posts
- Videos
- Podcasts
- Morning Show
- Annual Report/Newsletter/eNewsletter
- Marketing Fliers/Brochures



Grants

Explore grant options through the SDCF.



Grantmaking Update

Capital Area United Way Reaches Major Milestone

Uniting Communities Across Central South Dakota
Capital Area United Way (CAUW) connects people and resources to tackle challenges across eight central South Dakota counties. Focused on education, financial stability and health, CAUW empowers nonprofits and strengthens communities. In 2024, CAUW took on DCF's Nonprofit Savings Account (NSA) challenge: raise \$80,000 to receive a \$20,000 match. Boosted by their partnership with the Let Freedom Fly International Air Show in May, CAUW met their goal by December and unlocked the full match.



Learn more about this challenge grant opportunity and the benefit of endowment funds on our website: sdcommunityfoundation.org/grants/nonprofit-savings-accounts

Learn more about Capital Area United Way here: caparsaunitedway.org

South Dakota Community Foundation's Post
Published by Hootsuite • December 4, 2025

The South Dakota Community Foundation recently awarded a \$10,000 Native American Education Fund grant to Rosebud Scholarship Fund. Funding will support scholar program which support highly motivated Sicangu Lakota students who want to make a difference in their community. The scholarship program launched in the spring of 2020. This program offers an easy, no-strings-attached \$500 per semester incentive to any Sicangu Lakota student enrolled in a higher education program.

To learn more about funding opportunities offered by the SDCF, please visit our website at <https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/.../south-dakota...>

Pictured left to right: Stephanie Harmon, SDCF Grant Program Assistant; Troy Blake, Rosebud Scholarship Fund Executive Director; Della Spotted Tail, Rosebud Scholarship Fund Board Chair; Ginger Niemann, SDCF Senior Program Officer

#SDCF #RosebudScholarship #NativeAmericanEducation
Rosebud Scholarship Fund



Bringing Healthcare to the Streets: Midwest Street Medicine

"It's not just about survival," Dr. Shannon Emry said. "It's about helping people see that they're worthy of health and a future."

[Read More →](#)



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Scholarship Programs

➤ **South Dakota Community Foundation Scholarships**

- 360 individual scholarship funds awarded 947 scholarships
- Awarded \$1.2 million in 2025
- Criteria & selection committees vary
- **NEW in 2025:** Online filtering and application process was a success
- How to apply:
<https://www.sdcommunityfoundation.org/scholarships>

Scholarship Programs

➤ **South Dakota Education Access Foundation**

- Supports need-based grants and other educational programs, including College Access Advising Program
- Awards nearly \$3 million each year

