

Investing in Problem Solving

South Dakota Community Foundation Announces Beyond Idea Grant Recipients

South Dakota Community Foundation's (SDCF) Beyond Idea Grant (BIG) Program was designed to support community-based problem solving in South Dakota. Started in partnership with Bush Foundation in 2022, the program will award \$1.2 million each year over six years to eligible nonprofits in South Dakota.

"Our purpose is to inspire and support creative problem solving – within and across sectors – to make our region better for everyone," says Eileen Briggs, Grantmaking Director at Bush Foundation. "To do this, we work with and through others because we know we can't fully understand the issues and opportunities in all communities. We engage with community grant partners, like South Dakota Community Foundation, because of their deep connection

in South Dakota communities. Important considerations include how a project is community-based and whether there is demonstrated support for the project. For those looking ahead, the second round of the BIG program in 2023 will open for applications on August 1 and close on August 31.



▲ Beverly Ann Miller (BAM) Foundation received \$100,000 from SDCF's BIG program in 2022. BAM Foundation plans to develop a multifaceted community building project focused on the Whittier Neighborhood in Sioux Falls. Funding will support the organization's work to strengthen community connections and support emerging leaders. Left to right: Stephanie Judson, SDCF; Ginger Niemann, SDCF; Clinton Brown, BAM; and Jacklyn Severin, BAM.



▲ Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment (CPCM) received \$50,000 from SDCF's BIG program in 2022. BIG funding will support CPCM's "Resilient Communities: South Dakota" initiative. This initiative is a community-led, strengths-based approach to preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES). Left to right: Ginger Niemann, SDCF; Darla Biel, CPCM; Stephanie Judson, SDCF.

to the communities and people they serve. As we work to share more power in our grantmaking, SDCF helps us do more good by ensuring there is more flexibility and local ownership to develop, test and spread ideas that make the region better for everyone and inspire, equip, and connect leaders to more effectively lead equitable change."

In 2022, SDCF awarded nearly \$1.2 million to 14 nonprofit organizations from the BIG program. In 2023, SDCF will award funding in two separate rounds. In 2023's first round, SDCF awarded over \$600,000 to seven South Dakota nonprofits. Announced on June 30, SDCF is pleased to share the recipient list here.

Through the BIG program, SDCF is looking for projects that demonstrate meaningful investment and engagement

BIG RECIPIENTS: 2023 ROUND 1

**ALZHEIMER'S
ASSOCIATION SOUTH
DAKOTA CHAPTER**
Statewide
\$50,635

**BRIDGING THE
OPPORTUNITY GAP**
Sioux Falls
\$100,000

**CHEYENNE RIVER
YOUTH PROJECT**
Eagle Butte
\$100,000

LOST&FOUND
Statewide
\$100,000

**MAZASKA OWECASO
OTIPI FINANCIAL, INC.**
Pine Ridge
\$100,000

REACH LITERACY
Sioux Falls
\$62,400

SHIFT GARAGE
Rapid City/Sioux Falls
\$100,000

Learn more about the BIG program recipients and how to apply here: SDCommunityFoundation.org/BIG

South Dakota Fund Grants

From January 1, 2023, to May 31, 2023, SDCF awarded 15 South Dakota Fund grants totaling nearly \$258,000. The South Dakota Fund is unrestricted and makes grants to nonprofits 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.



Furniture Mission of South Dakota

SDCF awarded a \$10,000 South Dakota Fund grant to Furniture Mission of South Dakota. Funds will assist with their interior needs as they complete construction of a new facility at the Empower Campus in Sioux Falls. Left to right: Ginger Niemann, SDCF; Janean Michalov, Furniture Mission; Dale Thorpe, Furniture Mission.



Boys & Girls Club of the Black Hills

To support programming aimed at helping youth develop healthy life skills, SDCF awarded the Boys & Girls Club of the Black Hills a \$20,000 South Dakota Fund grant. The Club serves Hill City, Hot Springs and Lead-Deadwood. Left to right: Ginger Niemann, SDCF; Greg Watson, Boys & Girls Club of Lead-Deadwood; Beth Massa, SDCF.



Mobridge Community Development Corporation

SDCF awarded \$20,000 to the Mobridge Community Development Corporation (MCDC). This South Dakota Fund grant will support start-up costs for the Tiger Kids Afterschool Program in Mobridge for K-5 students. Left to right: Courtney Davis, MCDC; Arden Pahl, Tiger Kids Committee; Brynlee Pahl, future Tiger Kid; Ginger Niemann, SDCF; Atlas Merkel, future Tiger Kid; Haden Merkel, MCDC; Michelle McCollam, MCDC; Crystal Ortbahn, SDCF.



Herreid Area Housing Development, Inc.