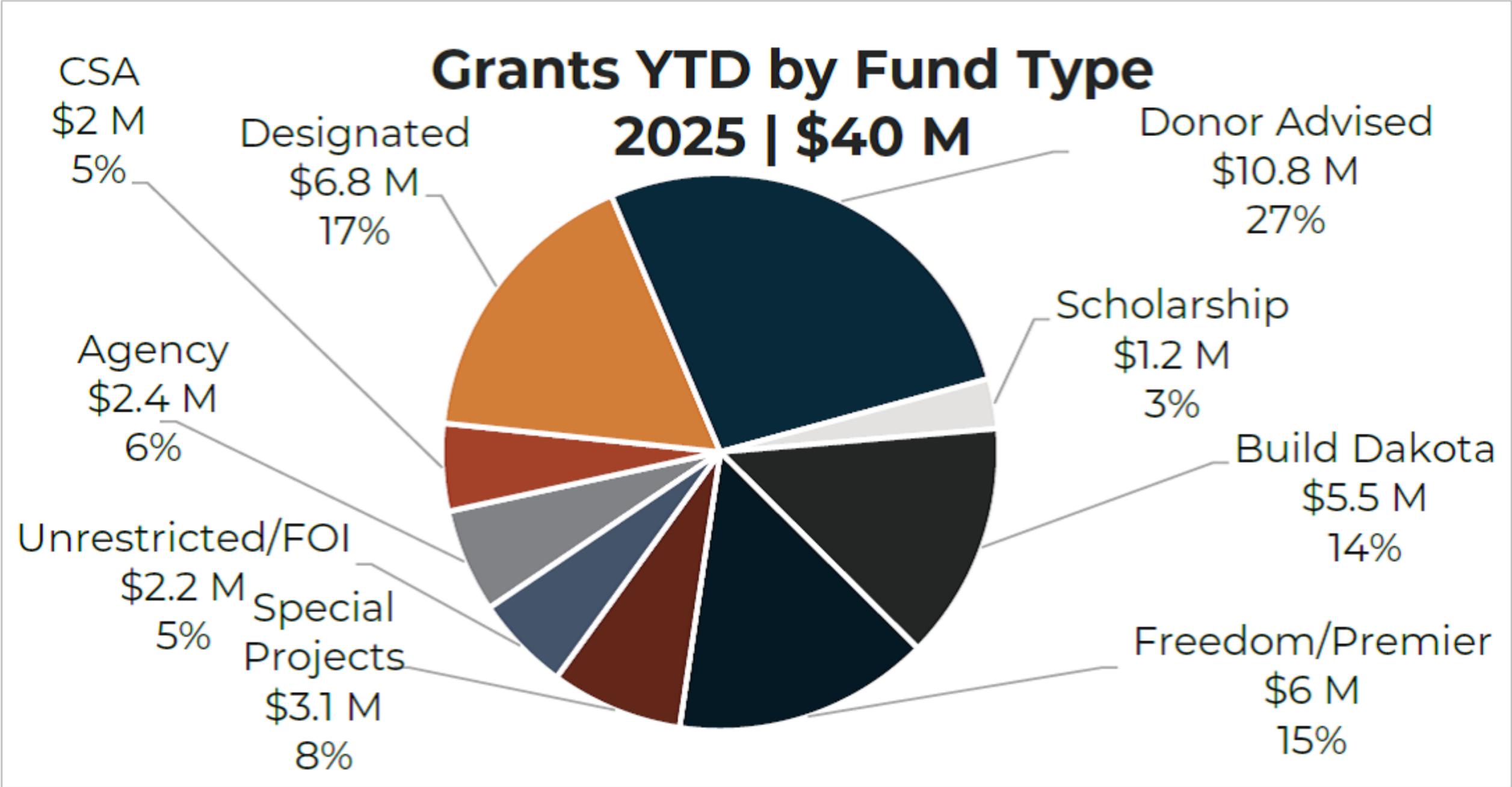
➤ **Build Dakota Scholarship Fund**

- Supports technical education in ten high-need workforce areas
- Awards made by the technical colleges
- Awarded \$5.5 million in 2025; additional \$4+ million in industry partnerships

➤ **Freedom Scholarship Program**

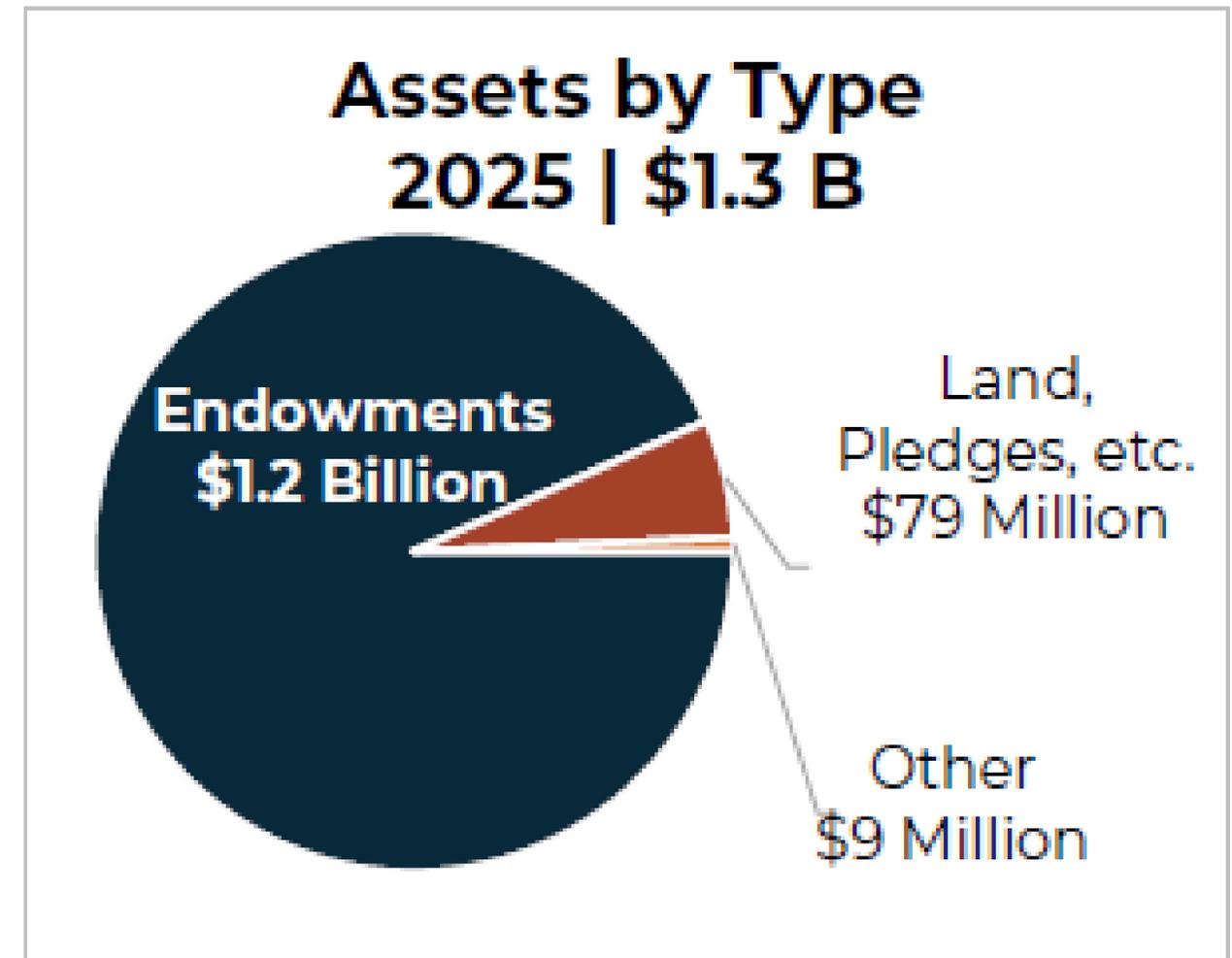
- Supports needs-based scholarships for public & private schools in South Dakota
- Awards made by the universities
- Awarded over \$6 million in 2025-2026

Grant Award Summary



2025 Development Snapshot

- 1351 Total Funds
- 65 New Funds in 2025
- 3950 Individual Gifts
- Completed a variety of both standard and complex gifts totaling nearly \$280 million
 - Cash
 - Stock
 - Investment holdings
 - Land
 - Tangible Personal Property



Community Savings Accounts

- 90 Community Partners
- Endowed Assets: \$67 million
- CSA Donations in 2025:
 - Nearly \$5 million, up almost \$2 million from 2024
- CSA Grant Awards in 2025:
 - Over \$2 million
 - 664 grants to local charitable causes