SDCF awarded a \$20,000 South Dakota Fund grant to Herreid Area Housing Development, Inc. to support improvements to the pool in Herreid, which is the only public swimming pool in Campbell County. Left to right: Dick Werner, Herreid Area Housing Development; Stephanie Judson, SDCF.

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

Grantmaking Update

Bush Prize: Celebrates Innovation in South Dakota



The Bush Prize award celebrates organizations that are highly valued within their communities and have a track record of successful community problem solving. In February, Bush Foundation announced that SDCF would facilitate the selection process and provide support for South Dakota applicants. In May, SDCF accepted applications for the Bush Prize: South Dakota. Through a collaborative selection process, a public announcement will be made in October 2023.

The Bush Prize: South Dakota is done in partnership with the Bush Foundation and SDCF. Bush Prize grants are flexible and can be used to build up reserves, test that next big idea or whatever else would best support the organization's ongoing good work. The grant amounts are up to 25% of an organization's most recent fiscal year expenses, with a maximum of \$500,000.

Some selection criteria questions ask: 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?

"So many organizations in South Dakota are completing work that's eligible for the financial recognition that the Bush Prize brings," says Ginger Niemann, SDCF Senior Program Officer. "We're grateful that the Bush Foundation entrusted SDCF with administering this program for our state."

Visit SDCF's website to stay up to date on grant programs.
SDCommunityFoundation.org/Grants

More Nonprofits Invited to Endowment Fund Challenge



SDCF's Nonprofit Savings Account (NSA) grant program challenges South Dakota nonprofits to build endowment funds, creating a sustainable revenue source for their organizations 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 2023, two organizations have accepted the challenge grant opportunity: **Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity** and **Lost&Found**.



Love INC of the Black Hills recently completed fundraising \$80,000 to establish a permanent endowment



▲ Left to right: Ginger Niemann, SDCF, John Ligtenberg, Love INC of the Black Hills; and Beth Massa, SDCF.

fund at SDCF and was awarded \$20,000 in matching funds from SDCF's Nonprofit Savings Account grant program. They completed their fundraising and earned the matching grant in late 2022.

Since 2001, Love INC of the Black Hills has worked with partner churches to help people in need with basic resources, life education and mentoring. Love INC of the Black Hills currently serves the greater Rapid City,

Sturgis and Hill City communities.

"I was blown away to see Love INC of the Black Hills' supporters step forward so quickly in response to the Nonprofit Savings Account opportunity. Working with SDCF has been great, and this is going to be such an important component to ensuring Love INC can continue to serve the Black Hills for years to come," says John Ligtenberg, Executive Director, Love INC of the Black Hills.

Columbia Rises to the Challenge



Patrick Gallagher, SDCF Community Development Coordinator (left), presents the ceremonial challenge grant check to Columbia Community Foundation Advisory Council members (left to right) Julie Lillis, Larry Vietmeier, Lorie Gilchrist, Cyndy Larson (not pictured, Terry Birck).

donations that would meet SDCF's three-year timeline to raise \$200,000 by July 2025. And they went to work.

The commitments and cash rolled in quickly, and perhaps appropriately, by just after Thanksgiving, the CCF had received more than \$200,000 in donations, and SDCF awarded the challenge grant—two and a half years before the deadline.

Just in time for Christmas, word came that the Buntrocks would add another gift: \$150,000, which matched the donation from the Congregational Christian Church of Columbia UCC, the largest the CCF had received in its campaign.

Fundraising continues, and

the CCF has already become one of SDCF's larger CSAs with donations nearing \$800,000.

"We're thrilled by the impact the CCF can have on our hometown," Council President Cyndy Larson said. "We're also not surprised by the response of our friends and neighbors who have donated to this wonderful cause. We're very grateful to Dean and Clayton Buntrock for their philanthropic support as well as for the generosity they inspired in Columbia."

Supporting the CCF is easy. Donors can visit SDCommunityFoundation.org, click on Donate, search for Columbia Community Foundation, and make a secure credit card donation. Checks made payable to Columbia Community Foundation may be sent to SDCF, PO Box 296, Pierre, SD 57501.

In 2022, the small town of Columbia in northeastern South Dakota did a big thing and made quick work of a challenge offered by South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF).

The year before, Columbia native and founder of Waste Management, Inc., Dean Buntrock and his brother Clayton Buntrock made a significant commitment to their hometown with plans to restore its city park and baseball field, which had been flooded by the James River years before. Work on the project got started in 2022. Having a goal of providing a permanent source of funding to help maintain the parks as well as to support charitable activities in Columbia, the Buntrocks established the Columbia Community Foundation (CCF) as a Community Savings Account (CSA) in SDCF with a \$250,000 gift. Then things got interesting.