Challenges Met in 2025

- Armour
- Burke
- Kadoka
- Wolsey

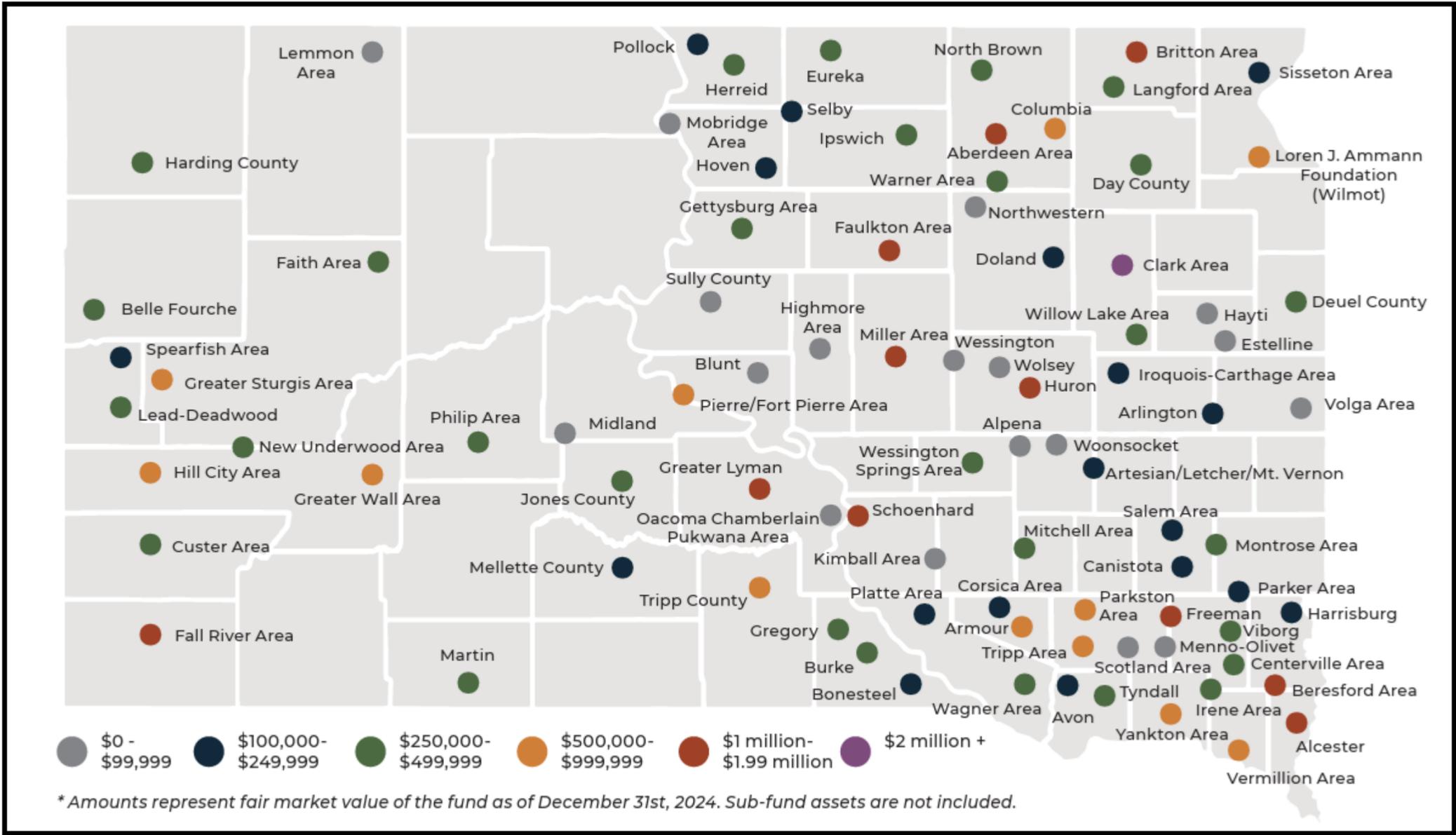
New CSAs in 2025

- Kadoka
- Mobridge

Ongoing Challenges

- Gregory
- Hill City
- Jones County
- Menno-Olivet
- Mobridge
- Oacoma
Chamberlain
Pukwana
- Selby

Community Savings Accounts



Community Savings Accounts

CSAs REPRESENTED:

- Spearfish
- Sturgis
- Fall River
- Harding County
- Kadoka
- Lead-Deadwood
- New Underwood
- Faith
- Hill City
- Faulkton
- Hoven
- Miller
- Oacoma/Chamberlain
/Pukwana
- Beresford
- Freeman
- Harrisburg
- Montrose
- Salem
- Langford
- Warner Area
- Herreid
- Columbia
- Aberdeen
- Mobridge
- Britton
- Clark

REGIONAL CSA CONFERENCES

- Rapid City
- Faulkton
- Salem
- Aberdeen



Nonprofit Savings Accounts

➤ 51 NSA Partners

- NSA Matching Dollars:
 - \$1 million +

- NSA Grant Awards in 2025:
 - \$140,000

Challenges Met in 2025

- Brookings Regional Humane Society
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota Inc
- The Salvation Army – Western Division

Challenges Awarded in 2025:

- AGC Foundation
- Brookings Regional Humane Society
- Diamond Willow Ministries
- Midwest Street Medicine
- Pierre-Fort Pierre Area Humane Society
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota Inc.
- The Salvation Army – Western Division

Ongoing Challenges

- AGC Foundation
- Casey Tibbs South Dakota Rodeo Center
- Diamond Willow Ministries
- Midwest Street Medicine
- Pierre/Fort Pierre Area Humane society

Donor Events

Donor events include:

- Stephanie Judson
- Legacy Society Members, including Key Club Members
- SDCF Board Members
- SDCF Staff Members
- Donors
- CSA leaders
- Grantees



Examples of Events:

- Stand-alone Legacy Society Events
- Board Member Dinners
- Winter Donor Relation Events
- Community Outreach CSA
- Professional Events where interested donors can be invited: AFP
- State Bar – retired members included
- Donor Driven Events (Buche)



Provide Value to Nonprofits

**SOUTH DAKOTA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Gift & Estate Planning Happy Hour

**Presenter: Jeff Veltkamp, Director of Development
South Dakota Community Foundation**

You're invited to an informal gathering with relaxed atmosphere for networking and learning as we explore some of the more popular planned giving opportunities. Whether you're a seasoned professional or newer to the field, this event promises valuable discussions and insights. Jeff will share actionable insights into the planned giving realm.



Date: Thursday, January 23rd, 2025

Time: 4 – 5:30 p.m. CST

Location: Dakotabilities | 1116 S 4th Ave | Sioux Falls, SD
Plenty of parking available. Use main entrance on 4th Avenue.

Drinks and light appetizers provided.

RSVP by replying to this email by Monday, January 20th.
If you have others in your organization that you feel would benefit from this program, please forward this email to them.
We hope to see you there!

Gratefully,
Stephanie Judson, CFP®, CGPA
President & CEO, South Dakota Community Foundation

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YOU'RE INVITED!

REAL TALK: WHAT MOVES PHILANTHROPY

REAL TOOLS, REAL CONVERSATIONS

**SPACE IS LIMITED- MAXIMUM OF 2
INDIVIDUALS PER ORGANIZATION**

 **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**
9:00AM – 3:00PM

**RUSHMORE HOTEL AND SUITES
445 MOUNT RUSHMORE ROAD
RAPID CITY, SD 57701**

An inspiring day of collaboration, strategy, and shared vision for South Dakota's nonprofits. Hosted by SDCF CEO Stephanie Judson and Beth Massa.

**RSVP NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 3 2025,
BMASSA@SDCOMMUNITYFOUNDATION.ORG**

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**SOUTH DAKOTA
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JOIN US!

INITIATING OR REACTING IN PLANNED GIVING SITUATIONS

Marc Littlecott, CAP®, CGPP

**Advancement Director for Estate and Planned Giving for
University of Mississippi**

Marc Littlecott, University of Mississippi Planned Giving Director and editorial board member with Planned Giving Today, will share insights from 25+ years of experience initiating and responding to planned giving opportunities. From effectively addressing the classic, "Your charity is already in my will," to developing approaches that encourage inclusion in wills, businesses, or asset sales, Marc will provide proven strategies valuable to all levels of experience. Time permitting, this interactive session will also include a tested "cold calling for planned gifts" method.

 **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**
9:30AM – 11:00AM

**SOUTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - EAST RIVER OFFICE
2100 SOUTH SUMMIT AVENUE, SIOUX FALLS SD, 57501**

RSVP HERE!