When the CCF advisory council convened, the members felt a sense of obligation to at least match the



Clayton Buntrock (left) and Dean Buntrock.

Buntrocks' generosity to their town by committing to raise funds for the foundation, and they entered into a CSA Challenge Grant agreement with the SDCF. If they could raise \$200,000 in donations, SDCF would add a grant of \$50,000 to the CCF to match their benefactor's gift.

In summer 2022, the council members—Cyndy Larson, president; Larry Vietmeier, vice president; Lorie Gilchrist, secretary/treasurer; and board members Julie Lillis and Terry Birck (who represents the Buntrock family)—sat down to identify people and businesses in the Columbia area wanting to ensure the long-term strength of their community. Joined by Cyndy's husband and son, Ray and Josh, the team planned to solicit



▲ The Charles and Kathrynn Hart family.

Charles and Kathie Hart

CREATING A LEGACY OF GIVING BACK TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Dr. Charles and Kathie Hart have given back to South Dakota in more ways than one, and their devotion to continue giving back isn't stopping any time soon. Dr. Hart is a South Dakota native born and raised in Miller, SD. Kathie is a transplant to South Dakota, but holds the state near and dear to her heart.

Both Harts have had lasting careers in health care. Dr. Hart spent 14 years practicing Family Practice and Emergency Medicine, before he transitioned to CEO at Regional Health (currently Monument Health) in Rapid City, SD. Kathie is a registered nurse and an avid community volunteer with a focus on children's activities. Dr. Hart served on the South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF) Board of Directors and completed his term in 2022.

The Harts established a donor-advised fund through SDCF to support nonprofit organizations they are passionate about. Through the encouragement of Dr. Hart's brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Nini Hart, they researched working with SDCF to achieve their charitable goals.

"It's been our goal that this is something that benefits our children, in an ongoing future way," stated Kathie.

Dr. Hart added, "We wanted something left for them so they would have that philanthropic part of their life...and a way for them to understand what they could do to make South Dakota a better place."

Dr. Hart took note of the way the Miller Area Community Foundation offered residents a way to give back, and the immediate impact it had on his hometown. This impact built his trust in SDCF to facilitate his charitable wishes. Both he and Kathie deeply appreciate the support they find in navigating the complexities of the tax laws of charitable giving.

"SDCF helped us establish a set route to make it simple," shared Dr. Hart.

Dr. Hart also added that working with SDCF has helped them leverage the impact of their own retirement funds. When individuals reach a certain age, required minimum distributions are applied to IRAs.

"SDCF helped us take some of those minimum distributions and put them into our designated funds. It helped us minimize our taxes while giving back. It's a win-win really," said Dr. Hart.

Along with their designated fund, the Harts felt passionately about giving back to South Dakota Public Broadcasting (SDPB), so they established a fund to support "Friends of SDPB." They both personally access and enjoy media from SDPB in multiple ways and believe in the power of unbiased media. The Harts wanted to ensure a portion of their charitable giving specifically benefited SDPB.

Dr. Hart shared, "we want to thank all of the great folks at SDCF for the great work they do, and we hope to keep on giving."

To learn more about how you can work with SDCF to see your charitable goals come to life, visit SDCommunityFoundation.org.

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2022 SDCF Annual Report Available

SDCF reached a milestone in 2022—its 35th anniversary. The Annual Report looks at how the Foundation celebrated and includes many stories about how South Dakotans are making a difference.

Among other stories you'll learn about:

- » The Hoffman family of Aberdeen and the charities their donor advised fund supports.
- » The scholarship funds created by the Hansen family of Rapid City (formerly of Philip) to honor important people in their lives.
- » The Brookings Habitat for Humanity's drive to establish permanent support through their agency endowment.
- » The Herreid Community Foundation Community Savings Account and its impact on its area.
- » Grant support for the Paying for College SD video series on helping students handle loan debt.



Find these and other stories at SDCommunityFoundation.org/Annual-Report

Vision 35 Progresses

During its 35th anniversary, SDCF launched the Vision 35 campaign to raise \$3.5 million to provide challenge grants for Community Savings Accounts that raise funds to build their assets. The endowment will produce about \$150,000 per year for grants and free up more South Dakota Fund dollars for unrestricted grantmaking.

More than \$2 million has been raised from more than 40 donors. In addition, several donors have created named funds in Vision 35 with donations of \$100,000 or more. They include Avera Health, Bush Foundation, Gail & Delores Miller Charitable Fund and Scott & Julia Jones.

For more information or to make a gift to the Vision 35 Fund, visit our website, SDCommunityFoundation.org/initiatives/Vision35, or call 1-800-888-1842.

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Brandy Drew recently joined the SDCF staff as Scholarship Program Specialist working directly with the Freedom and Build Dakota Scholarship programs.



Brandy Drew