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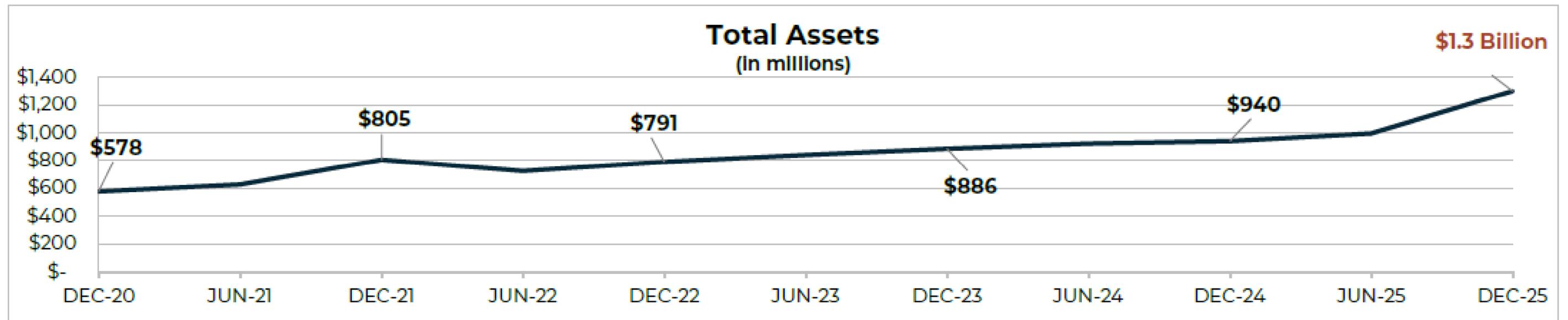
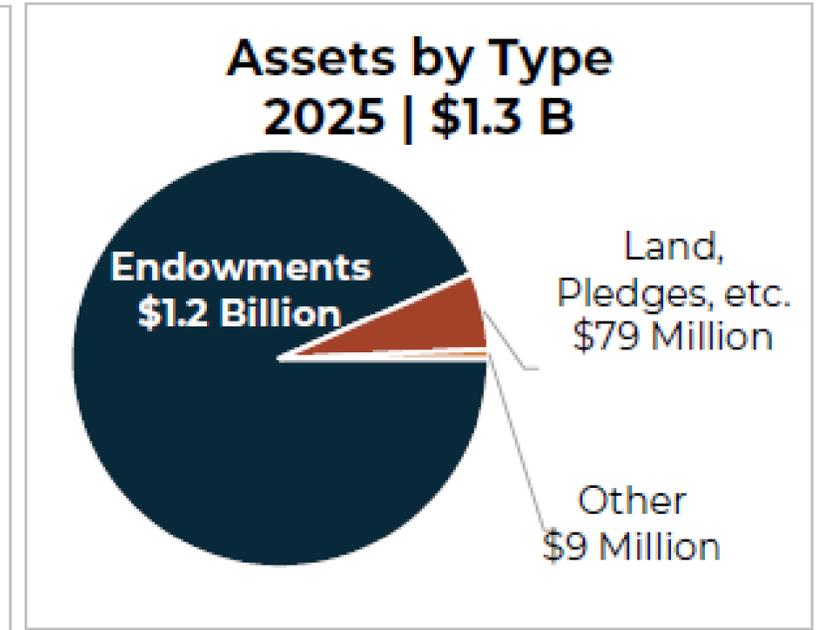
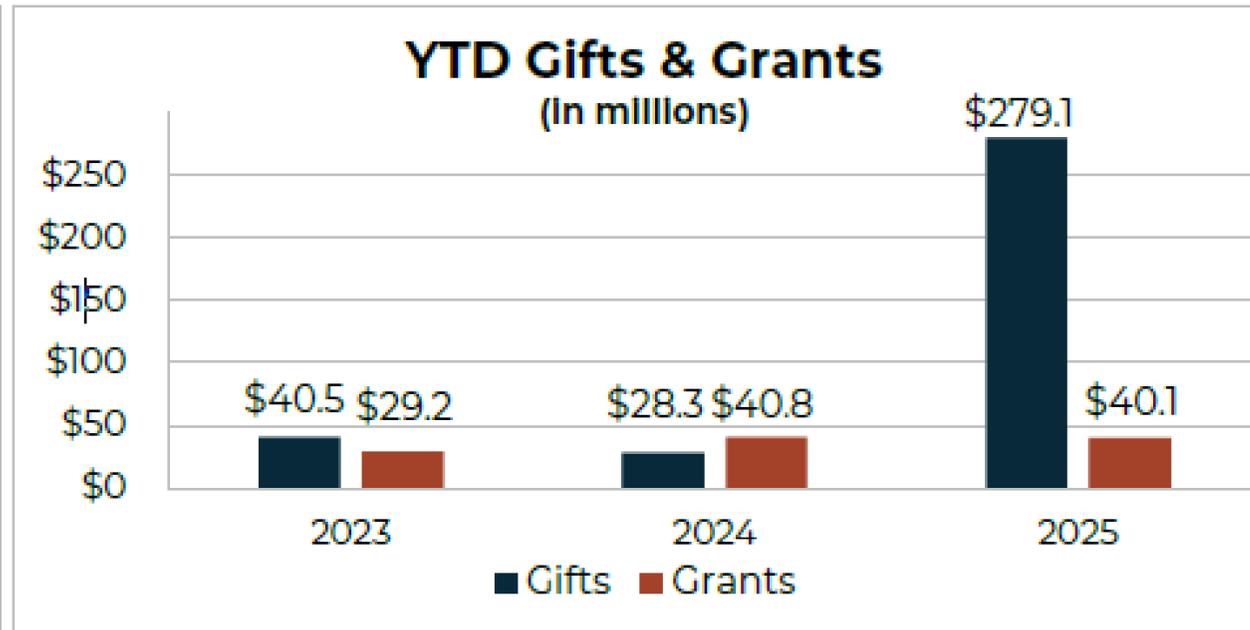
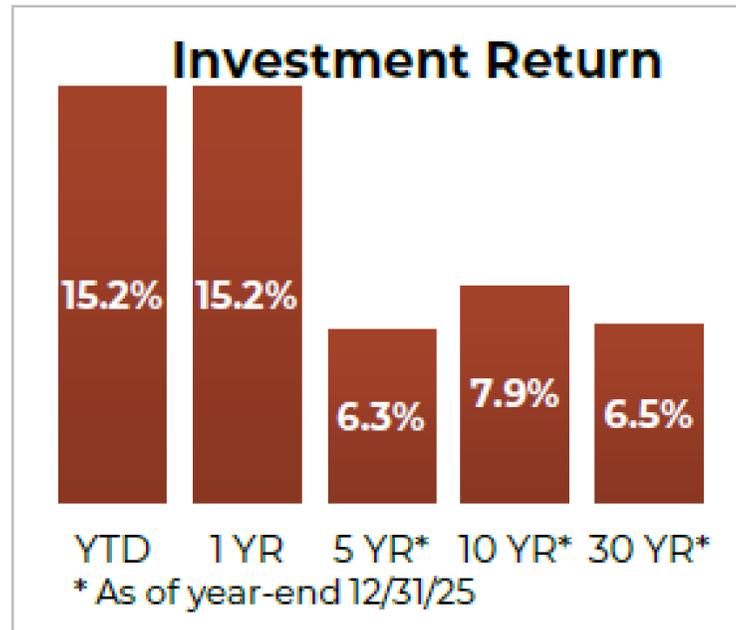
- Mitchell Nonprofit Group
- Community Services Connections – Rapid City
- Nonprofit Exchange – Sioux Falls
- Nonprofit Networking Sessions – Pierre
- Aberdeen Nonprofit Group
- Board Development Training
- Board Fundraising Training
- 1:1 Coaching for Fundraising Professionals
- AFP Networking Sessions
- Estate Planning Sessions for Nonprofits



Affiliate Fund Program

- New service offered as of July 2025
- Driving impact through streamlined philanthropy
 - Provides a secure, user-friendly online portal
 - Reduces administrative burden for organizations and donors
 - Coordinates an efficient, transparent grant review process
 - Ensures timely, accurate and compliant grant distribution
 - Delivers personalized support through dedicated staff person

Financial Information



Investment Objectives

- Partnership with SD Investment Council
- Three Investment Objectives:
 - Protect donors' gifts
 - Provide a steady stream of income to charitable and nonprofit causes
 - Produce growth in the fund value over time
- 2025 Investment Rate of Return: 15.2%

Washington Update

➤ 2026 Tax Updates

- IRA Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) indexed to \$111,000
- IRA life-income rollover is indexed to \$55,000
- Standard deduction increased to \$32,200 (\$16,100 for single) for joint filers
- Gift tax exclusion is \$19,000/person
- Gift/Estate tax exemption is \$15 million/person – 99%+ estates are NOT subject to estate tax

➤ OBBB Provisions

- Universal charitable deduction for non-itemizers up to \$2,000 for married couples (\$1,000 for all others)
 - ✓ Only 5% of South Dakotans itemize their deductions
 - ✓ Not indexed for inflation and starts in 2026
- .5% of AGI floor on charitable deductions for individuals, .10% for corporations starting in 2026
- 1099 threshold increases from \$600 to \$2,000
- \$1,700 non-refundable tax credit for certain scholarships – SDCF NOT eligible

PRESIDENT & CEO



Stephanie Judson

**CHIEF FINANCIAL &
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